

The Great Kai'mia Way vision

is over two hundred kilometres of sustainable walking tracks and cycleways which link Botany Bay, the Woronora valley, large parts of southern and western Sydney, and the Illawarra Escarpment.

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The Great Kai'mia Way vision arose from a community concern for the Georges and Woronora Rivers and Botany Bay. Parts of these river systems are under great environmental stress. The Georges River is one of the most urbanised rivers in Australia with over 1.5 million people living in its catchment.

A PlanningNSW environmental study concluded improved and managed pedestrian access along the Georges River and its tributaries would have many advantages for the river and the community, including:

- Greater community awareness of river and catchment issues
- Improvement in the natural environment of foreshore areas
- Enhanced recreational opportunities and improved public foreshore access
- Opportunities to learn about region's rich Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage
- Promotion of cooperation between the community, industry, environmental groups and all levels of government



The Sutherland Shire Environment Centre is an independent not-for-profit association. It works in partnership with community, business and government to help create a productive, healthy society in a sustainable environment.

The Georges River Environmental Alliance is a network of local community groups within the Georges River catchment. Its prime objective is to encourage protection of the catchment, its biodiversity, and to improve river water quality.

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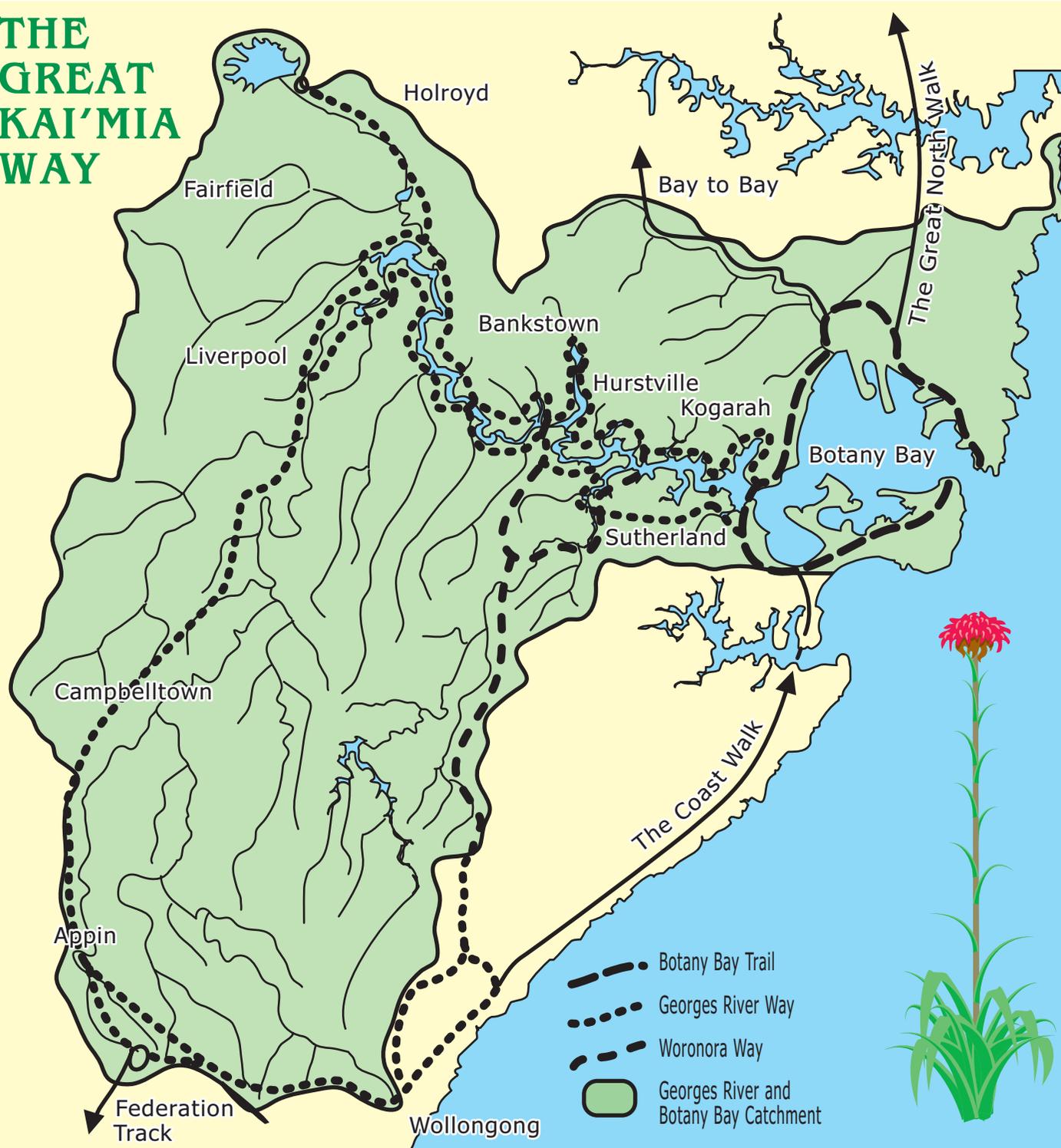


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Kai'mia - The Gymea Lily



Kai'mia is the Aboriginal Dreaming story of the Dharawal People - a tale of youthful rebellion and caring for country.

Developing the Kai'mia Way Vision

In August 2002, the Sutherland Shire Environment Centre and Georges River Environmental Alliance obtained funding from PlanningNSW's Georges River Foreshores Improvement Program to conduct feasibility studies for creating the Great Kai'mia Way through the Georges and Woronora River catchments.

Stage one of the project is to plot suitable route options along the Georges and Woronora Rivers, including their tributaries, for walking tracks, cycleways, and even water transport. Key objectives are to maximise the use of existing tracks, avoid environmentally sensitive areas, and to work together with local communities to include their knowledge and requirements in the plan.

If you want to become involved in the Great Kai'mia Way or want more information, please contact the project coordinators. Your ideas, concerns and energy will be greatly appreciated.

