What we do

WCPS members and community volunteers are involved in a wide range of activities, some very practical and hands on. These include:
- bushland restoration
- interpretive bush walks and kayak trips
- bird surveys
- Grey-headed Flying-fox counts
- school and community environmental education
- festivals, talks and public events
- publications including WCPS newsletter Wolli Creek Update

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About the Wolli Creek Valley

Wolli Creek is a major tributary of the Cooks River. Rising in Narwee, it flows east to join the Cooks River at Tempe. Between Bexley North and Undercliffe, the creek flows for four kilometres through a beautiful sandstone valley and contains the largest remnant bushland area in inner south-west Sydney.

The valley is a valuable biodiversity corridor. It contains an outstanding array of natural environments; mangroves, heathland, eucalypt forests, wetlands, striking cliff lines and even rainforest species uncommon in Sydney. Around 80 species of birds have been noted each year in the valley and other fauna to be found include many reptiles and a camp of Grey-headed Flying-foxes.

History of Wolli Creek Valley

For thousands of years the Wolli Creek Valley was home to the traditional owners, the Bidjigal clan of the Eora people.

With European occupation came activities such as timber-getting, small farms and market gardens. Rare remnants of these pioneer activities can still be found in the valley.

Difficulty of access and flooding meant that the valley avoided major residential or commercial development until the arrival of the tram along Homer Street and later the railway along the valley in 1932. After 1949, the valley’s bushland was largely within a road reservation (M5 east corridor) which prevented further development.

In 1998, after years of community opposition to the motorway, the government decided to lift the road reservation, construct the motorway in a tunnel and promised that the Wolli Creek Valley would become a Regional Park, under National Parks and Wildlife Service management.

Wolli Creek Preservation Society

The Wolli Creek Preservation Society is a not-for-profit, voluntary organisation formed in 1984 to prevent the construction of a motorway through the valley and to preserve the valley as a bushland reserve.

WCPS aims to ensure the preservation and restoration of the natural and cultural heritage of the Wolli Creek Valley, its tributaries and associated corridors and their ecological communities. Through activities such as bush regeneration, walks and schools’ programs, WCPS members play an important role in improving the natural environment of the valley and adjacent catchment areas and raising awareness of the valley within the local community.

WCPS works closely with the community, local councils, government agencies and other environmental groups to achieve its goals.

Access to the Valley

The Wolli Valley’s bushland begins eight kilometres by rail from Central. It is very close to Canterbury, Marrickville, Rockdale and Hurstville council areas and easily accessible by public transport.

Membership form

Surname:

Given name:

Phone No(s):

Address:

Electorate:

State:

Email:

Tick here if you do NOT wish to receive our Update newsletter and other correspondence by email

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Renewal

Family – $15/year

Concession - $7/year

Individual – $10/year

Group – $30/year

1 year

2 years

3 years

Donation:

General WCPS activities

Restore Wolli Fund*

Total $

Cheque payable to: Wolli Creek Preservation Society, posted to PO Box 270 Earlwood, 2206

OR

Direct deposit: WCPS Inc, BSB 032 067 (Westpac), A/C No. 288295. Please include your surname as payee identification and send an email with payment date/details to membership@wollicreek.org.au

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