



## GreenWay Planting Plan Summary

The GreenWay is an environmental and active travel corridor linking the Cooks River to Iron Cove. Council has engaged a building contractor (Gartner Rose) to complete the missing links in the GreenWay corridor and implement the GreenWay Masterplan.

We are completing this project in stages and delivering beautiful parks and natural areas, sporting facilities and public artworks along the corridor. The draft design plan and more information about the GreenWay can be found here: [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/greenway](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/greenway).

### Planting and biodiversity along the GreenWay

The completed Greenway will improve the net biodiversity for the Inner West community through highly diverse planting and inclusion of a variety of endemic species of different heights and types. This habitat creation will also provide privacy and security for adjacent residents.

### Planting for biodiversity

Ecological restoration areas will be assessed prior to replanting to establish the extent of the planting works on site. The condition of the existing planting will be assessed in consultation between Council and the contractor, and with input from local bushcare volunteers through Council's Urban Ecology team.

Areas where vegetation is in good condition, will be augmented with additional planting to improve species diversity and vegetation community structure. Reconstruction of native vegetation will be undertaken in degraded areas that are unlikely to be successfully regenerated or rehabilitated. This would apply where existing areas or those impacted by the works have significant weed cover, poor native seed banks, low species diversity and poor to non-existent vegetation community structure.

Council's Urban Ecology team is working in close consultation with the contractor in protecting all Threatened Species habitats and Natural Areas, such as the Hercules Street Parkland creek line. These areas will receive a staged environmentally sensitive approach. Council is committed to the strategic directions, outcomes, and strategies in the Inner West Community Strategic Plan 'Our Inner West 2036' for an ecologically sustainable Inner West.

As per Inner West Council's specification, all planting and establishment of natural areas (ecological restoration and native planting) will be undertaken by a contractor who is a current member of the Australian Association of Bush Regenerators (AABR) and must be supervised by a supervisor with minimum certification in Natural Areas Restoration Australian Qualifications Framework Level 3 and three years on-ground and/or supervisory experience.

Planting mixes have been identified and include suitability for:

- Sydney Turpentine–Ironbark Forest ecological restoration
- Sydney Sandstone Forest and Woodland ecological restoration
- Full sun and light shade (trees, shrubs, and groundcover)
- Tree understorey, part shade tolerant
- Wetlands and biofiltration
- Swale
- Bush food trees, shrubs, and ground cover

Planting mixes promote diverse habitat creations, such as thick shrubs for smaller native birds and trees for protected fauna.

Planting consists of 133 species and subspecies:

- Tree species for ecological restoration: 25
- Ground cover and shrubs: 89
- Wetlands: 12
- Swale: 7

Examples include:

- Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest trees: Sydney Green Wattle, White Feather Honey Myrtle, Cheese Tree, Grey Ironbark
- Sydney Sandstone Forest and Woodland trees: Coast Myall, Sydney Peppermint, Scribbly Gum, Coastal Banksia
- Ground cover and shrubs: Flax-leaf Heath Myrtle, Native Violet, Prickly-leaved Paperbark, Kangaroo Grass
- Wetlands: Club Rush, Blue Tussock Grass, Upright Water-minifoil
- Swale: Coast Flats Edge, Swamp Club-Sedge, Blady Grass

## **Planting for privacy**

In areas where the GreenWay missing links path aligns close to residential homes, additional planting for privacy screening will be undertaken. Endemic species with great screening qualities will be used to give residents additional privacy. Dense bushes and shrubs will provide added security. Mature trees will provide shade and a green outlook.

Examples include:

Ironbark, Turpentine, Sickle-leaf Wattle, Sydney Golden Wattle, Tick Bush

## **Planting for active transport and recreation**

Ornamental plant species will sit closer to the path and rest stops, without obstructing them, to provide a tidy look and allow regular maintenance access. Other native plant species to promote biodiversity, ecological restoration and habitat creation will be planted further away from the path to allow for thicker growth. Trees will be retained as indicated and an excess of trees will be planted to provide shade and privacy.

Examples include:

Flax Lily, Wallaby Grass, Iris, Fan Flower

## **Planting timings**

Restoration plantings cannot be completed when construction is underway, as construction works could damage freshly planted trees and vegetation. Therefore, replanting will take place towards to end of the construction timeline for each site along the GreenWay. The indicative timeframe for replanting in the current construction program is late 2024 to early 2025.

## **Planting maintenance after completion of the GreenWay missing links**

Maintenance is an ongoing Council priority. The Greenway will be maintained by Council or their contractors, with the support of local volunteers in appropriate areas. Council staff will inform and guide maintenance teams to offer maximum protection for native flora and fauna along the GreenWay, including in the local streets that are part of the GreenWay.

## Keep up to date

Council will communicate any future project developments with the community via newsletters to adjacent residents and on the GreenWay webpage. [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/greenway](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/greenway). Search for 'Greenway Construction Updates'.

Anyone interested in the GreenWay can subscribe to the digital newsletter here: [www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/news/subscribe-to-our-newsletters](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/news/subscribe-to-our-newsletters)