



Have you explored
the GreenWay?



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What is the GreenWay?

The GreenWay is a 5km long urban green corridor connecting the Parramatta River at Iron Cove to the Cooks River at Earlwood. Following the route of the Inner West Light Rail, the GreenWay features bike paths and foreshore walks, cultural and historical sites, public art, cafes, urban bushcare sites and a range of parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities.

A community vision

The GreenWay has grown from a grass-roots community vision established over 10 years ago. The vision embraces community connections, sustainable transport, enhancement of the urban environment, sustainability education, local history and culture. The GreenWay Program is now a key partnership between four local councils (Ashfield, Leichhardt, Marrickville and the City of Canterbury) as well as residents, schools and community groups.

The GreenWay program

In 2014 the four GreenWay councils signed a Memorandum of Understanding to maintain council funding and in-kind support for the GreenWay Program for the next five years. The Program features a range of activities, which include:-



Urban bushcare

Improvements to local biodiversity and ecosystem health along the GreenWay corridor are a focus for the program. This includes working with the community to maintain well established bushcare sites and establish new ones within the Inner West light rail and GreenWay corridor and its surrounding catchment.

Place management

A GreenWay Place Manager has been appointed to facilitate a coordinated approach to the enhancement of this unique sustainable transport and urban environmental corridor. The Place Manager works closely with the four Councils, state agencies, major landholders, stakeholder and community groups to implement the many aspects of the community's vision for the GreenWay. This includes activation and implementation of consistent, high quality pedestrian and cycle infrastructure and public domain improvements along the GreenWay and around the light rail stops.

GreenWay missing links

Nearly half of the GreenWay shared use path is already in place. The four councils are working with Transport for NSW and other state agencies to implement the remaining sections. Priority missing links are being identified along the GreenWay to enhance pedestrian and cycle safety, connect with regional cycleways and improve local links to light rail stops. It is anticipated that priority missing links will be completed in stages. The timing for construction of individual missing links will depend on the availability of funding, council endorsements and local and state government approvals.



The GreenWay Trail a sustainable transport corridor

The GreenWay and Inner West Light Rail corridor makes it easier to get to and from the City and around the Inner West without using your car. The recently extended Inner West Light Rail runs from Central Station in the City, through Pyrmont and the Inner West to Dulwich Hill, where it connects up with the City to Bankstown heavy rail Line.

The light rail runs every 10 to 15 mins between 6am and midnight (later on Fridays and Saturdays). Visit www.transportnsw.info for service details.

The aim of the GreenWay is to provide a continuous cycling and walking path from the Cooks River cycleway to the Parramatta River at Iron Cove, where it connects to cycle and walking paths to the City and along the Parramatta River foreshores. The existing off-road section of the GreenWay extends North of Longport Street, Summer Hill over Parramatta Road to Iron Cove and the popular Bay Run. Some Southern off-road sections are in place, but a lot more needs to be done. South of Longport Street, the GreenWay consists mostly of temporary sections along quiet local streets. There are 8 wayfinding signs at intervals along the GreenWay. The route is also identified by marker signs and white stencils painted on the surface of local streets and off-road paths.

Community Culture & Art

The GreenWay Program taps into the creativity of the Inner West community and celebrates the unique qualities of the GreenWay and its colourful history through art, place making and community culture.

Activities include the annual GreenWay Art Exhibition, environmental art, murals, public art trails and interpretation of indigenous and contemporary culture in the Inner West through art and story telling.



Learning about sustainability

The GreenWay is a great place to learn about living more sustainably in 21st century Sydney. Groups of students from primary school to university age regularly use the GreenWay as an outdoor classroom.

There are 22 primary schools in the GreenWay corridor and its catchment. Primary school students can explore their local environment in a fun and interactive way through activities including local environment and history walks, bug collecting and identifying plants and animals living along the GreenWay. The award winning, accredited *GreenWay Primary Schools Sustainability Program* is available to local primary schools. Features include guided walks and a comprehensive teachers workbook for stage 2 & 3 primary. Some teacher training may be available.

Please contact 9716 1864 or email: greenway@ashfield.nsw.gov.au to register your interest.

Local guided walks, bush care and cycle training are also a regular feature of the GreenWay Program. Visit www.greenway.org.au or your local council website for details of upcoming walks or training events.

Contact Information

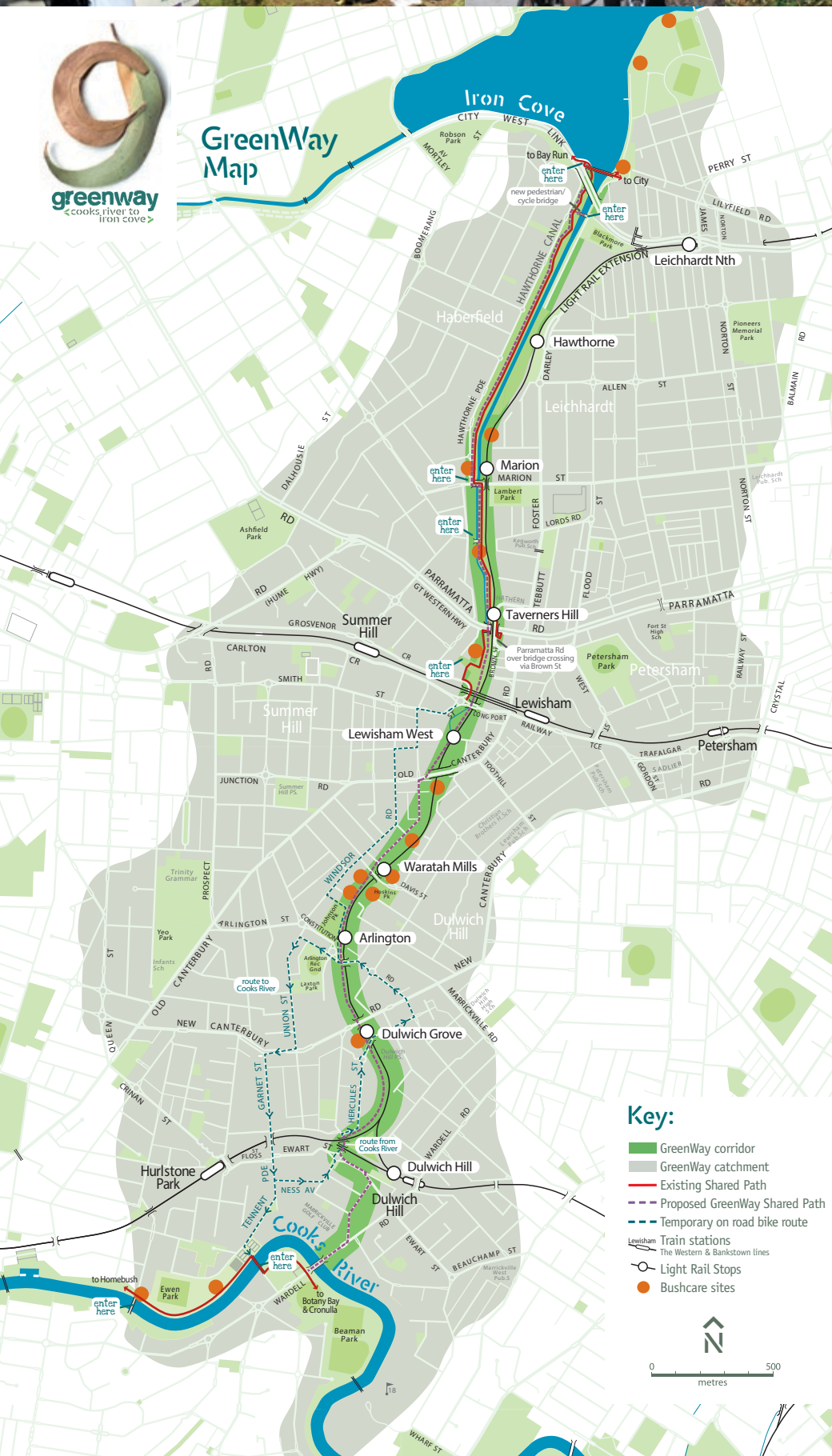
For more information about the GreenWay or to sign-up to receive GreenWay Enews you can:-

Visit the GreenWay website:
www.greenway.org.au

Or email the GreenWay office at Ashfield Council:
greenway@ashfield.nsw.gov.au



GreenWay Map



Cadigal Wanggal Land

The GreenWay is situated on the lands of the Cadigal Wanggal people of the Eora Nation. Hawthorne Canal was originally Long Cove Creek, marking the boundary between the Cadigal and Wanggal Aboriginal group lands.

The GreenWay is a bush link and green corridor

The GreenWay is an important green corridor for native animals and plants in Sydney's urbanised Inner West. It provides excellent habitat for reptiles, birds, flying foxes, bats, possums, frogs and populations of the endangered Long-nosed bandicoot.

Residents of the GreenWay catchment can help to protect local plants and animals by taking steps such as:

- Removing exotic plants and weeds and planting local native plants, shrubs and trees to provide extra habitat.
- Keeping cats and dogs indoors from dusk to dawn. Bandicoots and many other native animals are nocturnal and are vulnerable to predators.
- Discouraging urban foxes by keeping your compost enclosed and picking up fallen fruit and food scraps.
- Avoiding or minimising the use of insecticides by using natural alternatives.

Would you like to volunteer for the Green Way?

Inner West Environment Group (IWEG)

For over 10 years the IWEG has been establishing and caring for a number of bushcare sites within and outside the Inner West Light Rail and GreenWay corridor. Working bees typically take place at one of the IWEG sites every third Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome and no prior experience is needed, as volunteer training and equipment is provided at the working bee. Following completion of the light rail extension, IWEG is establishing several additional compensatory bushcare sites, with support from TNSW. For details about upcoming working bees and a bushcare site near you, visit www.iweg.org.au

Friends of the GreenWay

The Friends of the GreenWay is an apolitical community group which has been campaigning for the completion of the Cooks River to Iron Cove GreenWay since 2007. The Friends' group is always looking for new members to help with its ongoing campaigns including promotion, displays and letter writing. If you want to assist a good cause and have some fun at the same time, then please visit www.friendsofthegreenway.org.au

Other Volunteer Groups

Several other community groups are active along the GreenWay (or close by) including the Cooks River Mudcrabs, Ashfield Council GreenWay Bushcare, Marrickville Council Biodiversity Volunteer Program and various local history and community arts groups. Checkout what's going on via your local Council website or visit www.greenway.org.au

Discover the GreenWay using pedal power

Contact your local Bicycle User Group (BUG) and find out about a range of cycling activities, including supervised rides along sections of the GreenWay and to other destinations. Visit the "trail section" on the GreenWay website to locate a BUG near you.



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