

Path to further reconciliation

CANTERBURY Aboriginal Advisory Group and the Cooks River Valley Association have partnered to develop the Two Valley Trail Reconciliation Walk.

The inaugural event will be held on Sunday, geared towards furthering the journey of reconciliation by fostering dialogue and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of the community, both of whom are invited to get involved.

Elder of the Canterbury Aboriginal Advisory Group, Joan Tranter said the walk was an opportunity to acknowledge the Indigenous people now living in the Cooks River community, as well as the heritage left by the traditional owners and custodians of the land.

"For thousands of years, Aboriginal people have been caring for the waterways and land of what is now the Cooks River Valley," Ms Tranter said.

"These days, the area is home to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who trace their heritage from a number of different nations, as well as people who come from just about every country in the world.

"The Two Valley Trail Reconciliation Walk is an opportunity for Indigenous people and other members of the community to come together and celebrate the natural environment along the Cooks River and the Wollie Creek."

The Two Valley Trail is a walking trail through park and bushland adjoining the Cooks River and Wollie Creek. Participants will meet at Gough Whitlam Reserve in Tempe around 11.30am. Pre-registration is required.

Walkers will return to the starting point around 12.30pm, when an Acknowledgment of Country will be delivered by Ms Tranter, followed by a free community barbecue lunch, which will wrap up around 1pm.

Transport provisions can be arranged for the elderly or disabled by calling 9789 9472. For general enquiries, call 0414 910 816. People interested in registering for the walk should do so via crva.org.au.



Cooks River Valley Association's Peter Munro and Canterbury's Aboriginal Advisory Group's Joan Tranter with Canterbury's Deputy Mayor Bill Kritharas and Cr Linda Eisler, discuss plans for the Two Valley Trail Reconciliation Walk.

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Breakthrough

A MARRICKVILLE man was one of three charged on Monday in relation to armed robberies at licensed premises across Sydney.

Officers attached to Strike Force Lanford, swooped on the Silver Street premises of Laurence Glover, where they allegedly located a crowbar and clothing believed to be used in the armed robberies.

The 24-year-old was arrested at a home on Gardeners Road in Kingsford, where police said they found cash, mobile phones, prescription drugs and a stolen Mercedes Benz.

Glover was charged with six

counts of armed robbery with a dangerous weapon and attempted armed robbery.

He appeared before Waverley Local Court on Tuesday and was refused bail, with his next hearing on November 1 at Central Local Court.

Officers also searched the Pitt Street, Waterloo, residence of Nathan Stuart and allegedly found a large sum of cash, a key to a stolen Mercedes Benz, clothing and gloves. The 27-year-old was arrested.

Police said a search of the Dacre Street, Malabar, home of Kane Hoskin located a silver re-

volver, clothing drugs and cash. The 22-year-old was arrested at a home on Moorina Street in Murrumbidgee, where police allegedly found a large sum of cash.

Charged with multiple offences, Stuart and Hoskin also appeared on Tuesday to have their hearing adjourned and bail refused.

Strike Force Lanford was established in March, for the purpose of investigating a number of armed robbery offences at licensed premises in the Sydney metropolitan area.

Robbery and Serious Crime Squad detectives are continuing their investigations.