Looking at the GreenWay
High level and quality engagement is apparent in all aspects of this project.

- Workshops where participants make the comment, *Fabulous, could not be better*; and where no negative feedback is given, and that are rated on average over 4 on a 5 point scale, are very successful.
- Meetings of Mayors and General Managers across four Councils to discuss and to determine the future of the GreenWay are of note.
- A cross-Council project where all partners have involvement and commitment to the process, to leadership and to the delivery of a variety of GreenWay initiatives is of significant value.

Conceptually this is a highly interesting and diverse project – *From planting a tree to impacting on Government re the Light Rail* – the project is delivering high quality outcomes at all levels that are having real results into the community.

The formative nature of the evaluation process is working well for the GreenWay Sustainability Project. The Recommendations from the first report have been considered fully and responded to appropriately. See Section 3 below for details about how the formative aspects have been taken on board.

As a multifaceted project with significant and broad outcomes, the GreenWay Sustainability Project has delivered at an exceptional level in its short life to date. Of importance is that the project has an eye on the present, in that implementation of all components is its challenge, prior to the completion of the project in mid 2012. It also has an eye to the future, in that it is looking to establish a governance structure, policy and programs that will last beyond its own lifetime. This project is working highly effectively at both of these levels.

Governance has been an exceptionally strong feature of the development and delivery of the GreenWay Sustainability Project. The work of the Research partner Macquarie University, the Project Team - especially the Project Manager - and Steering Group, in consulting about, developing and reviewing models for the management of the Greenway has been first rate.

Combined with this has been the engagement of, and leadership shown by the General Managers and Mayors of each of the Councils. A number of key informants see this as a major highlight of the program.
The features of this part of the initiative include:

- Ongoing, strong support from Councillor, GM and officer levels from each of the partner Councils in a range of projects
- Regular meetings between Mayors and General Managers about securing the future of/progressing the GreenWay
- Strong support in particular from the lead Council’s Mayor and Councillors, General Manager and Executive Team.

There has been significant buy-in from Councillors that is motivated by a number of factors, including: the profile that the project has built; increased awareness of the benefit of the GreenWay as an asset to their communities; and the importance of the light rail.

At this stage in the life of the project the governance component is well advanced. Outcomes are being met and, while there is some work to do to reach a final position on how the GreenWay will be managed into the future and to ensure relevant policy and planning documents are adopted by the four Councils, this is on track.

A complicating and concerning factor is indicated in more detail in the Transport Section in Section 4.4. While there has been formal commitment by the current NSW Government to the light rail extension, which was announced and launched by the previous Government, the active transport links have been deferred. In order to be completely certain about the future governance of the GreenWay, it would assist greatly if there was increased clarity of needs about this issue. It is noted that the Project Manager and the GreenWay Project Steering Group have played a significant role in facilitating Councils to advocate for certainty about this issue and this has been a commendable feature of the project.

The Bandicoots are back – perhaps this statement more than many of the hundreds of other words that might be written, demonstrates the achievement of significant outcomes for the environment from the GreenWay Sustainability Project.

A significant highlight of the program was the development of the GreenWay Revegetation and Bushcare Plan. The development of this Plan was the subject of a significant consultation process with the community and relevant agencies. One of the objectives was to provide a communication conduit between DOT and the community, and the evaluation process indicates that this was achieved.

One of the project staff indicated that the highlight of the program was: Recruiting new and enthusiastic volunteers and engaging community members in GreenWay Bushcare activities including training, working bees and walks and talks.

Substantial activity has occurred in this part of the project: signage has been erected; over 2,800 trees and shrubs have been planted, a large amount of weeding has occurred and bushcare volunteers have been trained extensively in a number of very successful workshops. A mobilised and informed bushcare community will result in improved environmental behaviour and a more sustainable GreenWay.
The growth in capacity of the community, teachers, and Council staff is an important legacy of the GreenWay Sustainability Project. Capacity growth is essential to the sustainability of a grant funded project and is an important feature of all components of this project.

Teachers have reported that their capacity has increased through the training workshops and involvement in the Schools Program Reference Group. Council staff have indicated increased capacity through involvement in the Project Steering Group, at the Governance and Transport workshops, and through their work on various projects. The community capacity has been successfully enhanced in a large number of ways: though involvement in workshops and training programs delivered by the Project, through the various events and tours delivered as a part of the 2010 Greenway Festival, through engagement with the website, the Facebook page, through the media and through learning about the GreenWay from their children. People in the GreenWay know more about the corridor and how to protect it and use it effectively. All Greenway Sustainability Project workshops and events have evaluated very positively; the following quote is one of many praising the quality of the workshops: Facilitation was excellent. It was obvious that there’s a great deal of expertise within the community (e.g. within business structures, business plans etc.) and it was terrific to see these stakeholders being given the opportunity to make comment at this stage of formulation of policy, i.e. not being imposed after a model decided by local or state government.

There has been a very significant increase in the level of engagement of people with the GreenWay - engagement of the community through its schools, clubs and other organisations – engagement of people through projects and activities and events. There is anecdotal evidence of increased use of the GreenWay by bicyclists and walkers, as well as for passive recreation. There is increased interest in the politics about the GreenWay, the light rail and the active transport links. The community in close proximity to the GreenWay is increasingly aware of the natural asset that they have at their doorstep and the potential benefits for health and the environment that it brings to them.

GreenWay Sustainability Project staff and Council staff and elected officials in all four partner Councils are commended with regard to their efforts to date in promoting the GreenWay as an active transport hub. There have been strong achievements in this part of the program despite the diversity of expected outcomes.

On the one hand, work is occurring to attempt to extend recreational use of the GreenWay, in particular to extend bicycle and walking use. Passive recreation is also encouraged. There is evidence that increased use is occurring and more hard data will become available early in 2012 when the next community survey is delivered.

The other part of the transport component involves all of the consultation and negotiation required with Government about the proposed use of the GreenWay as a light rail corridor.

There is substantial evidence that the GreenWay Sustainability Project, its staff and its Steering Group, have played a significant role in bring Councils together and facilitating
strong leadership about this important infrastructure issue and decision. The project team have represented the issue to the community, gained their views through community workshops and represented their views to Councils and the state government. The development of the Inner West Active Transport Strategy and Action Plan is a very substantial part of the process of moving transport in the Inner West forward and it was produced through this project. Importantly it was developed following a community needs survey of some substance and represents a real step forward. Workshops delivered to communicate the issues were highly successful and well attended.

Work of real substance will need to continue in this part of the project, especially now that the Government have deferred funding for the GreenWay cycling paths despite the light rail project going ahead.
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GreenWay Sustainability Project
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The work undertaken by the GreenWay project team if undertaking this extensive project and in supporting the collection of data for this report is acknowledged.

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Note: in this report all direct quotes are indicated in italics. For confidentiality reasons, no names are attributed to any quote.
1. Introduction

This is the second of three reports evaluating the Greenway Sustainability Project. This project is a three year project funded by the NSW Environmental Trust. This report, builds on top of the first Project Report [September 2010] and is structured within the Evaluation Framework for this project. This Framework establishes the project outcomes to be evaluated and identifies the key evaluation questions and data collection methods. Section 2 of this report gives an overview of the Program Logic/Outcome Hierarchy developed for this project. While this report is intended as a stand-alone document, it is best read in the context of the two preceding reports.

The intent of this report is to track the progress of the project against its identified outcomes in all four theme areas. These are:

- Governance of the Greenway now and into the future
- Transport and the GreenWay
- The Environment of the GreenWay
- Community and the GreenWay

The final report, due April/May 2012 will provide a summative evaluation of the completed project.

Essentially then Report 2 is essentially a formative report on the project. The Recommendations, see Section 5 below, indicate the areas in which additional activity or amended processes need to be considered prior to the completion of the final report. The reader will note that the manner in which the Greenway Project team have responded to the formative aspects of Report 1 are included in Section 3 below.

Of course there are some findings in this report which are essentially summative and should be considered as such.

The Greenway Sustainability Project is multifaceted and this report identifies, analyses and reviews data from a large range of sources and some significant key informants. The report is detailed in a number of ways, none-the-less-so than the extensive array of findings against outcomes within all of the four project themes. Section 4 contains the Findings at this point in time. This will need to be read in conjunction with the extensive array of detailed data in the Appendices of this report.

I commend this report to you

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September 2011
2. Setting the Context

Note: This Section is reproduced from the First Report and reflects the GreenWay Sustainability Project Evaluation Framework. It is included in this the second report in order to provide a context for the reader as a stand-alone document.

Evaluation is the process by which we judge the worth or value of something. Evaluation is the systematic process of collecting credible data and using it to make judgements about the worth of a product, service or process at any point in the program’s life cycle. Does your Project Make a Difference? (2004).

The Evaluation Framework for the project establishes the following Outcomes and Evaluation Questions for the Project. The complete version of the Evaluation Framework is provided under separate cover, but the outcomes and evaluation questions are identified below, because they set the structure for this report. Outcomes are organised under the four key themes of the project. They are shaped as Ultimate, Intermediate and Immediate Outcomes in line with the guidance provided by the Environmental Trust and outlined in:

- Guide to Using Social Research in Sustainability Programs (2009) Department of environment, Climate Change and Water. Note this publication assists practitioners to engage with both social research and evaluation issues.

The Evaluation Questions are used to elicit evidence that the outcomes have been achieved, or in the context of this report, whether progress is being made to achieve them.

The identified Outcomes have been further developed from those in the Business Plan for the GreenWay Project. They will establish the scope for evaluation of the project at its conclusion in 2012, but do not confine the evaluative process. If associated outcomes are identified through the process, they will be investigated and reported upon.

The following tables are drawn from the GreenWay Sustainability Project Evaluation Framework and are included in this report to ensure an understanding of the structure of the Findings section [see below] of this report.

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**Intermediate**

- Increased regional collaboration between Council and the community and other key stakeholders [state government agencies].
- An enhanced facilitated/coordinated approach to managing the GreenWay.

What evidence is there that increased collaboration is occurring in the management of the GreenWay?

Do the governance activities or the GreenWay Sustainability Project facilitate a coordinated approach to management of the GreenWay? In what ways?

**Immediate**

- The development of/enhancement of policies, strategies and practices which will lead to better outcomes for the GreenWay, especially in relation to improved urban biodiversity, community engagement, governance and active sustainable transport.

Are these policies, strategies and practices widely adopted across the GreenWay, its people and its government?

To what extent are there policies, strategies and practices in place that lead to improved biodiversity, community engagement, governance and active sustainable transport?

### Environmental Outcomes – Evaluation Questions

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**Ultimate**

- Improved environmental/biodiversity conditions within the GreenWay.
- Stakeholders have increased capacity to more efficiently to manage the improvement of environmental/biodiversity conditions within the catchment.

Is there evidence that there has been improved environmental conditions and biodiversity in the GreenWay?

What evidence is there that improved capacity exists among stakeholders to more efficiently manage the environmental conditions in the catchment?

**Intermediate**

- Establishment and improvement of habitat to promote urban biodiversity.
- An increase in planting across the GreenWay.
- An increase in the adoption/utilisation of sustainable transport modes in the GreenWay to reduce the impact of travel on greenhouse gas emissions.

To what extent is there improved habitat in the GreenWay?

What indicators are there that planting has occurred and soil condition in the GreenWay has improved?

Is there evidence of increased use of sustainable transport?

**Immediate**
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<td><strong>Immediate</strong></td>
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**Increased community involvement in flora and fauna enhancement in the GreenWay and support to harness and promote this engagement.**

**What evidence is there of an increased level of community involvement in GreenWay bushcare and other related activities?**
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3. Response to the First Report

The GreenWay Sustainability Project Manager was asked to indicate the actions undertaken as a result of the Recommendations made in the first report. The following documents each response with the Recommendation in plain text and the response in italics and bolded.

As can be seen, all Recommendations have been taken on board and responded to effectively. The formative nature of the evaluation process is working well for this project.

As a result of the evaluative processes undertaken to develop this first report, and its findings, it is recommended that:

1. The GreenWay Project Steering Group continues to meet regularly and to provide strong guidance for the project. Collaborative ownership of the directions of the project across the partner Councils and the community is essential for the future success of the project.

   - The GreenWay Project team continues to meet with both the GreenWay Steering Committee and the GreenWay Sustainability Project Steering Group quarterly with good strong support from the partner Councils.

2. The GreenWay Project Steering Group and project staff consider how management of the GreenWay will be structured following the completion of the project. This will involve decisions about future governance processes, communication, community engagement and events progress following mid 2012.

   a. The GreenWay Sustainability Project and Macquarie University hosted three Governance workshops in 2011. The first was aimed at partner Councils, GMs, Mayors and Councillors and the second round included two community workshops held in May 2011 to seek the community views about the future governance and management of the GreenWay when it is implemented as part of the Inner West Light Rail Extension.

   b. Outcomes of this consultation have been used to inform recommendations that will be made to general managers and Councils for the future governance of the GreenWay. This project is progressing well with all Councils giving their commitment to formalising their ongoing commitment to regional collaboration for the GreenWay through the development of an MOU.

3. Later in 2011, the GreenWay project staff developed and delivered a briefing and capacity building program for staff and community from neighbouring Councils, to share the learning from this project.

   - The Project Team continue to do this through presentations and communication at Council, Steering Committee and Steering Group meetings.
4. With specific regard to the work of the Research Partner, the adaptive management approach should be written up more formally in a peer reviewed journal so that it can be communicated to others.
   - Jenny George is likely to publish the research in 2012.

5. During the next period of the project there is a need to focus on the development/adaptation of policies and strategies across all partner Councils that lead to improved and integrated approaches for biodiversity, community engagement, governance and active sustainable transport.
   - The Bushcare and Revegetation Management Plan is currently being endorsed by partner Councils – Marrickville, Leichhardt and Ashfield.
   - The partner Councils have resolved that they provide in principle support for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the establishment of a Formal Alliance between Ashfield, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Canterbury Councils to manage the GreenWay once constructed.

6. A more structured process is implemented to quantifying environmental impacts and providing collated and analysed data for the evaluation.
   - GreenWay Biodiversity Officer, Adam Ward and Landcare Supervisor, Sue Stevens have been collecting quantitative data since the last reporting period.

7. The Resident’s Survey is conducted at least once more in the life of the project, so that progress against the project’s outcomes can be measured and more up-to-date information can be obtained.
   - The GreenWay Sustainability Survey will be conducted again in early 2012.

8. Collecting data and engaging with people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities [CALD] requires special attention into the future.
   - As part of the 2011 GreenWay Festival we have organised 1 x Biodiversity and 1 x Local History walks for the Chinese CALD community from Ashfield and surrounding suburbs.

9. Building the capacity of the community to protect, restore, use and understand the GreenWay is a major objective of the project; and a more strategic approach may be required, so that this outcome is achieved.
   - Outlined in individual Evaluation Journals through Schools Project, Governance Workshops, GreenWay Festival and TAFE bushcare training.

10. Because a combination of knowledge increase and attitudinal change underpins movement towards increased use of active transport, and this is a difficult change to motivate, the GreenWay project needs to address this directly and more actively into its next phase.
    - The Project has engaged the services of AECOM consultants to develop and implement an Active Transport Strategy and Action Plan aimed at encouraging people to use the GreenWay corridor for transport, leisure, getting to school and improving connectivity. This has involved community and stakeholder workshops in August 2011. A working party with representatives from each of the partner Councils has been established to oversee the Project.
4. Findings

In this report, progress towards the achievement of each group of outcomes is reported upon by the use of four icons – below. Evidence is then provided under each theme that demonstrates why the finding has been arrived at.

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government?

To what extent are there policies, strategies and practices in place that lead to improved biodiversity, community engagement, governance and active sustainable transport?

continues beyond the project.

The project has taken the GreenWay concept forward a long way. It has helped crystallise the GreenWay in people's minds and in the community more broadly. It has been critical in getting the GreenWay on the political map. [Steering group member]

All activity in the Governance component of the project is undertaken with the Governance/Research partner - the Graduate School of the Environment at Macquarie University. Work is continuing in this area and the intention is to produce at least one academic paper as a result of the project. A number of detailed reports have been produced for the project to date and while these are not referenced in detail in this report, they have been important in moving the Greenway towards a governance model that works into the future.

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The community and all Councils have been substantially involved in developing new models for managing the Greenway

In September, 2010, [reported in the first Evaluation Report 2010] two workshops took place focusing on GreenWay governance. The workshops involved representatives from the four local government areas. The purpose of these meetings was to explore governance opportunities that have emerged from the Macquarie research project for the future of the GreenWay Project. Participants discussed the value of various governance concepts (including Leasehold, Strata, Place Management, Associations and Alliances). They provided substantial input into the description of these models.

A further three workshops were held with the community in 2010 and Appendix 1 contains evaluation reports on these. Essentially their intent was to: inform people about the GreenWay and its importance to the community; involve them in discussion about the next phase of implementation of the GreenWay as part of light rail development and to inform people about the concept of sustainable governance and different options for GreenWay and to seek community feedback on these options. Outcomes from these workshops informed recommendations for future governance to General Managers and Councils.

All of these workshops were well attended and highly successful [see Appendix 1 and 2010 report]. In all, well over 130 community members attended the workshops and provided substantial and supportive input.

In summary then, a range of potential governance models for the GreenWay have been developed and refined by Macquarie University through engagement with Mayors and Councillors and the community. These models are based on the principles of sustainable governance and
come from examples of shared assets in Australia and overseas. Models being discussed include an Alliance of Councils with a Place Manager, or a GreenWay Association, which capitalises on the community’s significant relationship with and levels of ownership of the GreenWay. A potential ‘hybrid’ model may also be suitable, which commences with an Alliance of Councils and a Place Manager, and transitions to an Association. All the Councils have noted the outcomes of community consultation around governance and have given in principle commitment for an MOU re-affirming their commitment to regional collaboration for the GreenWay.

One Steering Committee member commented that for her, a highlight of the program was: *High quality stakeholder and community consultation surrounding the Governance model for the GreenWay.*

**Governance outcomes are a priority and are being strongly addressed. The project has good strong support from the partner Councils.**
The governance component of the project is achieving much more than was expected. It is central to decisions about the future life and the GreenWay beyond the project, and all stakeholders are seeing the importance of this theme area as a key for the future.

At the Steering Group focus group for the project, the following notes were taken, summarising discussion: *So much beyond what was expected at governance level. Adaptive management model is excellent. Amount of councillor/senior exec buy in has far exceeded expectations. Engagement high with the community. Custom built governance model. Legacy for the future. Took a while to get started and clarify what the project was intended to do, but has been excellent.*

### Steering Committee member comment

*The personal circumstances of the Project’s Research Partner, Jenny George, changed when she moved interstate at the end of 2010. This could have posed a risk to the project, however all parties handled the transition well and negotiations/consultation surrounding the governance aspects of the GreenWay have progressed well, demonstrating the Research Partner’s commitment not only to the Project, but also to the Project Team.*

The success of the cross-Council steering and ownership of the project is of high value. One Council staff member indicated that: *Great whole committee ownership/steering of the project. Very collaborative XXXX Council is inheriting a new asset. Huge impact on the way that Council has had to accept/work with other councils collaboratively.*

At the focus group it was noted that:
- *While the implementation of the Project is not lagging in any of the four Council areas, some Councils are slower than others*
- *The commitment to community engagement underpins transport and governance issues and themes, and progress in these two components is enhanced by the contact with the community. Connection = pick up = momentum.*
- *Policy development in Councils are still a little slow to catch up*
- *Sometimes projects that are managed by in-council staff are slower to uptake than those managed by the GreenWay project team. This is understandable given that the work on the GreenWay is sometimes seen as ‘additional’. But in general terms pick-up and delivery has been very good.*

A feature of this middle phase of the project has been the engagement of, and leadership shown by the General Managers and Mayors of each of the Councils. A number of key informants see this as a major highlight of the program. The features of this part of the initiative include:
• Ongoing, strong support from Councillor, GM and officer levels from each of the partner Councils in a range of projects

• Regular meetings between Mayors and General Managers about securing the future of/progressing the GreenWay; In summary these meeting were held as follows:
  o General Managers meeting on GreenWay – November 2010
  o GMs and Mayors meeting on GreenWay – December 2010
  o Governance Workshop – Mayors, Councillors and GreenWay Steering Committee February 2011
  o Council and GreenWay participation on the Department of Transport’s Inner West Liaison Group for the GreenWay and Light Rail Project (previously Light Rail Steering Committee)

• Strong support in particular from the lead Council’s Mayor and Councillors, General Manager and Executive Team

• Significant buy-in by Councillors that is motivated by a number of factors, including: the profile that the project has built; increased awareness of the benefit of the GreenWay as an asset to their communities; and the importance of the light rail.

• Adoptive management and involvement by all Councils (GMs) in the Save the GreenWay rally.

• Bipartisan support at Council level for the project and its outcomes

It is of note that all Councils have adopted the GreenWay governance options report.

**Good governance impacts on broader program outcomes and vice versa**

An important learning from this project is that the achievement of effective governance for the GreenWay is having an impact on all other aspects of the project. Equally though the other aspects are impacting on the Governance of the project. The significant level of community engagement is a case in point.

It is noted that while some might say more policy and program documents need to be developed in individual Councils, the Project team has facilitated or been involved in the:

2. Adoption of ‘Draft Design Principles’ for the GreenWay by Councils in 2010
3. Adoption of GreenWay Bushcare & Revegetation Plan in 2011
4. Participation in GreenWay Active Transport Strategy 2011
5. Participation in development of GreenWay Biodiversity Strategy 2011
### 4.2 Findings about Environmental Outcomes

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There has been substantial planning so that environmental outcomes and on-ground activity can be well managed.

A significant highlight of the program was the development of the *GreenWay Revegetation and Bushcare Plan*.

The development of this Plan was the subject of a significant consultation process with the community and relevant agencies. One of the objectives was to provide a communication conduit between DOT and the community and the evaluation process indicates that this was achieved. However, it is of concern is that the there are members of the community who argue that this plan was produced without a public consultation process. This is somewhat mystifying to the evaluator who points to the following comments from the planning workshop.

While there was some uncertainty about the representativeness of the group, the following evaluative statements represented the views of the participants:

- *Thanks for the opportunity to be involved. Very good, well managed, needed to be longer*
• Further consultation required at later stages
• The permanence of sites - longevity is an issue
• Discussion very worthwhile as complexity of issues drawn out (if not discussed)
• All issues raised were interesting. More discussion needed on existing fauna (non bandicoot), general community engagement, schools, neighbours etc.
• More refinement needed on this plan.

Apart from this, the finalisation of the Plan was also delayed because of apparent confusion among Steering Group representatives which resulted in reluctance to adopt the Plan by one partner Council, even after the Steering Group unanimously recommended adoption of the Plan. This situation has now been resolved and the Plan is adopted.

In contrast to the rocky development road described above, one Steering Committee member said that a highlight for her was the: High quality and detailed engagement associated with the development of the GreenWay Bushcare and Revegetation Management Plan.

Some Bushcare Challenges
It is of note that some of the program key informants said that there were some environmental challenges that resulted from the broader uncertainty about the future of activity on the GreenWay, notably:
• Uncertainty regarding access to proposed and existing Bushcare sites due to light rail construction.
• Uncertainty regarding State Govt funding for GreenWay trail.
• As a result of the construction of the GreenWay and light rail extension, access to the rail corridor has been restricted and even potential bushcare sites outside of the rail corridor have impacted by the construction footprint. The isolation of the rail corridor has made implementing the GreenWay Revegetation plan difficult.

GreenWay Project staff have attempted to address this issue by looking for locations for bushcare sites within the Revegetation and Bushcare plan but outside of the rail corridor, and this has proved a successful interim measure.

In addition, as broadly indicated above, the lack of a stipulation in the business plan for a scientific survey of corridor biodiversity has resulted in the lack of base line data that has had an exponential detrimental effect on the realisation and formation of biodiversity initiatives.

Bushcare Groups and Capacity Building
One of the Project staff indicated that highlight of the program was: Recruiting new and enthusiastic volunteers and engaging community members in GreenWay Bushcare activities including training, working bees and walks and talks.

It is noted that:
• All Bushcare Training workshops presented were fully booked (one workshop in 2010 and four in 2011). Plant ID workshop had 45 people register their interest.
• All Working bees and planting days were well attended. See Bushcare Working Bee records for numbers.
• GreenWay Bushcare mailing list has 150 volunteers registered.

Appendix 1 provides data from the Workshop evaluations. The following comments demonstrate that successful workshops were delivered:
• Gave a good overview of Bushcare and balance between theory and practice
• Very informed, Danny and Sue passionate about Greenway
• Planning, recording, precautions and OHS
- Practical delivery not aimed at experts or people with prior training or knowledge
- Workshop gave insight into what to do and when.

A key objective of the GreenWay Project is also providing resources and capacity-building local community groups. So far the Project has provided local bushcare group the Inner West Environment Group [IWEG] with plants and tools to continue their excellent bushcare projects. The GreenWay Landcare Supervisor is also working with IWEG to provide support for site supervision and to recruit and train new supervisors and volunteers. The Project worked with IWEG on a Planting Day and BBQ in July to attract more volunteers. See further evaluative issues in 3.3 below with regard to working with IWEG into the future.

A surprising part of the picture is described in the stories below

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**Through the drafting of the Greenway Revegetation Plan it was brought to my attention that there were three private bushcare sites within the corridor that were not known to Council's or the Department of Transport. On Monday 28th March 2011 I convened a meeting of these groups and prepared a submission to the Department's Project manager detailing the extent of these works. As a result on 5th August 2011 I will conduct a site visit with the Department's Project Manager with a view fencing off these sites to assure their protection and to facilitate ongoing legal access to these sites. This will improve these groups’ capacity to more efficiently manage these sites. Biodiversity Officer.**

**Ros’ Story The Hidden Bushcare Sites**

There are four sites along the corridor that have been managed by individuals in the corridor for years unknown to Rail Corp. this gives you faith in people's ownership for and love of our environment.

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**Impacts on the Environment**

Although there is no baseline data available for flora on the GreenWay, a significant number of native plant tubestock have been planted and exotic species removed from existing GreenWay bushcare sites since April 2010 so this does indicate that environmental conditions and biodiversity at the sites where these plantings have occurred may have improved, or will do once plants reach size and maturity.

One could also assume that bushcare activities (volunteers and contractors) or other environmental initiatives in the GreenWay will have some effect upon environmental conditions and biodiversity in the corridor, but whether this is significant will not be known in the short term. As the Bushcare Supervisor notes: *It will be 5 to 10 years before many of these plants reach maturity and therefore a state where they can provide habitat. Many plants planted may not provide habitat at all, but are installed for plant species diversity only.*

The following is the planting inventory for the project to date:

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The project’s newsletter notes that: The GreenWay Sustainability Project team is currently distributing Long-nosed Bandicoot (Perameles Nasuta) brochures to Dulwich Hill residents living in the vicinity of the site of the recent confirmed Long-nosed Bandicoot sighting in February of this year.

The brochure aims to raise awareness of this endangered local population by providing information on how to identify and protect this native species.

The recent sighting is one of only a few in a number of years in the Inner West following a spate of unfortunate bandicoot deaths caused by motor vehicles and domestic animal attacks.

This issue has had significant media attention and does provide one indicator of the impact of the natural resource management aspects of the program.

Overall the issues related to the environmental outcomes within such a diverse project are well captured in the ‘story’ below.

The Biodiversity Officer’s Program Highlights

- Private bushcare sites project
- Preparation of the memorandum of understanding IWEG- Ashfield Council
- Preparation of the Greenway Revegetation and Bushcare Plan
- Preparation of the Greenway Flora and fauna literature Review
- Delivery of Backyard Biodiversity and Weed workshops
- Contractor management – on ground revegetation works

The private bushcare sites project is the most rewarding project to date as I have found that through the development of relationship with community members I earned trust and an effective line of communication between DOT and GreenWay bushcare volunteers with a likely positive outcome now pending. I believe that this project will achieve project outcomes through all levels (ultimate, intermediate and immediate).

As part of the pending inspection of the rail corridor the DOT representative has asked me to point out the extent of other ‘official’ bushcare sites so that fencing can be erected for protection of these areas. The value of this is high as DOT have repeatedly expressed that they do not want to include members of the public in this process. Therefore I see my role as a line of communication that would otherwise be non-existent.
### 4.3 Findings About Community Outcomes

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<td>What evidence is there that capacity has been improved?</td>
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<td>To what extent have an increased number of people from across the GreenWay community been engaged?</td>
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**Overall connection to the GreenWay by the community**

The Community component of the GreenWay Sustainability Project is extensive. A large amount of activity has occurred with various parts of the community. Evaluation has also been extensive and capturing it all in this report is challenging. By way of summary there has certainly been a much enhanced connection between the community and its GreenWay directly as a result of this project. The first evaluation report focused on the results of the initial community survey, held in mid 2010. This survey will be repeated in early 2012 and so more qualitative data about the increased community connection will be available at that time. Until then quantitative data is available and is reported extensively below.

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**My GreenWay Story – Council staff member**

Something that resonates for me is the conversations I've had with people about the GreenWay outside of my work life - just on the weekend with relatives or soccer team mates. I've always been pleased by how interested and supportive people are when we've chatted about it and I've felt proud I've been to be associated with the project. I also derive great pleasure when cycling along sections of the GreenWay, and always...
<p><em>think how wonderful it will be once the full trail is in place.</em></p>

**A strong beginning has been made to understanding community knowledge, attitudes and behaviours with respect to the GreenWay and to engaging the community.**

The survey results in 2010 demonstrate that the community wants to be engaged more. The following data extends evidence that this is occurring.

**Website**

The website was launched in early September 2010 and gives the project and the GreenWay itself heightened visibility. Visitor data is being maintained and is substantial, up to 1000 visitors per month is the norm. For example see data below for June 2011.

**Visitors Overview**

893 people visited this site

- **1,240 Visits**
- **893 Absolute Unique Visitors**
- **3,581 Pageviews**
- **2.89 Average Pageviews**
- **00:02:49 Time on Site**
- **56.85% Bounce Rate**
- **59.44% New Visits**

Visitor source and content data beyond this example has been reviewed by the evaluator but is not included in detail in this report because of the bulk of the document. Data for other months, except over the Christmas period shows similar findings.

The website gives the project more visibility and a greater reach into the community, although it is interesting that the visitor data indicates that many visitors to the site access it from outside of the GreenWay area.
GreenWay logo
There is substantial evidence that the logo is well recognised and very well accepted. This will be tested further in the 2012 survey. One key informant to this report indicated that the logo was a significant: *positive for the project*.

Newsletter
The publication of the community newsletter about the GreenWay [from September 2010 onwards] gives the project more visibility and assists to develop the community’s knowledge of the GreenWay and expands its use. This newsletter is available on line and is made directly available to those who register for receiving it. Monthly it is distributed to 745 people and numbers increase at every event.

Media
The GreenWay project has generated substantial local media coverage. Only a small proportion of which is reported on in Appendix 3. In particular the media has focused on bush regeneration and other related environment issues - the bandicoots are back – and the schools program. Project staff have used media releases effectively to promote stories and coverage of events.

GreenWay Short Film
Since the launch of the GreenWay short film on YouTube, the GreenWay website and Facebook, the GreenWay short film has been viewed 714 times on YouTube alone.

GreenWay Facebook
A GreenWay Facebook page has been established and currently has 119 friends and growing.

Volunteer Celebration Event
Coordination of the successful volunteer celebration event aimed at recognising the efforts and contribution of volunteers throughout 2010. Thirty volunteers attended the celebration at Petersham Bowling Club.

Related Projects
As part of activity on the GreenWay, a number of local projects are continuing to occur. These are not reported in this report but are important for the quality and amenity of the GreenWay - for example:

> After more than 6 years of work by students and the local community the Mosaic of Hawthorne Canal will soon be installed in the Lords Road Tunnel on the GreenWay in Leichhardt. Check out the film by UTS Journalism students which showcases the mural and the many people involvement in its development including Leichhardt Council, RailCorp, community volunteers and the Studio of Spontaneous Creativity.

Building the capacity of the community
The project is continually aiming to build the capacity of the Greenway community. The following register of activities demonstrates a real commitment to this objective. It is noted that most of these activities have been evaluated in some fashion, see Appendix 1. Note also that this table includes activities undertaken in the Environment component of the program. The growth in capacity of the community, teachers, and council staff is an important legacy of the program.
## Community events, workshop & training register

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### Some evaluative comments about workshops:

- **Presenter had very good presenting skills and his experience and knowledge on this topic was obvious**
- **Facilitation was excellent. It was obvious that there's a great deal of expertise within the community (e.g. within business structures, business plans etc.) and it was terrific to see these stakeholders being given the opportunity to make comment at this stage of formulation of policy, i.e. not being imposed after a model decided by local or state government.**
- **Well organised and well presented**
- **Thanks for all the work put in to make this happen**
- **Well done team, great workshop very positive room**

### The Schools Program

The successful piloting of the GreenWay Primary Schools Sustainability Program was a feature of the whole project to date. This program was launched in February 2011 across three Local Government Areas (LGAs) and focused on Summer Hill Public School, Kegworth Public School and Ashbury Public School.

A high level of involvement and support from Department of Education & Training (DET) Sustainable Schools Program was evident throughout the development of the program.

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The Schools Reference Group, coordinated by the Greenway Project Officer, comprised Council representatives from Ashfield, Canterbury and Leichhardt Councils, a GreenWay Steering Committee member and volunteer, a former DET educational writer, the DET Sustainable School manager, teachers from Ashbury, Kegworth and Summer Hill Public Schools. This group collectively assisted in the process of developing the Workbook activities and series of Local History and Environment Walks.

Through the GreenWay Schools Sustainability Program teachers at Ashbury, Summer Hill and Kegworth Public Schools are now able to take their students on GreenWay Local History and Environment Walks across the corridor as well as teach their students about their local environment. This information has also been shared amongst the rest of the school. Teachers were provided with 2 x pilot training sessions focused on the Workbook activities as well as guided walks through the GreenWay corridor. For evaluation of the training sessions, see Appendix 1 below. These were very positively received by all teachers in attendance.

A focus group was held with the members of the Schools Project Reference Group. Participants reported that the project was highly successful because:

- It was very collaborative and all on the Reference Group and in schools were very involved. The calibre of reference group was excellent.
- It started with blank sheet of paper - looked at a lot of different types of materials and then decided what should be in the Workbook.
- Teachers were listened to. Teachers were heard and their views shaped the whole project.
- Some financial support was given to schools and this helped to raise the standard. The program was easier to prioritise because it was properly funded and supported.
- Model of curriculum linkage important. Link to the new Australian Curriculum helped the teachers to integrate the program.
- The Project was very well managed by the GreenWay Sustainability Project Officer.
- Focus on a common ‘place was important.
- Council involvement and support was highly valued as was the support and experience provided by Nick Chapman.

One overall project Steering Committee member said that a highlight for her was the:

development and piloting of the Schools’ Curriculum Project – including good media coverage in the local press.

School teacher stories
As Environmental Sustainability becomes more prevalent in classroom curriculums, this program/project proved to be very relevant. The students learnt a lot from this program and enjoyed the opportunities to leave the classroom for the local walks. Members of our school P & C also responded enthusiastically to the program. Parents really saw the importance of the program.

Thanks for organising the day. I took the book back to school and showed it to two Year 4 teachers. They were so impressed with it that they have agreed to use it for their HSIE unit for the next two terms! They have promised to provide feedback.

The Kegworth Public School Experience
Kegworth Public School trialled the project both as a whole school initiative and on an individual class basis. Over all we considered it a great success and found the workbook and resource materials to be excellent and extremely useful.
We used the resources to do walks, a whole school clean-up project, a class assembly and to show case some Environmental education during our school expo day. The project works well with the current NSW curriculum and complements much of the Stage 2 HSIE/COGs content which makes it easy for teachers to fit into their existing program.

It’s an excellent resource for Kegworth school because it is making use of our local area and immediate environment. It’s an ideal way to approach local history and learning for sustainability because it’s authentic and real and meaningful for the children. It means that we don’t have to transport the students miles away to an outdoor education centre. We have a wonderful resource literally on our doorstep.

Everything the children are learning about is in the place where they live and go to school. This makes it so much more relevant to them and they have a vested interest in caring for it. It also means they often have prior knowledge that they can contribute. They also hopefully teach their parents what they are learning, therefore helping to educate the wider community about our local urban history and biodiversity.

Teachers need almost no previous experience of environmental education to be able to carry out meaningful activities.

Having guided walks all planned out is so useful for teachers because they don’t have to think about what they can do on a walk - it’s all explained/organised for them.

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**The Ashbury Public School Experience**

Ashbury PS is a bit distant from GreenWay to facilitate walks etc. So it identified an area of the school as its own “Green Way”. By using this area teaching/learning emphasised the notion of connection to green. The Workbook was used and teachers also logged onto Canterbury CC website and the GreenWay website. Teachers were: *so impressed with what council has to offer. Kids have gone home told their parents about the program and what they have learnt* [Comment from mum]: *We are having the best time exploring being green and the GreenWay.*[Ashbury Teacher]

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**The Summer Hill Public School Experience** [summary from telephone interview]

Teachers at the school had made minor use of the GreenWay as a walking path prior to this project. Involvement in the pilot program has really given emphasis and shape to what the GreenWay offers. It has been very well picked up in year 4 and 5 classes and implemented extensively. *The Workbook is just great – there are terrific activities, extensive curriculum links into Science, the technology information is excellent. Overall a fantastic program that is making a real difference.*

All teachers involved in the pilot program expressed willingness to assist the Greenway Project Officer to roll out the program into other schools, through school development days.

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**The Festival**

The inaugural GreenWay Festival held in the week of October 10 to 17 was a huge success.
This multi site and activity Festival is the subject of a major report to the GreenWay Project from Ben Eadie, [October Sun]. A summary of this report, describing the components of the Festival is to be found in Appendix 2. In summary:

- Festival activities were varied in order to engage people of different ages and interests as well as responding to community feedback from the GreenWay Sustainability Survey results collected in June 2010. Survey data was used to inform the Festival program including biodiversity workshops, cycling training and participating in bushcare activities.

- A highlight for local artists was the inaugural GreenWay Arts Exhibition which attracted over 70 guests to view 50 artworks being exhibited by local artists. Student ‘Eco Warriors’ from 12 local primary schools took part in bug watching, tree planting biodiversity education. The Festival’s History and Biodiversity promotional walking tours were well attended and popular bike tours were run by local Bicycle User Groups AshBUG, LBUG and Bike Marrickville.

**Feedback from Eco Warrior Primary School activities**

_Both our students and their teacher had an excellent day and very much appreciated the opportunity to participate. They are pressuring for a rainforest now in our school grounds! Please pass on our thanks to the organising team and everyone else associated with the event. Cheryl Robens, Principal, Canterbury Public School._

- The three major Festival events were spread out across the catchment, in order to cater to and engage people from different neighbourhoods (Haberfield, Summer Hill and Hurlstone Park).

- The Festival finale was held on October Sunday 17 at the Summer Hill Grand Food Bazaar. The GreenWay Eco Village line up featured indigenous artist Adam Hill and other sustainability-inspired entertainment as well and groups including Friends of the GreenWay, the Inner West Environment Group and Bicycle User Groups, who had the opportunity to engage with more than 10,000 visitors to the popular event.

- The inaugural GreenWay Festival also managed to keep a low carbon footprint, resulting in minimal energy consumption, limited waste production and use of recycled materials.

As a part of the process, evaluation forms were distributed at Festival events and an analysis of these is also included in Appendix 2. They indicate a high degree of satisfaction with the event and that there was a significant increase in connection to the GreenWay as a result. While this data is not extensive, or random, it shows that a successful and highly engaging Festival forms a significant part of the Greenway project. Feedback and evaluation from attendees indicated that the Festival was enjoyable, interesting and people learnt more about the GreenWay as part of the light rail extension, local cycling routes and groups, as well as information on weeds, local biodiversity and history. Participants were asked to describe the Festival using a choice of sixteen words. Half were positive words and half negative words. Participants were able to select as many as they wished.

Thirty six respondents (88%) used the word _enjoyable_, 22 (54%) described it as _interesting_, 17 (41%) as _satisfying_ and 15 (37%) used _down to earth_ and _good_. Other words used were _thought provoking_
The conclusions from the October Sun Report are reproduced below:

Despite some minor issues overall the festival was a success. It ran smoothly, had no complaints from patrons and received high praise from all participants and attendees.

It achieved its objectives of promoting the existence of the GreenWay and allowing people the opportunity to experience the GreenWay firsthand plus engaged the many community groups working within the GreenWay by allowing them to facilitate key activities within the festival.

It was unique amongst other festivals as it was multi layered incorporating all the activities possible within the GreenWay including those with a focus on active transport and biodiversity.

It raised the profile of the area beyond the local and acted as a promotional tool for the new rail link and the many groups active within the GreenWay Catchment area including arts collectives, bicycle users groups, bushcare groups and environmental groups.

The inaugural GreenWay Festival has now made its mark and is a solid foundation to build upon for future events.

**My GreenWay Story – Greenway Project Officer**

*During the GreenWay Festival in 2010 we ran an ‘eco warriors’ activity for local inner west primary school students. One of the activities involved tree planting at Cadigal Reserve, we asked a then IWEG volunteer to coordinate the tree planting with the kids who loved the activity. After the event the IWEG volunteer commented that ‘it is nice to get away from the politics and infighting, get out on the GreenWay and see the kids enjoying it, that’s what it’s really all about!’ I had to concur!*

**My GreenWay Festival Story – the Evaluator**

*As an anonymous participant who is not a GreenWay resident, I attended the Festival on the GreenWay Open Day and went on the History Tour. I found the whole event of real interest and energy and the Tour excellent. I watched local people engage with an area of local high value and welcome the opportunity to learn more about it.*

**Community Challenges**

The one reported concern about the whole GreenWay Sustainability Project is the negative attitudes of some long term Greenway advocates to the project. One key informant reported this as follows: *Frustration for some of the community groups on the perceived “slowness” of the project to staff.*

The Project Manager indicates that: *Managing the expectations of key community stakeholders, in particular Friends of the GreenWay and Inner West Environment Group [IWEG] continues to be challenging.*
It has been reported that at times community members who are directly involved in the GreenWay seem to set themselves up as “competing” with the Project or seeing it more as an adversary rather than working towards a common goal. This seems most unfortunate.

During 2011, more emphasis has been placed on being more representative and trying to hear from a range of groups and residents in the GreenWay.

A capacity-building process was commenced with IWEG in 2009 and ran until early 2011. This involved a series of meetings with IWEG committee members/volunteers to determine their needs and how the Project could assist them to increase their volunteer numbers, through providing GreenWay Sustainability Project staff assistance for working bees, promotion, rebranding, survey of volunteers, recruiting new volunteers and site supervisors.

The Project Manager reports that: *Unfortunately the resistance to any form of suggestions or change in their modus operandi was so great that the Project had to distance themselves from this group, while still being supportive and available for meetings.*

This challenge needs to be addressed more directly prior to the completion of the project.
### 3.4 Findings About Transport Outcomes

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In considering this Section of the Report it is important for the Reader to note that its object is not to provide detail about all of the activities of the project, but to draw on these in an evaluative fashion, as they relate to the Evaluation Questions and Outcomes above.

**Achieving transport outcomes is a longer term process than can be expected during the life of this project.**

An important program for the future within the GreenWay Sustainability Project is the work in the area of transport. Substantial efforts have been made in this regard to carry the program forward and quite substantial results have been achieved. It is acknowledged however that ongoing transport planning and promotion of the GreenWay for recreational and commuter transport will still be needed long after the life of this project.

GreenWay Sustainability Project staff and Council staff and elected officials in all four partner Councils are to be commended with regard to their efforts to date, in part because of the diversity of expected outcomes within this component of the program.
On the one hand, work is occurring to attempt to extend recreational use of the GreenWay – to extend bicycle and walking use. The other part of the work involves all of the negotiation required with Government about the proposed use of the GreenWay as a light rail corridor. Two substantially different objects within the same project.

**Transport Planning for the GreenWay**

The AECOM document: *The Inner West Active Transport Strategy and Action Plan* is a significant product of the GreenWay Sustainability Project. It is based on a solid community survey of transport needs and issues. In summary, 194 people responded to the survey and the key results were:

- 63.7% of respondents were local residents of the GreenWay, showing a high local patronage of parks
- 65.2% of respondents cited ‘Paths to walk and ride’ as their favourite thing about the GreenWay and surrounding parks
- 53.5% of women walked in their favourite place
- 52.8% of men cycled in their favourite place
- 27.1% of respondents said they would use the shared walking and cycling path in the GreenWay - Most Days’
- 50.8% of respondents said they would walk to get to the GreenWay, and 43.2% said they would ride

The GreenWay: deserves to be a model for the rest of the city and inspiration for how we want to live in the future. It shows that being in a big city doesn’t necessarily have to mean being surrounded by cars and concrete everywhere you go. [Winner of prize for completing the survey]

Following the survey two workshops were held with key stakeholders and the community to provide further input into the report. The evaluation results for these workshops are included in Appendix 1. They indicate that the workshops were highly successful and well received and that stakeholders appreciated the opportunity for input. For example:

> This was an opportunity for me to meet other stakeholders and hear their input about the GreenWay project and active transport. Well done, thank you.

> Good workshop with positive representation from a range of Council, agency and peak body stakeholders.

It is noted that a couple of comments from participants at the workshops indicated that: *we have done it all before*, but essentially the responses to the workshops were very positive. The ‘ho hum response’ might be the nature of transport planning all across Sydney.

The AECOM Report introduction states the nature of the issue and the challenge in the context of the light rail announcement by the previous Government

*The Inner West GreenWay (The GreenWay) was approved by the NSW Minister for Planning on 18 February 2011. The approval enables design and construction work for the GreenWay to commence in 2011 in tandem with the new extension to the Inner West Light Rail. Both projects are expected to be up and running by late 2012.*

*Design and construction phase for the Inner West Light Rail Extension is now underway. The first phase in the delivery of the project will be the design and construction of the GreenWay from Marion Street, Leichhardt to the Iron Cove Bay Run and existing bike network at Lilyfield Road. This is being delivered by the RTA.*
The Inner West GreenWay Active Transport Strategy and Action Plan (Active Transport Strategy and Action Plan) has been prepared to encourage the utilisation of the GreenWay for active transport. It sets out a range of short, medium and long term initiatives that would encourage higher utilisation of the GreenWay as a long term asset to the community.

Consultation is currently occurring with the NSW Government about the future of the light rail project and its implications for the Greenway. No outcome is clear at this time [August 2011] and it is understandable that this is of significant concern to those involved in the GreenWay Sustainability project. In the Section 3.1 above the issue of transport planning and its impact on the governance of the GreenWay is discussed briefly. Lack of certainty is having a major impact on the project and its complete delivery at this time.

**Note Late News: Government has ‘deferred’ the GreenWay**

Funding for the GreenWay was cut in yesterday's state budget. Officially the GreenWay has been 'deferred' but the light rail project will go ahead. This is very disappointing. The GreenWay adds value to the light rail by providing safe walking and cycling path enabling more people to reach the light rail stops. Connections such as the bridge over Parramatta Road and underpasses for Old Canterbury Road and New Canterbury Road remove the main barriers to active transport in this area. We now need to ensure that these will still be built with the light rail in place. This is not the end for the GreenWay- just a hitch, so please keep up your support. [GreenWay Coordinator- September Newsletter]

The NSW State Government has 'deferred' the GreenWay in the State budget, stating that it was not properly costed by the Labour Government and was expected to cost more than originally planned. The Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklan went on to say: "It makes no sense to continue Labor’s incompetent attempts at building a cycling network without an integrated transport masterplan that includes active transport.

This decision is very disappointing for the GreenWay stakeholders. However this is not the end for the GreenWay. We are currently planning our next steps. The GreenWay Councils and community have a long term commitment to the GreenWay vision.

**Significant outcomes have been achieved to date.**

There is anecdotal evidence of the Greenway being used more frequently for recreational use, see data from transport workshop evaluation reports – Appendix 1 and in the Inner West GreenWay Active Transport Strategy & Action Plan AECOM. The project Steering Committee during their focus group said that:

- There were lots of stakeholders from elsewhere at workshop
- Engagement structures are good
- Need for some use monitoring data for recreation use of the GreenWay corridor
- There is significant momentum in this part of the project and this will continue.
- Transport planning and negotiation is always a work in progress

There is some anecdotal evidence of increased use of the Greenway as a transport corridor and for recreation. The GreenWay survey in early 2012 will tell us more but the statements below, from a variety of sources sum up anecdotal and other input received to date.
• Signage has been erected on the GreenWay to promote its use and an active transport hub - note bushcare signage has also been erected.
• There is some evidence of reluctance from local residents about the light rail but generally the view is positive. Local residents are certainly using the GreenWay more.
• Art is strong and people like it and the 2011 Festival will promote use of the GreenWay even more. Lots of promotion of active transport route done as part of GreenWay Festival, including existing and new route on Program Map x 5000 copies.
• Certainly bike use has increased. Bike tours run by local BUGs on the GreenWay as part of GreenWay Festival to showcase route.
• Cycling proficiency courses hosted on the GreenWay for adults (x2 events) and children (x2 events) in 2010 and 2011.
• GreenWay bike map and information being featured in the first edition of the Ashfield Council bike map.

The Project Manager details the following activities among her program highlights/issues:
• Inclusion of the GreenWay shared user pathway in the scope of works for the Inner West Light Rail Extension and participation in design and planning (please note as of September 2011 this commitment has been deferred by the State Government and it seems the GreenWay active transport aspect of the project will not proceed at this stage.
• Commencement of GreenWay Active Transport Strategy with partner Councils and consultants in June 2011
• Active Transport Key Stakeholder and Community Workshops August 2011
• Cycling proficiency training with adults and children in 2010 and 2011

The following media release issued at the time of the launch of the transport strategy indicates the desired situation and the best way forward:

As the first Greenway for Sydney a profound opportunity exists to create an active transport corridor that encourages healthy living and community engagement, fosters biodiversity, and provides environmental amenity – a truly integrated sustainability model.

There has been a lot of interest and investment by the local community in the Greenway and surrounding open spaces over the past 10 years. This ‘grass roots’ inspired project demonstrates the high value that the community places on this corridor, its open spaces, people and history.

The Greenway Sustainability Project has engaged a multi-discipline team from AECOM to develop an Active Transport Strategy and Action Plan. Active transport relates to physical activity as a means of transport including foot and bicycle. Use of public transport is also included in the definition as it often involves some walking and cycling to pick-up and drop off points.

Over the coming six months the community, Councils and stakeholders will be consulted on their views on how to best encourage active transport within the GreenWay and foster on-going community involvement.

Workshops and surveys will be undertaken to identify what this corridor and the places along it mean to the community and what would encourage them to frequently use it, by either foot or on a bike, to reach the various destinations in and around the GreenWay.
As the success of the GreenWay relies on its relationships to its context; its people and places, the Strategy will build on community involvement to shape the future use and culture of the GreenWay.

The Active Transport Strategy provides an opportunity to improve health and lifestyles and reduce environmental impacts of motorised transport. The goal of the Strategy is to encourage high and inclusive use of the Greenway and maintain diversity of function and use over its evolving development. The most powerful agent to ensure success of the Greenway as an active transport corridor is its convenience and attractiveness to the community.

Transport is a necessary part of all of our lives, playing a key role in the economic, social, cultural and environmental impact and experience of our city. It provides access to workplaces, services, people, and communities. It increases mobility and reduces isolation. In car dependent cities such as Sydney, driving has become a large part of people’s lives taking a social, economic, cultural and environmental toll.

Car use is preferred by many individuals for perceived convenience, time efficiency and autonomy. However, walking and cycling is becoming more widely recognised by the community due to the benefits of improved health, fitness and wellbeing, community interaction, and a desire to reduce environmental impact. Co-locating the Greenway with the natural environment has added benefits as people are attracted to and nurtured by contact with nature.

This Strategy seeks to ensure the GreenWay continues to be enhanced as an accessible, equitable, convenient and social place that is owned and valued by the community.

As can be seen from the range of material reviewed, transport is a significant feature of the project and gains are being made.
5. **Recommendations**

As a result of the evaluative processes undertaken to develop this report, and its findings, it is recommended that:

A. The current program activities and processes are working effectively and should be continued for the duration of the project. In this regard:
   - Current governance processes should continue through to the completion of the project.
   - Formal decisions need to be taken about the governance process to be implemented and it would be wise if this occurred prior to completion of the project.

B. The governance arrangements are extended so that the four Councils are even more strongly positioned to represent the community to State Government into the future, about the GreenWay and can effectively manage the GreenWay corporately after the project is completed.

C. Given that at this stage there has been no commitment by current NSW Government to the active transport component, although it was announced and launched by the previous Government, there is a need for continued advocacy about this issue. It is noted that the GreenWay Sustainability Project Program Manager has worked with others in playing a significant role in advocating for certainty about this issue and this has been a commendable feature of the project. Increased involvement of senior Council staff and Councillors is important for the next period, given the recent budget decision.

D. With regard to Community components of the program
   - Identify how to extend the schools program beyond the pilot phase as far as possible. The pilot has proved excellent engagement with schools and teachers and has produced a highly valued resource, but extending this across all schools in the Greenway would be of value. In this regard, securing the services of teachers engaged in the pilot to undertake professional development activities in neighbouring schools would be effective. In addition, establishing how to assist teachers to adapt the program for schools not proximal to the GreenWay, would also assist.
   - The GreenWay Festival is a strong engaging feature of the program. The challenge here is establishing how it might be continued after the life of the GreenWay Sustainability Project. It would be unfortunate if the 2011 Festival was the last. This will require intense negotiation with stakeholders in all four Councils and the community, and the identification of a funding source/s.
   - The Community Survey is an important feature of the program and will be delivered again early in 2012. Consideration needs to be given to how to make this a feature beyond the life of this project.
   - Continued promotion of the use of the GreenWay for recreation, walking and cycling is important and should continue to be a feature of the reminder of the project. Excellent community engagement processes like the website, the newsletter, the Facebook page, etc should be continued and promoted.
E. With regard to the Environmental component of the project it is recommended that:
   - Activity continues as per the current program in the context of the Bushcare Plan
   - The new Bushcare sites/volunteers are further explored and supported within the context of the Bushcare Plan
   - Negotiation with IWEG determines which sites they will continue to work and how these will be supported into the future. Decisions will need to be made by the relevant Council about sites that IWEG are no longer working.
   - Capacity building workshops for volunteers continue to be delivered until the end of the project.
   - Continuing recruitment of Bushcare volunteers remains a priority

F. Collecting data and engaging with people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities requires special attention into the future. It is recommended that the Greenway Project Steering Group reviews efforts to date and determines what else needs to be done prior to the end of the project.

G. The Greenway Steering Group investigates ways of working with people who see increased use of GreenWay as a problem; it seems that often these are people who live very close to the Greenway. A more strategic approach to what might assist them to support increased use of the Greenway, and the light rail extension, is required.

H. Community members with long-standing stake in the GreenWay need to be involved in a more harmonious way, if at all possible. The GreenWay Sustainability Project is of great value to the broad Greenway community and the environment. Any disaffection by a small number of important members of that community is regrettable. A mediated approach is required to find a way of working effectively with this situation.

I. The Project Steering Group considers submitting applications for awards for this project. Its quality is such that the project is worthy of recognition within the sustainability/local government sector.

J. For the final report, it is essential that data is collected from the various community groups working on the GreenWay; these include IWEG, bushcare groups and any other established groups who have a stake in the project.
Appendices

Appendix 1. Workshop Reports

The following evaluation reports from a variety of workshops undertaken by the GreenWay Project are tabled to support and give weight to the Findings – see Section 4 above.

1) Governance Workshops

Three Governance Workshops were held during the first half of 2011. The Objectives for the GreenWay community governance workshops were to:

- Inform people about the GreenWay and its next phase of implementation of the GreenWay as part of light rail and requirement for ongoing governance
- Inform people about concept of sustainable governance and different options for GreenWay
- Seek community feedback on these options
- Assess willingness of community to contribute to a GreenWay Association – a ‘litmus test’ to give an indication of whether or not the community is willing and would have the time to contribute to GreenWay Projects in the future
- Outcomes from consultation will inform recommendation for future governance to General Managers and Councils

Note these were not decision-making forums – getting a feel for the energy and capacity for “hands on doing” in the future for the GreenWay.

Community Workshops Evaluation
Sustainable Governance Workshop – Feb 16 2011

Introduction:

This workshop was held on the 16th of February 2011 at Marrickville Council. It was facilitated by Lauren McIver (Greenway) and Jenny George (Macquarie Uni.) The workshop was attended by 21 participants and 14 returned completed evaluation forms. This report summarises the outcomes of those completed evaluations.

Stakeholder group.

Participants were asked which stakeholder group they belonged to. Their responses are below:

- Ashfield Council : 5 respondents
- Marrickville Council: 2 respondents
- City of Canterbury: 2 respondents
- Friends of the Greenway 2 respondents
- Greenway Steering committee 1 respondent
- Bicycle User Group 1 respondent
- Leichardt Council 1 respondent
- Other (Community reps ) 2 respondents
Enjoyment of the workshop
Participants were asked to rate how much they enjoyed the workshop. Eight participants indicated that it was very enjoyable, while five stated it was enjoyable. No respondents rated it as uncertain, not very enjoyable or not enjoyable at all.

Identification of key principles
Respondents were asked to rate how well the group identified key principles that are important for developing a sustainable governance model for the Greenway. Seven respondents reported that this was done very well; six felt it was done reasonably well. No respondents felt uncertain or that the group had missed some points or major key issues.

Specific issues for consideration
The group were asked if there were key issues for consideration that weren’t identified in the workshop. Responses are detailed below:

- Adding the issues of community education/empowerment to the vision
- Ensuring the greenway does not become a burden for councils
- Financial models
- Great group, covered all the bases
- Most issues were covered
- I will think of more, I am sure
- No I was able to raise any concerns/comments that I had
- Laps and Planning NSW must commit to assessment of D/A’s etc. conditioning, needs of bandicoots, token native flora/fauna. How will #A D/A’s be required to protect bandicoots etc – because the Minister is not responsible to Greenway management
- The nitty gritty next steps – what model are we taking to the community
- A more structured way to present the key characteristics of each model considered- I can help do this
- No , great

Additional Comments:
- Joint brief was great
- Very positive environment, well worth attending
- Well organized and well presented
- Thanks for all the work put in to make this happen
- Well done team, great workshop very positive room
- A well conducted workshop
- Great
- Very positive to see everyone working together to achieve our Greenway vision
- Fantastic, loved it.
GreenWay Community Workshop Evaluation Report - 26th May 2011

Introduction
This workshop was held on the 26th of May 2011 and 22 people returned feedback forms. This report summarized the data collected from these forms.

Stakeholder Groups
Local residents made up the majority of attendees with 16 people indicating they were in this group. Of these the majority (6) were from Ashfield Council, followed by Marrickville Council (4), Canterbury Council (3) and Leichardt Council (1).

Two respondents were from local business, one from Council and 7 from community groups. These community groups were:

- IWEG
- GreenWay Bushcare
- Friends of the GreenWay [2]
- Wolli Creek Preservation Sustainability Society Program - schools
- Citywest Cycle Link
- ARTcycle Inc

Note some respondents indicated that they were from two categories.

Level of Satisfaction of the Workshop
This is shown in the graph below. The response was positive in that all participants found it to be ‘enjoyable’ or ‘very enjoyable’.

![Graph showing level of satisfaction](image)

Communication
Participants were asked, “How did you find out about the workshop?” The majority of those responding 14/22 indicated that they had received a direct invitation. Three had seen it advertised on the GreenWay Website and 2 in the Inner West Courier. Three had found out through a community organisation or network including the Ella centre and two through a GreenWay email.
Results
The feedback survey asked participants to rate their prior understanding of the GreenWay. The results are summarised in the graph below, but indicate a broad spread across the group.

The survey asked "How well do you think this workshop increased your understanding of the GreenWay and options for its management by Councils and the community in the future? " The graph below summarises their responses. This was a very positive response in that all participants indicated an increase in understanding – almost 60% said that this occurred ‘very well’. 
Respondents were asked “How well do you think this group identified the key principles for ongoing involvement in the GreenWay?” Results from this are in the graph below. Although most responses were positive, over 50% indicated the more guarded position of ‘reasonably well’.

![Identification of Key Principles](chart.png)

**Issues not identified in the workshop.**
Participants were asked to identify specific issues for consideration that weren’t identified in the workshop. These are listed below:

- The community needs to be involved in the design of the GreenWay path now, not at handover/completion
- Accessibility to GreenWay paths e.g. Wheelchair access
- Identify scope of management tasks and skills required.
- Extending the GreenWay from Lilyfield to White Bay in collaboration with the Tram museum
- GreenWay catchment cosies [Sic: Evaluator unsure of meaning here]

These responses provide important feedback to the GreenWay Project Team about the key issues for consideration.

**Other comments**
Participants identified a number of other issues for consideration. These were:

- Some suggested reading, e.g. websites about governance modes and some examples. For example: Merrick would have been good before the workshop. I would have read some, it was all new to me and a bit hard to take in one night
- Good progress
- Very bright lighting
- Keep introductory sessions tight- perhaps presenters should coordinate before meeting
- It feels like we are just scratching the surface-seems a more work and investigation required
- Wondering if there is an opportunity to involve more business community involvement
I would like the opportunity to investigate coordination between GreenWay and City West Cycle Link
GreenWay model should always refer back to expanding GreenWay model beyond initial corridor as per the original GreenWay model developed OS, i.e. to establish a network of connected green ways and not just a fixed and isolated corridor
Thanks to those who organised the night
Facilitation was excellent. It was obvious that there’s a great deal of expertise within the community (e.g. within business structures, business plans etc.) and it was terrific to see these stakeholders being given the opportunity to make comment at this stage of formulation of policy, i.e. not being imposed after a model decided by local or state government.

Conclusions
This was a successful workshop; participants had opportunity to provide a significant amount of input and were also provided with a range of relevant information. Participant satisfaction about the process and facilitation was high and a range of quality input was provided about the governance model.

Green Way Community Workshop Evaluation Report - 28th May 2011

Introduction.
This workshop was held on the 28th of May 2011 and 25 people returned feedback forms. This report summarises the data collected from these forms. Note, not all respondents answered all questions.

Stakeholder Groups.
Local residents made up the majority of attendees with 20 people (80%) indicating they were in this group. Of these, the majority (6) were from Marrickville Council, followed by Ashfield Council (4), Canterbury Council (3) and Leichardt Council (2) – note 5 respondents did not identify their LGA.

Ten participants indicated that they were from community groups. These community groups were
- Bicycle NSW(Leichardt)
- IWEG
- TCP
- BUG
- Seed Savers
- Girl Guides
- Friends of the Park – Weilwang Park
- Local Photo Group
- Better Light rail/Weston St
- Artists at Ashfield
- EcoTransit Sydney
- Inner West Permaculture
- Transition Towns
- Wolli Creek Preservation Society

NB. Some respondents indicated they were both a local resident and a member of a community group, hence the apparent inconsistency of data.
Level of Satisfaction of the Workshop
This is shown in the graph below. It is notable that all respondents felt positive about the workshop with 40% finding it ‘very enjoyable’ and the remaining 60% finding it ‘enjoyable’

Communication
Participants were asked, “How did you find out about the workshop?” The majority of those responding to this question [nine respondents] indicated that they had received a direct invitation. Four had seen it advertised in the Inner West Courier and three on the GreenWay Website. Five had found out through a community organisation or network and four through other methods including a GreenWay email.

Results
The feedback survey asked participants to rate their prior understanding of the Greenway. The results are summarized in the graph below. They indicate the diversity of understanding that was in the workshop at entry. While 40% indicated they had a ‘very good’/‘good’ level of understanding, the remainder assessed their level at lower end of the spectrum. This indicates that the workshop engaged a significant number of people not highly involved in GreenWay initiatives previously. This is a good result.
The survey asked “How well do you think this workshop increased your understanding of the GreenWay and options for its management by Councils and the community in the future? “ The graph below summarises their responses and indicates that the workshop significantly increased their level of understanding of the GreenWay.
Respondents were asked “How well do you think this group identified the key principles for ongoing involvement in the GreenWay?” Results from this are in the graph below.

![Identification of Key principles](image)

**Issues not identified in the workshop.**
Participants were asked to identify specific issues for consideration that weren’t identified in the workshop. These are listed below and provide some advice for the GreenWay Project Team about what else needs to occur.

- Plan greenway information gathering network
- How the GreenWay might link up with future transport projects, e.g. more cycle ways etc.
- Did not identify specific community roles. Governance is too high level. Could explain community roles, volunteer roles,
- Value of GreenWay to local business e.g. café, cycle hire
- Value of surrounding areas e.g. GreenWay provides a low stress access route for community and social activities of people living further away
- Modes for community involvement in either alliance, association or transition mode;
- The Weston St detour specifically
- Public safety of having GreenWay running up a narrow quiet street
- Not sure how accessible this would be for non native English Speakers to understand
- What are the roles/tasks involved in GreenWay now and in the future
- Light rail progress
- More models need to be discussed

**A Range of Other Comments Were Provided**
- There is a common saying “nobody listens to us” Thanks for engaging and listening, clearly somebody has been listening and is acting
- What are the model options, e.g. a hybrid between the alliance and association where councils fund infrastructure and maintenance and the association/community committee manages the GreenWay biodiversity
- Thank you for consulting the community
- It was a very well run and informative workshop
Well run and professional, but a shame that more multicultural community groups were not involved

- Very impressive progress to date – really makes you want to be part of the future
- Thanks for including me!
- I would not ever use this venue again, sound was terrible, exhaust fan in kitchen, bingo etc, could not hear well.
- Need and info session on where GW is up to in construction and design and roles available to the community.
- The options for governance did not give enough detail
- Some people have a very precise interest, e.g. birds but do not wish to become involved in the wider issues.

**Conclusion**

This was a successful workshop. Participants responded very positively to the range of information presented and we highly involved in the process. The fact that there was diversity in their level of understanding about the GreenWay and its governance was important because it indicates that this workshop approach is engaging with people who are not strongly connected. Clear movement was seen in people’s understanding and appreciation of the GreenWay as a result of the workshop. A number of suggestions for future consideration were made by the participants.
2) **Environment Theme Workshops**
The following workshop reports are for workshops conducted under the Environment theme of the Project.

### Bushcare Essentials TAFE Training Workshop Evaluation 28 and 29 May 2011

**Introduction:**
This workshop was held on to consecutive days (28th and 29th of May 2011) at Haberfield Centre. The workshop was facilitated by Sue Stevens (Landcare Supervisor) and Danny Hirschfeld (TAFE Presenter) included both lecture time and onsite fieldwork. Fourteen people participated in the workshop and of these 13 returned completed evaluation form.

This is the second time such training has been run and it is designed to assist with capacity building the community for Bushcare volunteering. Note all quotes from participants are indicated in italics below.

**Overall rating of the workshop.**
Participants were asked to describe the workshop using a choice of sixteen words. Half were positive words and half negative words. Participants were able to select as many as they wished.

The most frequently selected terms were ‘Enjoyable’ (13 respondents), ‘Valuable’ (10); ‘Gave me new insights’ (9); ‘Relevant’ (9); ‘Informative’ (8); ‘Interesting’ (8) and ‘At my level’ (7) Other words commonly chosen ‘inspiring’, ‘Down to earth’ and ‘Quality time’. One participant selected ‘Repetitive’; no other negative words were selected. This indicates a highly successful workshop.

Participants were asked to rate the workshop on a scale where 1 = poor and 5+ excellent. On average the workshop was rated as **4.5**, meaning that overall participants felt that it was extremely valuable and well run. The facilitators can feel very satisfied with this result.

Some of the reasons given were
- Just what I needed to know
- Gave a good overview of Bushcare and balance between theory and practice
- Very informed, Danny and Sue passionate about Greenway
- Excellent presenter
- It provided me with information I required within a friendly environment
- Met its stated objectives in an informative, interactive and engaging way
- Great basics
- Occasional slow moments, day one? nothing practical and hands on
- Plenty of opportunity to share experience/questions
- It was informative with practical and theory, easy going and understandable.
- Learning new things – interests, skills etc and meeting new group of people
- Good overview for beginner/relevant to my area of Sydney.
Pre and post workshop ratings
Participants were asked to rate their understanding of Bushcare theory and practice on a 5-point scale. The graph below shows the results. There was a significant increase in level of understanding as a result of the workshop. For example no participant rated their understanding as ‘high’ prior to the workshop and 50% did at the end of the workshop.

![Understanding of Bushcare graph](image_url)

The most useful aspects. The participants identified a number of positive aspects:

- Examples of specific weeding practices
- Diagrams
- Field trips (and balance of theoretical and practical)
- Greenway care, knowledge and skills
- Learning the theory and putting some of it into practice
- Practical techniques
- Responsibility of site supervisor
- Best ways to tackle weeds - how to prioritise
- Developing a planned and accepted approval to work
- Planning, recording, precautions and OHS
- Practical delivery not aimed at experts or people with prior training or knowledge
- Insight into what to do and when
- Everything
- Strategic and planning concepts
- Too little is better than too much
- Site assessment discussion
- Discussion on clearing
- Workbook

The least useful aspects. Few less useful aspects were identified:

- Safety training, OHS - only because I was familiar with this
- OHS for me because I already work in horticulture industry so have fairly good understanding
- Before tea on first day was too slow
Participation in Bushcare

The graph below indicates what proportion of respondents belong to a Bushcare group – only one did not.

The groups to which participants belonged included
- Camperdown/Slatmarsh cemetery
- Tempe/Gough Whitlam
- Greenway (2)
- Mudcrabs (3)
- Marrickville
- Canterbury
- Hornsby
- Greenway Leichhardt
- IWEG (2)
- Cooks River Assoc

Several participants indicated that they belonged to more than one group. Four participants indicated that they were more likely to join a Bushcare group after completing the training (including two who were already members).

All thirteen participants reported that they felt more confident about being a Bushcare volunteer after completing this training.

Areas requiring more assistance

Participants were asked where they may require additional assistance to improve their skills. Their responses are below:
- Identify weeds (different types)
- More theory and applied training
- More theory and practical experience
- How to make choice re plants in replanting areas
- Plant ID –names (3)
- Safe assessment
- Replanting practice
- I would like to see a detailed and structured document (maybe electronic) to assist in planning and maintenance of our site
- Revegetation information/skills
- I have been told the next 1 day course will be very useful so I am looking forward to that
- Practice at planning/assessment

**Additional Comments**

Some additional comments were made
- *More weed and native plant identification workshops*
- *Interesting, more workshops to be conducted*
- *It was well presented*
- *Enjoyed it very much, would have preferred 2 consecutive weekends*
- *Follow up – outdoor practice day, role play a day at Bushcare, sign on to sign off*
- *Good teacher*
- *Great course, well run, informative. Coordinator (Sue) very efficient*
- *Thanks guys*
- *Marrickville Earlwood*

**Conclusion**

When considered against all criteria, this was a highly successful workshop. Clearly the participants gave a great deal of time but obtained a great deal of helpful information from the workshop - they rated it very highly. These community members are now well equipped to take a leading role in bushcare into the future. It is of note that they are spread across a range of bushcare groups and are well placed to share their increased level of understanding.
Weeds of the Greenway Workshop
Evaluation report

Introduction
This workshop was at The Haberfield Centre and was facilitated by Sue Stevens (Landcare Supervisor) and Danny Hirschfeld (TAFE Presenter). It included both lecture time and on-site fieldwork. Fifteen people participated in the workshop and of these 13 returned completed evaluation forms.

Five people found out about the workshop from an email from GreenWay staff, six from the Greenway News and one through a TAFE outreach gardening course.

In this report quotes from participants are indicated in italics.

Survey Feedback
Overall rating of the workshop.
Participants were asked to describe the workshop using a choice of sixteen words. Half were positive words and half negative words. Participants were able to select as many as they wished.

The most frequently selected terms were: ‘Interesting’ (10 respondents) ‘Enjoyable’ (9 respondents), ‘Valuable’ (8); ‘Relevant’ (8); ‘Informative’ (7); and ‘At my level’ (6) Other words commonly chosen were ‘Appropriate’, ‘Inspiring’, ‘Down to earth’ and ‘Good’. No negative words were selected. This is a very satisfactory result.

Participants were asked to rate the workshop on a scale where 1 = poor and 5 = excellent. On average the workshop was rated as 4.3, meaning that overall participants felt that it was very valuable and well run.

Some of the reasons given were
- Good to show actual examples of weeds
- I feel ignorant, it gave some relief – need more info
- Probably know it already
- It was well presented and explained
- First one I have been to so nothing to compare it with
- Pertinent
- Fabulous, could not be better

Pre and post workshop ratings
Participants were asked to rate their understanding of weeds and their management on a 5-point scale. The graph below shows the results and indicates a substantial movement in understanding.

For example almost 50% of the group increased their understanding to high as a result of the workshop.
The most useful aspects:
- Hands on demos of weeds
- Seeing the samples, could be good to hand around more examples of the same plant when talking about each
- All aspects were well covered and relevant
- Physical handling of weeds
- Understanding of weeds in the ecosystem
- Hands on
- Good Speaker (Adam)
- Good weed examples
- The explanation and presentation of different weeds
- That it covered the weeds we might actually see in the Greenway
- Cutting of weeds and examine, smell etc was excellent
- Samples of plants
- Specific weeds to Greenway and practical experience, advice
- Hands on weed identification (2)
- Showing actual weeds with discussion by Adam

The least useful aspects:
- Other people talking while Adam was talking

Participation in Bushcare
The graph below indicates what proportion of respondents belong to a Bushcare group. The fact that 25% did not belong to a group, and still attended the workshop is encouraging.
The groups to which participants belonged included

- Balmain High
- Greenway (3)
- Strathfield
- North Sydney
- Inner West
- Yarala
- IWEG
One participant indicated that they belonged to more than one group and one was a member but not yet active.

Four participants indicated that they were more likely to join a Bushcare group after completing the training.

Eleven participants reported that they felt more confident about being a Bushcare volunteer after completing this training. Two did not respond to this part of the survey.

Areas requiring more assistance
Participants were asked where they may require additional assistance to improve their skills. Their responses are below:

- Just more experience
- Can’t think of anything specific at this point, just need more Bushcare experience on site
- Native plant identification in the Inner West
- More identification and basic botany, seasons, ecology, soils etc.
- Native plants
- Practice and some weed id
- I think all aspects
- Non weed plant identification
- Removal practice
- More practice (2)

Additional Comments
- Thank you for putting it on and for all the information
- Presenter had very good presenting skills and his experience and knowledge on this topic was obvious
- Love it
- This presentation equipment should have been helpful
- I found it useful in my understanding of weeds in the overall eco-system and safe removal technique

Conclusion
Workshops where participants make the comment: Fabulous, could not be better and where no negative feedback is given and that are rated on average over four on a five pot scale, are very successful. Clearly this one was.

The presenters can feel happy that the workshop was so successful and useful to participants. More workshops of this type would be highly useful.
Implementing Revegetation Works
Workshop 25 June 2011- Evaluation Report

Introduction:
This workshop was held on the 25th of June 2011 and was presented by Danny Hirschfeld (Ryde TAFE). The objective of the workshop was capacity building of volunteers in revegetation principles and techniques. Fourteen people attended the workshop and all fourteen completed the evaluation form. This report summarises the results of these evaluation forms.

What the participants thought:
Overall rating of the workshop.
Participants were asked to describe the workshop using a choice of sixteen words. Half were positive words and half negative word. Participants were able to select as many as they wished.

The most frequently selected terms were interesting (11 respondents) enjoyable (10 respondents), Valuable (9) Gave me new insights (8); relevant (8) and rewarding, valuable, inspiring and quality time (6 each). Other works commonly chosen were satisfying, informative, down to earth and good. No participants chose any of the negative words.

Participants were asked to rate the workshop on a scale where 1 = poor and 5+ excellent. On average the workshop was rated as 4.8, meaning participants felt that it was extremely valuable, interesting and well run.

Pre and post workshop ratings
Participants were asked to rate their understanding of Bushcare theory and practice on a 5-point scale. The graph below shows the results. It indicates a substantial growth in understanding as a result of the workshop with over 40% indicating ‘high’ level compared to prior to the workshop.
The most useful aspects:

- Workbook
- Practical exercise at the end
- The assessment of site
- Knowledge
- Breaking up into groups and planning a Revegetation Program
- Planting
- The theory about aims of revegetation and site assessment
- Practical work through we did as a small group (plan)
- Practical approachable workshop
- Questions answered
- Practical focus
- Everything

The least useful aspects:

- Went though the book a lot obviously because of time pressures
- How to plant (already know how)
- Lunch - party pies preferred
- The planting session at Richard Murden Reserve

Participation in Bushcare
The graph below indicates what proportion of respondents belong to a Bushcare group. A slight disappointment was that there were so many existing bushcarers as opposed to more newly engaged members of the community.
The groups to which participants belonged included:

- Greenway (2)
- IWE (3)
- Yuralla
- Canada Bay CC
- G4G

Participants were asked how frequently they engage in Bushcare work. The results are represented in the graph below.

Participants were asked if they were more likely to join a Bushcare group following the training. Four participants reported that they would be more likely to join. While the others who were already members understandably did not respond.
All fourteen participants reported that they felt more confident about being a Bushcare volunteer after completing this training.

**Areas requiring more assistance**

Participants were asked where they may require additional assistance to improve their skills. Their responses are below:

- Identifying native plants
- Will learn as I go
- Weed and grass identification
- More practice and a lot more work needed on my part to recognise plants
- Plant identification (2)
- Revision on my part.

**Additional comments**

- Great course, great people, good communication, very nice lunch
- Great experience and Danny and Sue were so enthusiastic and a mine of knowledge
- Thank you so much
- Excellent, could have been 2 days
3) Transport Workshops

As a part of the development of the GreenWay Transport Strategy two community workshops were held.

GreenWay Active Transport Strategy Community Workshop
2nd August 2011

Introduction
This workshop was held on the 2nd of August 2011. It was facilitated by Lauren McIver, Warren Saloman, Mike Harris and Nicole Dennis. Twenty (20) people attended the workshop from a variety of stakeholder groups and of these fourteen (14) completed evaluation forms. This report summarises the feedback from these forms.

Stakeholder groups
The following stakeholder groups were represented.
- Ashfield council: 2 respondents
- Marrickville Council: 2 respondents
- Canterbury Council: 2 respondents
- Leichardt Council: 2 respondents
- GreenWay Steering Committee: 1 respondent
- Roads and Traffic Authority: 1 respondent
- Department of transport: 1 respondent
- Bicycle NSW: 1 respondent
- Area Health Service: 1 respondent
- Other: 1 Respondent

Overall views on the event
Participants were given a list of both positive and negative words which could be used to describe the workshop. They were able to select as many as they felt were appropriate. Overall 52 words were selected by those responding. Those most commonly chosen included: ‘Enjoyable’ (10 respondents) ‘thought provoking’ (8 respondents); ‘valuable’ (8 respondents); People seemed ‘interested’ (6 respondents); People felt it was: ‘appropriate’ (6) and ‘gave new insights’ (6). No participants selected any of the negative words
Ratings of specific aspects of the workshop:
Participants were asked: How well do you think this workshop increased your understanding of how the GreenWay will help encourage greater use of active transport in the community?

The results are detailed in the graph below and indicate a successful workshop in that understanding was increased for all but one participant.

Participants were asked: To what extent do you think the GreenWay will provide environmental and health benefits for the community?

The results are detailed in the graph below.
Participants were asked:

*How well do you think the group identified the key principles and initiatives for encouraging active transport in the GreenWay?*

The results are detailed in the graph below and indicate that for all but two people, the key principles and initiatives were identified well/reasonably well.

### Specific issues not identified in the workshop

- It would have been good to know who all the other people/organisations were who attended- some new faces
- A lot of ideas generated but how do we remain involved and turn the ideas into real projects
- Way forward, where too next
- More about which organisations/stakeholders would do what
- Issues around local resident opposition to local elements of greenway planning
- Even more integration, also private stakeholders/developers
- The importance of adjacent land use changes and how they could add to the GreenWay’s utilisation
- Engaging non walkers/cyclists/park users was identifies in our small table discussion and probably needs some more attention in getting these people onto the GreenWay

### Additional comments

- Have we got a good “spread of stakeholders”? 
- It would be good to build evaluation into the planning
- This was an opportunity for me to meet other stakeholders and hear their input about GreenWay project and active transport. Well done, thank you.
- Excellent overall – good there was plenty of time for discussion and issue identification
- At times very bicycle focused
Additional comments from facilitators
This was a good workshop with positive representation from a range of Council, agency and peak body stakeholders. The input into the strategy was of high value.

GreenWay Active Transport Strategy Community Workshop
3rd August 2011 – Evaluation Report

Introduction
This workshop was held at Ashfield civic Centre on the 3rd of August 2011. It was facilitated by Lauren Molver, Warren Saloman, Mike Harris and Nicole Dennis. Twenty seven (27) people attended the workshop from a variety of stakeholder groups and of these sixteen (16) completed evaluation forms. The number completing forms is somewhat disappointing as there is no knowledge about the views of almost 40% of the group, about this workshop.

This report summarises the feedback from these forms.

Stakeholder group.
The following stakeholder groups were represented. (some participants indicated they belonged to more than one group)
- Local Residents: 9 respondents including
  - Ashfield council: 4 respondents
  - Marrickville Council 3 respondents
  - City of Canterbury; 2 respondents
- Bicycle User Group; 4 respondents
- Bushcare Volunteers 5 respondents
- Friends of the GreenWay: 2 respondents
- GreenWay Steering Committee: 1 respondent
- Community Group: 3 respondents (2 from IWEG and 1 from Better Light Rail)
- Other: 1 Respondent (not specified)

Overall views on the event
Participants were given a list of both positive and negative words which could be used to describe the workshop. They were able to select as many as they felt were appropriate. Overall 35 words were selected by those responding. Those most commonly chosen included: ‘People seemed interested’ (8 respondents) ‘thought provoking’ (6 respondents); ‘enjoyable’ (5); ‘appropriate’ and ‘valuable’ (3). Of the less positive words two participants selected ‘okay’ and one selected ‘mediocre.’ Two participants also felt the workshop was ‘confronting’ but they gave no indication as to why, or what aspects of the workshop elicited this response.
Ratings of specific aspects of the workshop:
Participants were asked:
How well do you think this workshop increased your understanding of how the GreenWay will help encourage greater use of active transport in the community?

The results are detailed in the graph below

Participants were asked:
To what extent do you think the GreenWay will provide environmental and health benefits for the community?

The results are detailed in the graph below and demonstrated that all of the sixteen respondents were of the view that the GreenWay provided benefit to the local community.
Participants were asked:
*How well do you think the group identified the key principles and initiatives for encouraging active transport in the GreenWay?*

The results are detailed in the graph below and despite some negative words being used to describe the workshop, see above., there is a 100% response ['well' or 'reasonably well' to this question about how well key principles and initiatives were outlined

![Bar chart showing participant responses to the GreenWay Sustainability Project evaluation question]

**Specific issues not identified in the workshop**

- The ½ km detour up Weston St
- Vegetable gardens along the GreenWay- accessible to everyone for free or for a donation to be used for maintenance
- Events
- After effects of implementation of light rail and cycleways, forward forecasts or structures and requirements
- Design paths to minimise conflict between cyclists and walkers
- Increase width of area/reduce number of entry/exit points
- Impacts of surrounding residential communities regarding activities to take place (outside of active transportation) – encouraging acceptance of privacy etc.
- We live on planet water. Productivity has to come from water – no pesticides/chlorine.
- No copies of plans/policies etc presented, this has been thrashed out often- this was a lot of reinventing the wheel.
- Need to focus on promoting active transport and light rail/GreenWay as a part of “Inner West lifestyle.”
- Detailed description of new infrastructure
- Early and continued engagements and promotion with community

**Additional comments**

- I greatly support this initiative. Would like to attend future meetings
- Events could be used for marketing and initiating experiences
- Keep informed of progress and ongoing consultation. Please show all cyclists wearing helmets in every instance.
- More realistic in present circumstances
• Don’t turn the GreenWay into a circus- keep it as a clean relaxing, serene experience.
• Ensure activities as described are retained within the GreenWay where it is enclosed within the corridor and not on quiet residential streets
• If well managed with a focus on food productivity it could be worth billions of dollars to an economy which was high jacked a generation ago so we (Australia) would fit in with 101 genetics theories. We are a historically healthy law abiding country. Billions of dollars have been spent to make our waters non productive. Australia is restoring water just like other countries e.g. America.
• Requires more activity on the GreenWay itself- more events to focus attention and energy.
• I believe that much of the transport education/change in community habits regarding active transport needs to start with schools- work with education department
• Great initiative
• Possibly time restriction to capture all ideas

Additional comments from facilitators
• A range of stakeholders and generally a positive workshop despite some tension around some aspects of the route of the GreenWay from some stakeholders.

• An opportunity to clarify the GreenWay Sustainability Project’s role in the larger context of the State Government’s project.

School workshops

Greenway Primary Schools Sustainability Program Pilot Training (2) – Kegworth Primary School May 23 2011

Introduction:
This workshop was held on the 23rd of May 2011 and was facilitated by Joanne McDonnell and Adam Williams. Six people participated in the workshop and of those four completed evaluation forms.

Overall Ratings
Participants were asked to choose some of the following words or phrases that described their views about the workshop. Respondents could choose as many words as they liked

None of the negative words from the list were selected, while all 4 respondents described the workshop as valuable, enjoyable and quality time; two felt it was good and thought provoking.

Rating score
Participants were asked to rate the workshop overall, on a scale of 1 to 5 where one equals ‘poor’ and 5 equals ‘great’. The average score for this was 4.75, indicating that the workshop was very highly rated by all participants

Comments
• It was very useful and informative
• Practical, informative, well presented with opportunity to ask questions and practice what was being demonstrated
• Able to share information on the project and have a look at Google Earth and setting up a blog (for class and school)
Most Useful Aspects
- By harnessing the experience and enthusiasm of local public school teachers to help us pilot the GreenWay primary schools package, we are increasing its potential relevance/impact five fold
- Learning how to use Google Earth and set up an education blog (x3 respondents)
- Pilot feedback comments supported by student work samples

What is required to improve the event?
- Need to continue to put pressure on DET to 1) attend meetings and 2) develop organizational capacity to in-service GreenWay primary schools
- More time?
- Pitch and presentation appropriate only improvement- faster download speeds!
- Computers that have the program Google Earth already set up

To what extent did the even further the program outcomes?
- Giving feedback on the booklet and lessons in it
- For me the feedback confirmed that the workbook format and content are very usable. Teachers appreciate the flexibility of using one or many activity sheets and the instructions for the tasks are easy to follow. This suggests that uptake of the workbook is likely to be good.
- Helps us to do some of the activities in the pilot document
- Very useful to have some time sharing ideas/lessons which other teachers have trialled in their schools
- Very solid progress is now being made with the pilot primary schools package

Additional comments
- The company was very pleasant and food tasty. Thanks all!
- Useful to come together and share our experiences
- Well organised by Joanne McDonald as always. Teachers are enthusiastic and are starting to own “their” project. Just what we were hoping to achieve

Greenway Primary Schools Sustainability Program Pilot Training – 21 Feb 2011

Introduction:
This workshop was held on the 21st of February 2011 and was facilitated by Joanne McDonnell and Judi Ross. Ten people participated in the workshop and of those all completed evaluation forms.

Overall Ratings
Participants were asked to choose some of the following words or phrases that described their views about the workshop. The number of respondents choosing each word is shown below in red.

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None of the negative words from the list were selected, while all 7 respondents described the workshop as though provoking, 6 felt it was enjoyable and 5 chose the words ‘quality time’ and ‘interesting.

**Rating score**
Participants were asked to rate the workshop overall, on a scale of 1 to 5 where one equals ‘poor’ and 5 equals ‘great’. The average score for this was 4.6, indicating that the workshop was very highly rated by all participants.

**Objectives of the workshop**
Participants were asked to rate how well met the objectives of the workshop were on a scale from not met well to well met. All seven participants indicated they felt the objectives were well met. Well met.

**What did you learn at the workshop?**
Participants were asked to describe what they had learned at the pilot training. Their responses are detailed below.
- Refresher on the booklet and activities
- Great to do a different walk
- The challenges teachers face is simple, environmental themes into the curriculum
- Test driving the SW schools Sustainability Program
- Next phase of project with pilot
- Resource needs of pilot project
- A heap of new ideas, especially for the walk.
- The book is fantastic
- Google Earth activities
- Lots of ideas of how to use the workbook

**How could future Pilot training workshops be improved?**
Participants were asked to make suggestions on how to improve future workshops. Their answers are detailed below.
- I don’t think that the resource list needs to be looked at so thoroughly
- Under discussion
- Resources for teachers to include in pilot

**Additional Comments**
- Great to see so many motivated people in one room.
- Great to be at this point – well done – keep it going
- I’d like to assist with training day
- Thanks heaps for organising this
Appendix 2: Greenway Festival Report

a) Extracts from the Festival Report
The Contractor for the Festival, Ben Eadie from October Sun has provided a full and detailed report to The GreenWay team about the Festival, The following extracts place the Festival in context for this evaluation report.

To celebrate the Cooks River to Iron Cove GreenWay and promote the GreenWay’s history, biodiversity and bushcare, walking and cycling paths as well as its cultural activities the GreenWay Sustainability Project worked with October Sun Enterprises to develop a weeklong festival with the following overarching objectives:

1) Promote the existence of the GreenWay
2) Allow people an opportunity to experience the GreenWay

These objectives were further broken down - to:

- Increase community awareness of the GreenWay both to those living locally and to the greater Sydney community, and highlight how it can benefit them.
- Develop a sense of community ownership / custodianship of the GreenWay - a sense of the GreenWay is “home”.
- Promote the idea of ‘green living’ by both running activities which promote sustainability & urban biodiversity and running the events sustainably. And in particular sustainability pertaining to the GreenWay.
- Cater for the diverse demographics existing within the four council areas
- Promote the GreenWay’s history (both indigenous & non indigenous), connectivity, diversity of purposes / uses, local business, community & cultural groups, flora and fauna and active transport potential including walking and cycling.

The following program was developed and delivered featuring activities throughout the GreenWay Catchment Area:

1) Inclusion in the Cooks River Eco Festival
2) The GreenWay Arts Exhibition
3) Primary School Workshops
4) Tiny Tots Story Time
5) History and Biodiversity GreenWay Tours
6) Bush Care Working Bees
7) High School Arts Competition
8) Sketch Classes
9) Bike Tours
10) GreenWay Day
11) Inclusion in the Summer Hill Festival

The festival’s events and activities were held at various venues throughout the GreenWay corridor and catchment area including the following:

- Richard Murden Reserve, Haberfield
- Ewen Park, Hurststone Park
- Smith St, Ashfield
- Art East Art School, Leichhardt
- Leichhardt / Haberfield / Marrickville Libraries
- St Peters / Dulwich Hill / Stanmore Libraries
In summary:

- **History Walks** were facilitated by community volunteer Nick Chapman, at least 20 people attended the two walks.
- **Biodiversity Walks** facilitated by Sue Steven, 8 people attended the biodiversity walk.
- **Arts Exhibition** – Over 50 local artists entered art works and opening was attended by 70+ people.
- **GreenWay Eco Warriors Excursion** – Twenty four students from 12 local primary schools participated in activities.
- **Mudcrabs Working Bee at Ewen Park**, Facilitated by Mudcrabs volunteers and attended by approx 10 bushcare volunteers.
- **GreenWay Story time in Haberfield, St Peters, Stanmore Marrickville & Leichardt libraries** – Approx 30-50 children at each story time.
- **Sketch club on the GreenWay with Artists at Ashfield** – Approximately 10 participants.
- **Bike Tours run by LBuG, AshBug and Bicycle Marrickville** - Volunteers facilitated 5 x bike tours spread across the catchment.
- **Cooks River Festival** – Volunteers from FoG and IWEG had a stall.
- **Summer Hill Food Festival/GreenWay Eco Village** – Volunteer groups from Ashbug, Friends of the GreenWay and others.

This was a significant and multifaceted event placing many residents in the GreenWay catchment in contact with the GreenWay.

**b) Evaluation Process and Data**

The following data was analysed from evaluation forms distributed at Festival events by the Festival Contractor – October Sun. While the number and spread of respondents was somewhat disappointing the responses are of value.

### Introduction

41 feedback forms were returned. Participants attended the following Festival events.

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Note some respondents indicated that they had attended more than one event.

### Overall rating of the Festival

Participants were asked to describe the Festival using a choice of sixteen words. Half were positive word and half negative words. Participants were able to select as many as they wished.

Thirty six respondents (88%) used the word **enjoyable**, 22 (54%) described it as **interesting**, 17 (41%) as **satisfying** and 15 (37%) used **down to earth and good**. Other words used were **thought provoking** (13); **quality time** (8) **Challenging** (1). One respondent stated that they **had learned nothing** new (whilst also stating it was good).
Participants were asked to score the workshop out of five (where one = poor and five = great). The results for each are indicated below:

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**What did you learn?**
- History and future prospects for the Greenway
- Seeing familiar spaces from a new perspective
- I didn’t realise the greenway was such a beautiful area
- Will bring friends to the SH food festival
- Existence of Greenway as a separate activity to Light Rail
- The difficulties in physically achieving the pedestrian and cycle track ways alongside rail
- It was great to learn about the plants and animals in the neighbourhood
- Mint bush is edible as is prickly lettuce
- Further plant identification
- Turpentine – Ironbark, original extent
- About weeds (2)
- Solar heating
- More detail on greenway
- Intersection of Canterbury Rd and King Georges Rd
- Water quality
- Cycle ways (3)
- The community and council efforts to “clean up” and beautify our wonderful resource “The Cooks river”
- Local knowledge - council activities
- Worm farm
- Becoming involved locally with the environment
- Bandicoots
- Emails and meetings
- More about cycling
- Composting
- The name of my least favourite weed
- The Greenway proposal for Cooks River – Iron Cove (2)
- There is hope
- About the inner west Light Rail and Greenway corridor
- What the Greenway will entail
- More about Light Rail (5)
- Ashfield community garden
- Signage
- Ashbug (2)
- Street advertising
- Sustainable shopping
- Interesting info on local bushland flora and fauna
- Plant and bird identification
- History
- This event (biodiversity walk) was excellent, well presented and very interesting
- Taxonomy
- Saw a lot of the birds that appear on the leaflet

**How did you find out about the festival?**
Survey respondents were asked to indicate how they found out about the festival. The most common response was seeing a flyer in the letterbox, followed by a poster or the Greenway Website. Some respondents indicated more than one method.

Respondents indicating that they found out through other means stated the following:
- Display board
- Road sign
- Amnesty get together
- Being one of the organizers

See the graph below for more detail of the response numbers.

**How did you get to the festival?**
Participants were asked to indicate how they got to the festival. The most common response was walking which was used by twice as many respondents as car. Cycling and public transport were used by only 10 of respondents. This is detailed in the graph below.
Greenway E-news
Sixty six percent (66%) of respondents indicated that they would like to receive the Greenway e-news, while 29% indicated they did not wish to receive it. 7% (3 respondents) reported that they are already on the mailing list.
Appendix 3: GreenWay Sustainability Project Media Highlights – very few only

A conservation lesson right on their doorstep

SOME lucky students have swapped the classroom for the great outdoors as part of a new education program being trialled at inner-west public schools.

The GreenWay Primary School Program pilot was launched last year at Summer Hill Public School, Ashbury Public School and Kogarah Public School in Leichhardt.

Working in tandem to the current curriculum, it encourages children to learn about local urban biodiversity while tramping through the Greenway corridor for a few hours each week.

Classes are planned around a series of walks including one from Summer Hill to the Iron Cove bridge and another from Dulwich Hill to the Cooks River. During the walks, students collect bags, identify local animals and listen to stories about historical events.

Summer Hill Public School teacher Adam Williams said the lessons about local wildlife, history and sustainable living were engaging for the students.

"It’s local and the kids love learning about history and the environment this way," Mr Williams said.

"Just recently I showed students a 550-year-old archway that used to be part of Battle Bridge," Mr Williams said.

The pilot project is due to be completed next month and will be reviewed by teachers, parents and the Department of Education.

With sustainability set to become a core part of the primary school curriculum, GreenWay Sustainability Project officer Joanne McDonnell hopes the program will become a core subject for all inner-west schools.

"Instead of getting kids on buses to the Royal Botanic Gardens or Blackheath, they can step outside and learn about these things in their area," Ms McDonnell said.

To learn more, go to greenway.org.au.
Ideas wanted for new green bush corridor

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LAND is highly sought after, especially if it runs 5km across the inner west.

So authorities think it's time you had your say on the GreenWay.

GreenWay researcher Jenny George is leading a research project focused on exploring the best set up and involvement of the community in the GreenWay's future.

"This idea for a GreenWay is a collaborative community vision first imagined more than 10 years ago," Ms George said.

"It has been a unique collaboration of a lot of people, first in the community, then supported by the local and state government and others such as Macquarie University as well."

Ms George said she is looking at how the local communities would be able to work on the GreenWay with government agencies.

She said the project had a lot to offer inner west residents.

"It will provide a wonderful green pedestrian and cycle corridor stretching 5km, potentially offering opportunities for social and educational uses, bushcare and environmental uses and other interesting yet to be realised community endeavours."

Residents have been asked to throw in their ideas about the best use of the corridor at a community workshop to be held on May 29 and 30.

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Celebrating the great greenway

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS
- The festival runs from October 10-17
- GreenWay Day on October 10 from 10am to 3pm
- Richard Mundine Reserve
- Walking tours
- Eco-riding workshops (e.g., how to grow food in small spaces)
- Bike tours
- Live music
- Mosaic workshops
- Storytime at local libraries
- Bushcraft working bees
- Outdoor sketch classes
- Art exhibition
- All the workshops and activities require bookings. Visit greenway.org.au

THE GREENWAY VISION
The vision is for a tree-lined wildlife corridor and walking and cycling trail along the Cooks River (Sylvania at Tempe to the Iron Cove Bay Run at Revesby) that ties the council areas of Croydon Park, Minto, Bankstown, Ashbury, and Marrickville. Artworks created and workshops taught in the various communities along the Cooks River are in place and a new shared pathway/walking trail was part of the light rail extension.

Rupert, Bille, Tiggy, Tass, Felix and Llam (with E Flat tenor horn), with Sarah, Emily, Leo and the Gypsy Cameras, and Snoppers and Nelly the dogs, are excited about the first GreenWay Festival. Photo: PHIL DUTCH

WE inner Westies love our footpaths and now there’s a new one to get excited about.

The week-long GreenWay Festival starts on October 10 with a free program of outdoor activities, arts events and green workshops for all ages.

It has been created to publicise one of our lesser known beauty spots - the Cooks River in Iron Cove "GreenWay."

Laurie Melwer from the GreenWay Sustainability Project says there’s something for everyone, from eco-tours and storytime at local libraries to workshops and community arts.

The biggest event of the week is GreenWay Day at Richard Mundine Reserve on Saturday, October 10.

There’ll be a carpark at the Cooks River Eco Festival on Sunday, October 11, and with the Sesame Hill Grand Final Nearby on Sunday, October 17.
Celebrating the vision

A GreenWay Festival will be held in celebration of the visionary Cooks River to Iron Cove Tunnel GreenWay, announced by NSW Premier Kristina Keneally, as part of the $150 million GreenWay and Inner West Light Rail Program.

Students from Nepean Primary School lend a helping hand by participating in bushcare activities on the GreenWay.

The GreenWay is an integrated and environmentally sustainable transport corridor that will include the GreenWay Trail, a shared pathway for cyclists and pedestrians to connect the Cooks River Cycleway to the Iron Cove Bay Run, as well as a bush link for native plants and animals.

Mayor of Marrickville, Sam Iskandar, said the festival was an opportunity for local residents to celebrate the community’s vision for a sustainable transport corridor.

“The GreenWay Festival is a great opportunity for local residents to celebrate the progress of this environmental, cultural and sustainable transport corridor,” said Councillor Iskandar.

“The Festival program includes a number of fun and creative activities which will encourage the community to nurture our environment.”

The GreenWay Festival will feature a week-long program of activities, ranging from bike tours and local history walks, to biodiversity workshops, bushcare working bees, an art exhibition and art and drawing classes in the GreenWay.

A highlight of the week includes GreenWay Day on Saturday, October 16, which will include activities along the existing section of the GreenWay from Iron Cove Bay to Summer Hill.

The GreenWay Festival is pleased to announce partnerships with the Cooks River Eco Festival on Sunday, October 10, and the Summer Hill Grand FoodBazaar on Sunday, October 17.

The festival will run from Saturday, October 10 to 17. For more information about the Festival visit www.greenway.org.au.

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