

Greenways Committee Chair's report

Mowing

On 3 March, I used the Snap, Send, Solve app to report overgrown vegetation on Greenway 2.

On 9 March I met Jason Robinson, Council's Program Coordinator, Open Spaces, and showed him the greenways that needed to be mowed/slashed. Within a week, Greenway 2 had been mowed, as well as the western section of Greenway 6 where the greenway has a very wide, grassy area.

Working bee

On 27 March, the Greenways Renewal Working Group (GRoW) helped me organize a working bee on Greenway 6. The aims of the working bee were:

- to find a bypass to a badly eroded section of track that is now just a narrow ledge that is too dangerous to use,
- to erect Danger signs on either side of this narrow ledge, and
- to slow down the erosion where possible.

Eight volunteers attended. Council provided me with corflutes and star pickets so that we could erect Danger signs on either side of the erosion. We erected some low barriers across the path on the eastern side of the ledge to slow water running down the path. (This is not the main problem, but it may help prevent the next section of track from falling into the gully.)

We found a viable alternative route around the eroded section, starting at the recently mowed wide, grassy area, then following the north side of the gully to a point where walkers can go down a steep, narrow incline into the gully and up the other side. The latter part of the route is only suitable for walkers and is only a temporary solution. We whipper-snipped the route and marked it with arrows.

The next action here will be to find and cost various solutions to fix the erosion and protect it from major rain events.

Dogs on leashes

I was approached at the May Wamboin market with a request to put signs on greenways to show that dogs had to be kept on leashes while being walked on the greenways. Rather than producing and erecting more signs, I wrote an article for the June Wamboin Whisper, and the Greenways pages on the Bywong and Wamboin Community Associations websites have been updated by Nora Stewart and Pete Harrison respectively.

Greenway numbering

I suggest that greenways with multiple segments be labelled with the greenway number followed by a letter. For example, Greenway 6 has 3 straight(ish) lines, so label them 6a, 6b and 6c. On the map, the sequence of labelling should be from left to right and top to bottom.

Yless4U

Yless4U wants to put a telecommunications tower on Millpost Hill on Greenway 4. If approved, this would be about 70m from the top of the hill at the northern boundary of the reserve. Vehicle access would be required at least once every 6 months. Their current plan is to have an unsealed access road on the greenway from Hogan Drive (I will call this section 4a). This is a fairly steep slope (average gradient 1:10) so erosion may be an issue.

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