

# Western Sydney cycleways network

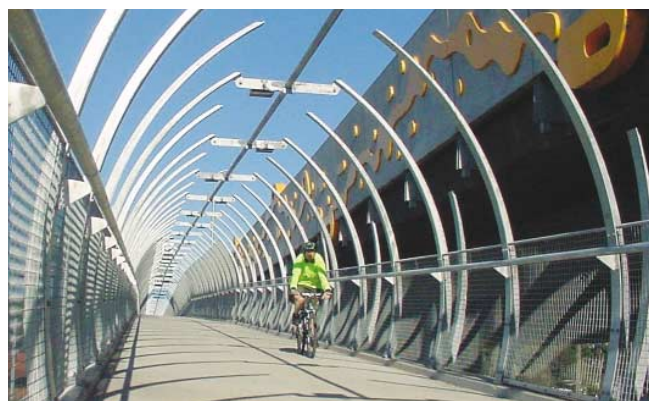
Under the bicycle strategy *Action for bikes – BikePlan 2010* the NSW Government has committed \$251 million to create, on average, 200km of cycleways across NSW per year.

All new RTA major road projects will have provision for bicycles, with off-road cycleways created wherever possible. By 2010 in metropolitan Sydney alone, 420km of major off-road cycleways and 214km of major links on residential streets will be built.

The State Government's aim is to ensure that cycling is a viable form of transport as well as a recreation that many people of all ages can enjoy. This is already being achieved through accessible, safe cycling networks across NSW and by promoting the many benefits of cycling to individuals and the community.

The Western Sydney cycleways network will be linked to important destinations including employment and education centres, retail areas and recreational venues. Innovative solutions are being used to overcome problems such as the space needed for cycleway connections. These include cycleways in rail corridors and alternative use of current assets.

Below and right: The Western Sydney network development revives historic routes as well as creating new ones. Examples are the new bridge built over James Ruse Drive and the 19th Century Sydney Water aqueduct at Greystanes, both important links.



## Network links in Western Sydney:

- Major employment centres such as Parramatta, Liverpool and Wetherill Park.
- University of Western Sydney.
- Retail and food centre, Cabramatta, along the Parramatta-Liverpool Rail Trail.
- Recreational areas of Parramatta Park, Western Sydney Regional Park including Fairfield City Farm, Prospect Reservoir, Mirrambeena Regional Park and the Duck River corridor.
- Sydney Olympic Park.

## Key features of the off-road cycleways:

- Wide, shared concrete path.
- Landscaping along cycleways.
- Information signs along the route.
- Bicycle parking and storage at some railway stations.
- Bicycle parking at transitway station.



The RTA has more comprehensive, free maps. Please phone **1800 06 06 07** to obtain copies.

## Places of interest

Cyclists along the Western Sydney network can visit sites with interesting historical or environmental features. These places are marked on the map overleaf.

- 1 **Fairfield City Farm** – a 40 hectare working farm.
- 2 **Restoring the Waters program** – conversion of 2.7km of concrete-lined channel into a natural stream. Stage 1 – 550m between Edensor Road and Brisbane Road.
- 3 **Lansdowne Bridge** – opened on Australia Day 1836. Designed and constructed by stonemason David Lennox. A team of convicts made the bridge from stone quarried at the Georges River.
- 4 **Greystanes Aqueduct** – built during the 1880s to transport water to farms and houses in Holroyd from Prospect Reservoir. It is 225m long with 22 arches and now forms part of the cycleway along the disused Sydney Water Canal.
- 5 **Linnwood House, Byron Street Guildford** – designed and built by George McCreadie in 1891 in a Victorian Italianate style, the house was placed on the NSW Heritage register in 2002.
- 6 **Warali Wali Project** along Prospect Creek Cycleway is an Aboriginal history trail initiated to explore the significance of the environment to the local Darug Aboriginal Tribe through a series of interpretive artworks and markers.
- 7 **Prospect Reservoir** – when completed in 1888, this earth-clay core embankment was the largest dam in Australia. Although no longer the main dam in the water system, the reservoir continues to supply Sydney with water. Extensive picnic facilities at the reservoir are ideal for a great family outing.

## Good reasons to cycle or walk

Cycleways provide major benefits for local communities because:

- It's easier and more convenient to go to work, school, university, parks or other recreational venues.
- Local infrastructure is improved by high-quality shared paths.
- There are more opportunities for healthy leisure and for alternative transport.
- Dedicated cycling and pedestrian corridors are safer.

## Benefits for cyclists

- More opportunities to cycle as an alternative form of transport.
- Better safety through off-road cycle facilities.
- Improved access to employment, education and recreational facilities.
- Improved security for bicycles and belongings with parking and storage facilities at selected locations.
- Young children are able to gain cycling skills in a safe environment.

## Benefits for pedestrians

- Opportunities to walk as an alternative form of transport for short journeys.
- Better pedestrian safety.
- Better access to major recreational facilities.
- Better access to public transport links.



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## CYCLING FACILITIES

-  Off-road
-  shared use paths
-  On-road riding environment
-  Bike Lockers

## PUBLIC UTILITIES

-  Hospital
-  Police Station
-  School
-  Take
-  Major shopping centre
-  Railway



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