

A topographic map of the Great West region in New South Wales, Australia. The map shows the Blue Mountains National Park to the west and the Sydney metropolitan area to the east. A red line traces a route from the Blue Mountains, through the Nepean River valley, across the Blue Mountains Highway, and into the Sydney Parklands. The route is labeled with various road numbers like A9, A2, M4, and M7. Major towns and suburbs shown include Richmond, Yarramundi, Cranebrook, Blaxland, and the Sydney Parklands. The title 'The Great West Walk' is overlaid in large black text.

The Great West Walk

Idea to Implementation



Cumberland Plain

Walking the Cumberland Plain for tens of thousands of Years

The Saltwater people and the freshwater people

Following the water, rivers and creeks

Walking the norm

Then came the Europeans

Then horses, carts, roads, highways, rail

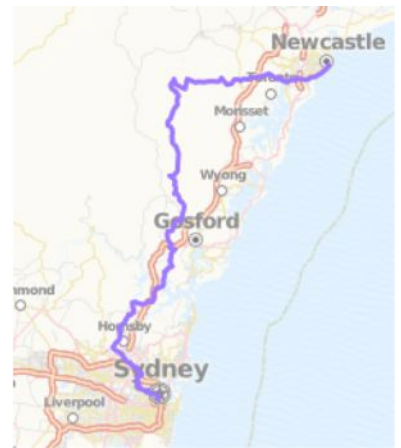
Development spreading west across the plain

Walking no longer the norm



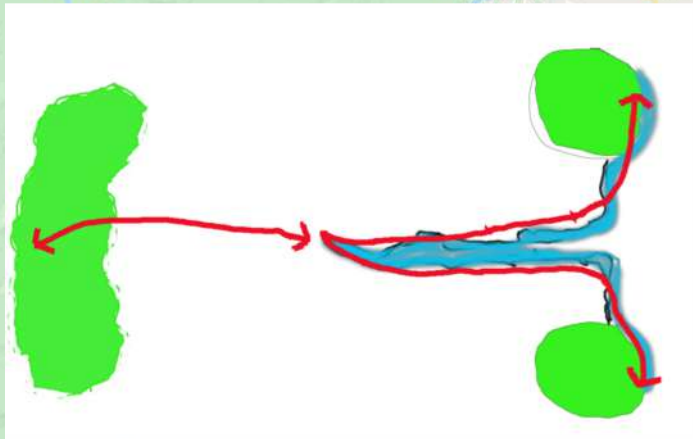
The Power of an Idea

- Great North Walk – Leigh Shearer-Heriot
- Federation Track – Bill Avery



The Power of an Idea 2

- North Sydney Circle – Bill Orme
- The Walking Volunteers
- The Coast and Harbour Walk
- Go West



The Power of an Idea 3

The Green Grid

Although Sydney has many green and water enriched spaces, what is missing– is an overarching schema that approaches them in a connected way, ensuring that their contribution to our quality of life, the environment and the economy are maximised, rendering a working-whole that is far greater than the sum of its parts.

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Connecting the green





Parramatta River



Toongabbie Creek



Sue Savage Reserve

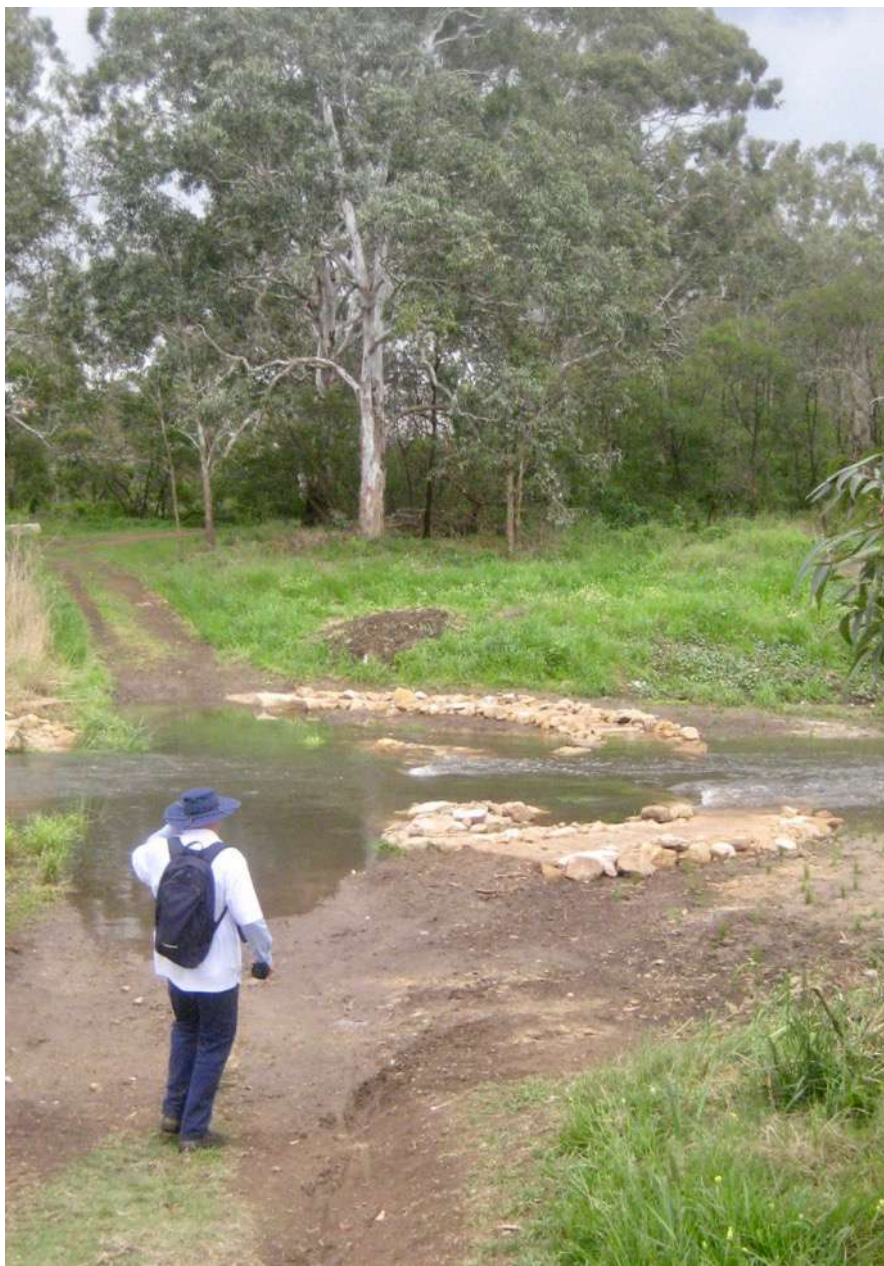
FLOOD RISK

Toongabbie Creek and surrounding streams are subject to flash flooding. Waters may rise quickly and without warning.

Waters may rise even if no rain is falling in this area. Familiarise yourself with flood evacuation routes before crossing the creeks.

DO NOT GET CAUGHT ON THE OTHER SIDE





New stepping stone crossing, Toongabbie Creek – impassable with even minor flooding



The GWW symbol in Blacktown



Tree planting for shade



Western Sydney Parklands





Accommodation?



The Rooty Hill - surveying our route to the mountains



Government Stock Farm Rooty Hill



M7 shared path



Dr Charles McKay Reserve



Great Western Highway



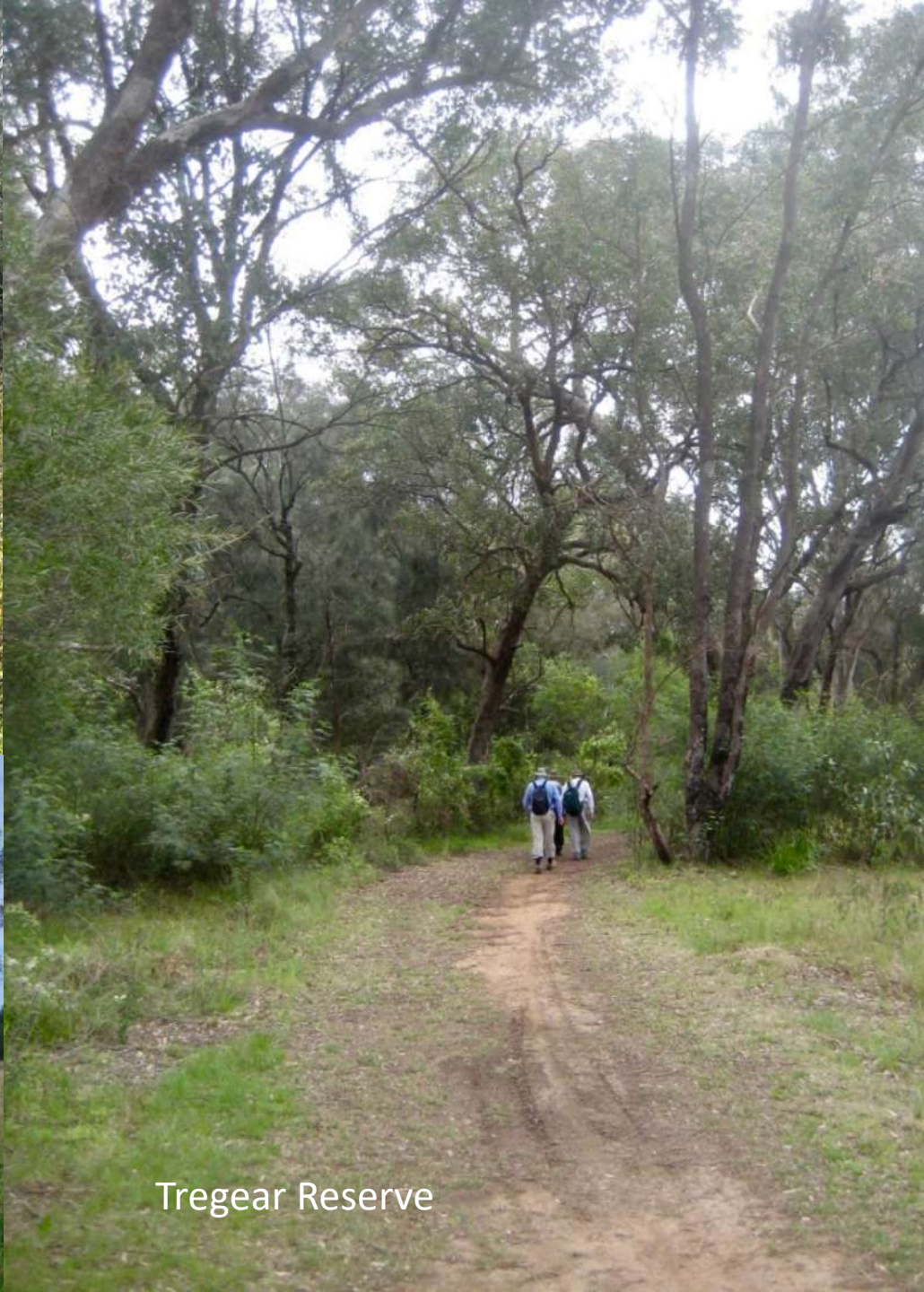
Ropes Creek



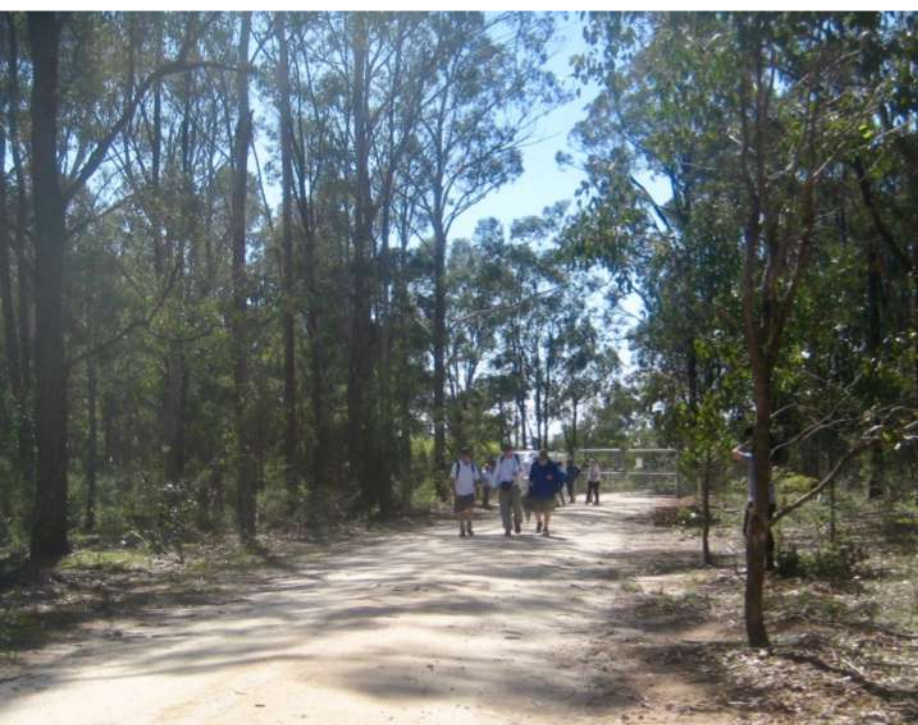
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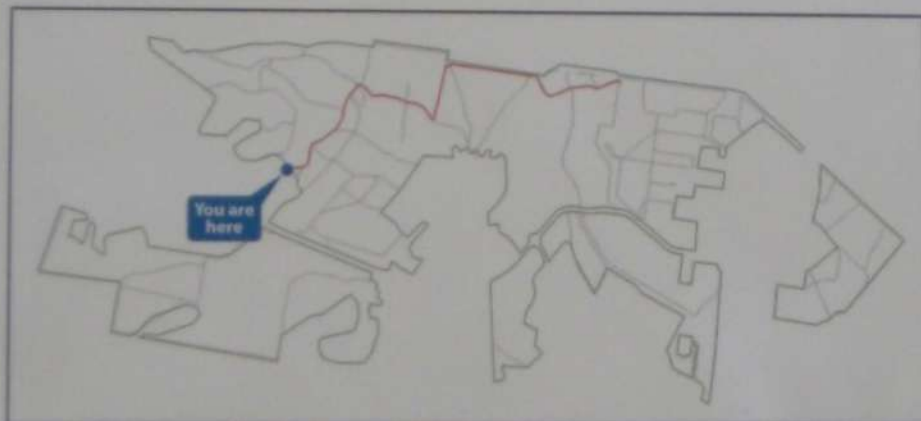
Wianamatta Regional Park

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To continue the Great West Walk
please follow directions for

Luxfords Trail  →
through this park



The Great West Walk is a walking route from Parramatta to Katoomba and was developed by The Walking Volunteers Inc. in collaboration with NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, Blacktown City Council, Penrith City Council, City of Parramatta Council and the Western Sydney Parklands Trust.



Great West Walk





Cranebrook estate





Missing links at Penrith Lakes



The Great River Walk



Yandhai Crossing, gateway to the mountains



We made it!

A walkable city

- The UK 'countryside'
- Right to roam
- Australia – National Parks
- Non-roamable 'countryside'
- In many ways Sydney more walkable
- Claim to most walkable of world cities



For information on the Great West Walk
greatwestwalk.com.au

.....and for the full walking network
walkingvolunteers.org.au

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