

Endorsing the Green Way Master Plan and Coordination Strategy

Canterbury has been involved in the Green Way Plan since its inception. Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville have already formally endorsed the plan and I believe it would be helpful to the partnership that we did too.

The Green Way program began as a grass roots initiative by a local bushcare group. It is now a partnership of community and Councils that promote “a recognizable environmental, cultural and non-motorised transport corridor linking the subcatchments of two of Sydney’s most important waterways.”

Not only does it offer living space for endangered species like the Long-nosed Bandicoot (till recently, absent for 40 years) and birds like the peregrine falcon, goshawks and sacred kingfishes, but it also is offering cycling and walking facilities in an area that exhibits poor connectivity and accessibility for active transport.

As our own General Manager has stated: ‘The vision for Green Way is to create a recognizable environmental, cultural and non-motorised transport corridor linking the sub-catchments of the Cooks River and the Parramatta River.’

Once it is finished it offers much to Canterbury residents whether as a cheap and healthy transport to work or for a family cycling outing. The Cooks River in Dulwich Hill will be linked to Iron Cove in Haberfield by a corridor that has walking and cycling, light rail, bush regeneration and fauna habitat.

This motion has no cost implications for Council. Rather it is formalizing our support for the project to strengthen its negotiating position for future petitions to State and Federal Government.