

Weeds cause for dismay



Sorry state . . . John Harkin at the edge of the weed-infested South Creek

WHEN John Harkin looks at some of the worst areas of weed-infested South Creek, he shakes his head in dismay.

Years of neglect and the legacy of fertilisers, lawn and garden clippings have taken their toll on the creek.

"It's one of those spots that I look at and shake my head and wonder if there is anything we can do about it," he said.

Mr Harkin is project officer of an

ambitious new local program aimed at restoring and regenerating a corridor for native vegetation and wildlife, linking Dee Why and Narrabeen lagoons.

The "Greenlink" project has two years' funding from the Federal Government's National Heritage Trust.

"While there is serious weed infestation, some very valuable bushland remains," Mr Harkin said. "All of it is potentially good

habitat for local birds, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates."

The Greenlink area takes in Dee Why Lagoon, Long Reef Headland and Narrabeen Lagoon, offering great potential for a viable wildlife corridor.

Volunteers are needed for two field trips planned for Saturday at Long Reef Headland from 8.45am, and Dee Why Wetlands from 10am. More details on 9970 8402.

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