

APPENDIX 1: OVERVIEW OF THE GRCCC



THE GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS' COMMITTEE INC

ABN: 182 467 92704

INCORPORATING

Bankstown City Council; Campbelltown City Council; Fairfield City Council;
Hurstville City Council; Kogarah City Council; Liverpool City Council;
Rockdale City Council; Sutherland Shire Council; Wollondilly Shire Council

President: Councillor Lesa de Leau

VISION OF THE GRCCC

Our vision for the Georges River is a balanced ecosystem that an engaged community can enjoy.

MISSION OF THE GRCCC

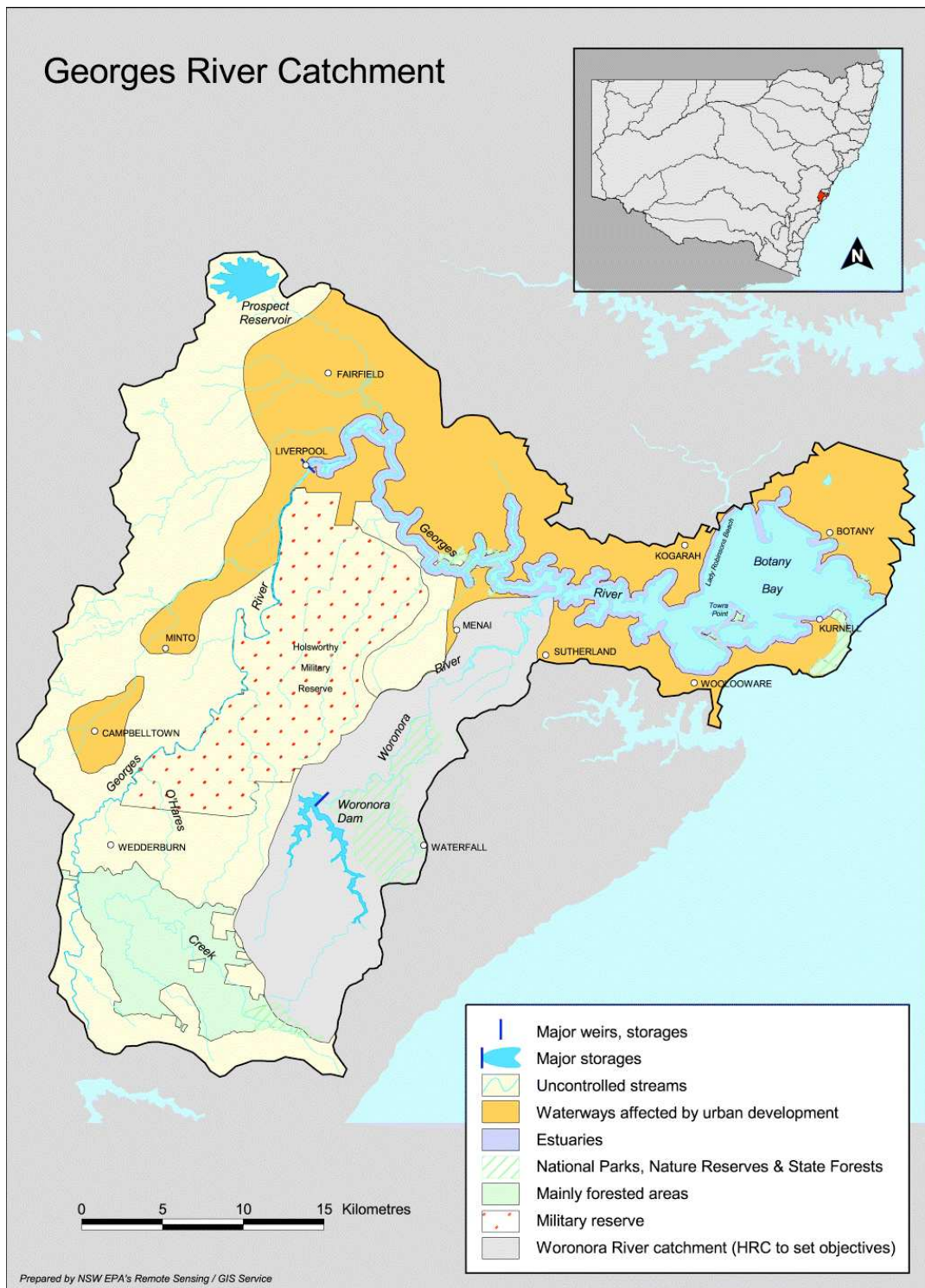
To advocate by developing programs and partnerships, and to lobby government organisations and other stakeholders to protect, conserve and enhance the Georges River.

OBJECTIVES OF THE GRCCC

- To lobby for environmental improvements along the River and its catchment.
- To liaise with stakeholders throughout the catchment on environmental issues affecting the River.
- To coordinate the Riverkeeper Program, a Program which assists rehabilitation of the Georges River through education and undertakes projects to improve the quality of the River.
- To promote the River and its values.
- To encourage all Local Government Councils in the Georges River catchment to recognise their responsibility to contribute to the enhancement of the environmental, recreational and social values of the River.



APPENDIX 2: LOCATION OF THE GEORGES RIVER CATCHMENT



APPENDIX 3: LOCATION OF GRCCC MEMBER COUNCILS WITHIN GEORGES RIVER CATCHMENT



Source: NSW Department of Planning



APPENDIX 4: MEETINGS ATTENDED BY SIMON ANNABEL, GEORGES RIVERKEEPER

04/07/08	The Georges Riverkeeper attended the GRCCC web site cluster meeting at Revesby. The tender document was finalised for sending out to prospective consultants.
14/08/08	Met with representatives from Corrective Services NSW to discuss the upcoming changes in the periodic detention system and the trial projects that would be undertaken. A second Stage II team will be started to support the Mid Georges River sustainability initiative.
20/08/08	Participated in a marine educational day organised by the Georges River BSO for a local high school on the GRCCC and Riverkeeper program.
20/08/08	Took representatives from Sutherland Shire Council out on the river to investigate two potential illegal developments.
22/08/08	Attended a web site cluster meeting to meet with three prospective contractors.
01-04/09/08	Attended the River Symposium in Brisbane.
05/09/08	Gave an educational day to Willoughby Public School
09/09/08	Attended fire fighting training at San Souci.
06/09/08	Gave a presentation to Carss Park Historical Society on the Riverkeeper program.
11/09/08	Attended a meeting with representatives from Corrective Services and the Mid Georges River Sustainability Project Manager.
12/09/08	Attended a meeting with representatives from Campbelltown Community Services to discuss the establishment of the SMART teams.
16/09/08	Gave a presentation to the Bankstown Historical Society on the Riverkeeper program.
17/09/08	Gave a presentation to the Kingsgrove Probus Club on the Riverkeeper program.
19/09/08	Attended a meeting at Parramatta Correctional Centre to discuss the establishment of a second nursery.
21/09/08	Attended the Lugarno Festival.
23/09/08	Took members from the Miss Earth pageant to Towra Point as a clean up campaign.
24-25/09/08	Attended CALM training.
02/10/08	Gave a presentation to Sylvania Probus Club on the Riverkeeper program.
21/10/08	Gave a presentation to Helensburgh View Club on the Riverkeeper program.
23/10/08	Attended the GRCCC meeting.
27/10/08	Gave a presentation to St George Probus Club on the Riverkeeper program.
05/11/08	Took representatives from Oceanwatch to audit grant project sites on the on the Georges River.
06/11/08	Attended a meeting to discuss the Riverkeeper Website with the newly appointed contractors Blue Arc.



- 07/11/08 Took representatives from Correctional Services to inspect project sites on the on the Georges River.
- 10/11/08 Attended a meeting to discuss the Woronora commuter with representatives of Sutherland Shire Council and the local wharf users.
- 11/11/08 Attended a workshop on marine habitat mapping organised by the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority.
- 12/11/08 Attended a meeting to discuss Yeramba Lagoon project with the Mid Georges River Sustainability project steering committee.
- 13/11/08 Took representatives from the Upper Georges River sustainability project for an inspection of the Upper River above Liverpool weir
- 14/11/08 Attended a meeting to discuss the Bass and Flinders pollution issue.
- 14/11/08 Participated in sediment sampling for the upper section of the Georges River
- 17/11/08 Interviewed a witness in relationship to the Bass and Flinders pollution issue.
- 18/11/08 Gave a presentation to Kogarah Probus Club on the Riverkeeper program.
- 20/11/08 Assisted the Port Hacking Riverkeeper with the removal of dumped rubbish from the Port Hacking.
- 21/11/08 Attended a meeting to discuss the Riverkeeper project officers 3 month review with representatives from Liverpool Council.
- 25/11/08 Assisted with a safe boating seminar at Leumeah High School.
- 27/11/08 Gave a presentation to St George Probus Club on the Riverkeeper program.
- 28/11/08 Participated in sediment sampling for the mid section of the Georges River.
- 04/12/08 Attended the GRCCC meeting at Hurstville.
- 05/12/08 Took approximately 40 members of Bain Corporation to Towra Point as a corporate day activity. This involved planting native plants and collecting rubbish.
- 11/12/08 Attended a site meeting with representatives from Department of lands to discuss the positioning of the new river protection fence at Appin.
- 11/12/08 Attended a meeting with representatives from Department Correctional Services, Campbelltown Community Services to discuss the project teams structure for 2009.
- 18/12/08 Attended a site meeting with representatives from Department Correctional Services to do a site assessment for the Wollongong Girls team to work in Appin Kennedy Creek in 2009.
- 01/02/09 Participated in a river health assessment program with NSW Fisheries Department and a local community group at Kentlyn.
- 04/02/09 Participated in a meeting to discuss the regular assistance from the Riverkeeper to remove collected debris from the Port Hacking.
- 05/02/09 Participated in a strategic planning meeting to determine an operational management plan for the Woronora River to deal with issues of speeding and supa skua's following numerous complaints over the Christmas break.



- 06/02/09 Took members from Sutherland Council out to perform site inspections.
- 06/02/09 Attended a meeting with the web site contractors Blue Arc to discuss some of the design issues for the Georges River Combined Councils web site.
- 10/02/09 Gave a presentation to IBM on the Riverkeeper program.
- 25/02/09 Attended a meeting with the Catchment Management Authority to discuss the Kurnell Peninsular 20/20 program and the Riverkeeper program's involvement.
- 25/02/09 Attended a meeting at Kent St to discuss the management plan for the Georges River.
- 25/02/09 Attended a meeting with Telstra to discuss planting 4,900 plants for them as part of their carbon offset program.
- 25/02/09 Attended a meeting with the GRCCC Ecosystems Cluster to workshop Water Sensitive Urban Design strategies.
- 25/02/09 Attended the bi-monthly GRCCC meeting.
- 26/02/09 Hosted a Catchment Management Marine Pest training session at the Riverkeeper Centre at Revesby.
- 05/03/09 Participated in a training session on the new Marine Safety Act.
- 06/03/09 Participated in a training session on the use of small cranes.
- 12/03/09 Took a member from Integral Energy to investigate powerlines crossings on the Georges River in the Chipping Norton Lakes area.
- 17/03/09 Gave a presentation to the Bankstown Historical Society on the Riverkeeper program.
- 19/03/09 Attended a meeting at Rabual Rd boat ramp to discuss the potential pontoon for the adjoining property.
- 20/03/09 Attended a GRCCC executive meeting at Liverpool Council.
- 24/03/09 Attended a meeting at Telstra to discuss the donation of plants to the Riverkeeper program for World Environment Day and the potential for Telstra to become involved in the Great Kai'mia way project.
- 26/03/09 Attended a meeting at Padstow with the project managers for both the Mid and Upper Georges River Sustainability Grant Projects to discuss the structure of the SMART team models.
- 27/03/09 Attended a presentation at the Selleys company in Bankstown and gave a short talk on the Riverkeeper program and was photographed with Ian Kiernan, The Deputy Mayor of Bankstown and the General Manager of Selleys which appeared in the local paper.
- 02/04/09 Gave a presentation to the St George Sports Fishing Club on the Riverkeeper program.
- 03/04/09 Participated in a school education day with the Sutherland Shire Christian School.
- 07/04/09 Participated in the official launch of the Riverkeeper punt.
- 8/04/09 Gave a presentation to the Gynea Probus on the Riverkeeper program.
- 30/04/09 Attended the GRCCC meeting.
- 01/05/09 Gave a presentation to the Peakhurst Garden Club on the Riverkeeper program.



- 07/05/09 Gave a presentation to the Sylvania Probus on the Riverkeeper program.
- 08/05/09 Attended the annual Boating Services Officer conference.
- 17/05/09 Participated in the Ocean Watch and National Parks Fishing gear clean up day at Towra Point.
- 18/05/09 Participated in a presentation training course.
- 22/05/09 Met with representatives of the Ocean Watch group to discuss the logistics of implementing a grant to do works on the Georges River.
- 27/05/09 Met with representatives of the 2020 project to discuss the logistics of implementing a grant to do works on the Georges River.
- 28/05/09 Took Fran Rein and Chris Carmichael for a tour of the Woronora to discuss the Safe Boating Management Plan for the area.
- 29/05/09 Met with representatives of a company to discuss the logistics of video monitoring on the Georges River. The company is going to do some further investigation into the technology available and possible development of a proto type system.
- 30/05/09 Attended the GRCCC meeting.
- 04/06/09 Attended the GRCCC website training session at Liverpool Council.
- 05/06/09 Organised a tree planting day for World Environment Day for Telstra at which 10,000 plants were donated from Telstra to be planted along the river.
- 11/06/09 Took representatives from Liverpool Council on a tour of the Upper section of the Georges Rive from Liverpool weir to Glenfield causeway
- 17/06/09 Attended a site induction training session for Bankstown depot.
- 18/06/09 Took representatives from the Lower Georges River Sustainability grant for a tour of the lower section of the River from Saltpan Creek to Cooks River
- 25/06/09 Attended a meeting at Parramatta gaol to discuss their plans for a possible future nursery there.
- 25/06/09 Attended the GRCCC meeting.
- 26/06/09 Took representatives from Sutherland Council on a site inspection on a property at Sandy Point.

NSW MARITIME CAMPAIGNS

- 29-30/11/08 The Georges Riverkeeper participated in a Wash and Distance off campaign.
- 07/12/08 Participated in license and speed campaign.
- 13-14/12/08 Participated in license and speed campaign.
- 20-21/12/08 Participated in lights on campaign.
- 07/12 & 21/12/08 Participated in a late finish PWC campaign at Georges River National Park, Revesby
- 10-11/01/09 Participated in Operation Tow Safe campaign.
- 11/01 & 18/01/09 Participated in a late finish PWC campaign at Georges River National Park, Revesby



- 14/03/09 Participated in a joint police patrol on the Woronora River targeting Squa's.
- 28/03/09 Participated in a local Safety equipment Campaign.
- 10-12/04/09 Participated in the Easter Safety Campaign.
- 28/03/09 Participated in a local Safety equipment Campaign.

NSW MARITIME INVOLVEMENT IN MAJOR/MINOR AQUATIC EVENTS

- 26/12/08 The Georges Riverkeeper participated in the Start of the Sydney to Hobart race in Sydney Harbour.
- 01/01/09 Participated in the New Years Eve celebrations on Sydney Harbour.
- 26/01/09 Participated in the Australia Day celebrations on Sydney Harbour.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

- 12/01/09 The Georges Riverkeeper participated in photographically documenting the predicted highest day time tide in 20 years.
- 01/03/09 Participated in the Clean Up Australia Campaign on the Georges River.
- 02-03/03/09 Participated in a car removal project at Flower Power boat ramp in which 17 cars were removed.



APPENDIX 5: GRANTS/AWARDS/SUBMISSIONS

- Dec 08 GRCCC advised of successful grant application for \$40,000 from Department of Environment and Climate Change towards the next stage of the development of an Estuary Management Plan for the Georges River.
- Dec 08 GRCCC advised of successful grant application for \$210,000 from Australian Government Caring for our Country Community Coast Care grant program for Riverhealth Monitoring Project.
- April 09 First milestone payment of \$125, 974.90 from Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts, Caring for our Country Community Coast Care for GRCCC's Riverhealth Monitoring Project.
- June 09 Second milestone Payment of \$41,991.64 90 from Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts, Caring for our Country Community Coast Care for GRCCC's Riverhealth Monitoring Project.
- June 09 SMCMA awards GRCCC \$30,000 towards administrative costs for 09/10 Financial Year.
- June 09 Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts awards GRCCC \$2300.00 under Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations.

GRANTS APPLIED FOR BUT STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY FUNDING BODIES

- OceanWatch – Caring for our Country – Community Coast Care Grant program partner for restoration work on estuarine environments on the river using the Riverkeeper Program.
- SMCMA – Caring for our Country – Community Coast Care Grants Program partner for Kurnell 2020 program for Riverkeeper to undertake clean up work at project sites.

COMPLETED GRANTS

- OceanWatch 'Tide To Table' Beauty Point project.
- NPWS Plant Production Grant Project.



APPENDIX 6: REPRESENTATION AND MEETINGS

COORDINATING PARTIES

Cooks River Foreshore Working group
Parramatta River Catchment Group
Chipping Norton Lakes Authority
Clean Up Australia
Georges River Environmental Education Centre

REPRESENTATION

Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative Steering Committee – GRCCC Exec Officer
Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative Steering Committee – GRCCC Exec Officer
Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative Project Committee – Georges Riverkeeper
Upper Georges River Sustainability Initiative Committee – GRCCC President
Improving Prospect Creek Urban Sustainability Initiative – GRCCC Exec Officer
Georges River Estuary Management Committee – GRCCC Executive Officer / President / Riverkeeper
Kogarah Council Natural Resources Working Party – GRCCC President
Woronora Catchment Management Panel – Georges Riverkeeper
Cooks River Foreshore Working Group – GRCCC Executive Officer
Liverpool Environment Advisory Panel – Georges Riverkeeper
Botany Bay Coastal Catchment Initiative (BBCCI) – GRCCC Exec Officer / Georges Riverkeeper
Kurnell 2020 Steering Committee – GRCCC Exec Officer / Georges Riverkeeper

CONFERENCE/FORUM ATTENDANCE

River Symposium, Brisbane
Environmental Trust Grant workshops

PUBLIC VOLUNTEER CAMPAIGNS

- Clean Up Australia Day

FESTIVAL ATTENDANCE

- Oatley Festival – Hurstville City Council
- Lugarno Lions festival - Hurstville City Council
- Riverfest - Campbelltown City Council



MEETINGS OF THE GRCCC

Meetings of the GRCCC were held bi-monthly with the location rotating between each member Council. During 2008/09 meetings were held on the following dates:

August 28, 2008 – Rockdale City Council
 October 23, 2008 – Ordinary Meeting and AGM -Sutherland Shire Council
 December 4, 2008 – Hurstville City Council
 February 26, 2008 – Kogarah City Council
 April 30, 2009 – Campbelltown City Council
 June 25, 2009 – Liverpool City Council

MEMBER COUNCILS WERE REPRESENTED AT THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

Council	8/08	10/08	12/08	2/09	4/09	6/09
Bankstown	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Campbelltown	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fairfield	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Hurstville		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kogarah	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Liverpool	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rockdale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sutherland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wollondilly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

The GRCCC Executive Group met on the following dates at the Host Council:

July 18, 2008
 August 22, 2008
 September 8, 2008
 October 22, 2008
 November 28, 2008
 February 13, 2009
 March 20, 2009
 April 23, 2009
 May 12, 2009
 June 2, 2009



ELECTION OFFICE BEARERS 23 October 2008 AGM

The following members of the GRCCC were elected as interim office bearers (due to the Local Government Elections held in September 2008) at the Annual General Meeting at Sutherland on 23 October, 2008:

President: Cr Lesa de Leau (Rockdale City Council)

Vice President: Cr Julie Bourke (Campbelltown City Council)

Treasurer: Cr Jack Jacovou (Hurstville City Council)

Office Bearing Elections were held again in February 2009 and Cr Mirelle Hindi (Kogarah City Council) replaced Cr Jack Jacovou as Treasurer and Public Officer.

2008–09 Hosting of the GRCCC: Liverpool City Council

The GRCCC would like to express its sincere thanks to Liverpool City Council for the tremendous support provided during the 2007-09 hosting period. Significant improvements to our governance and administration systems were implemented during our time with Liverpool, including the development of a new financial reporting and budget system and the development of new GRCCC policies. In particular we would like thank Liverpool Council Host Council Manager, Sandra Kubecka, Manager of Recreation and Open Space and Joel Daniels, GRCCC Technical Officer who worked closely with the GRCCC during our time at Liverpool.



Above: Sandra Kubecka and Joel Daniels of Liverpool City Council with GRCCC's Ali Hanlon and Cr Lesa de Leau



PARTICIPATING COUNCILS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Bankstown City Council

Cr R McLaughlin, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr S Parker, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr N Najjar, Member
Ms Rebecca Piper, Technical Officer
Ms Jenna Hore, Project Manager – Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative.

Campbelltown City Council

Cr J Bourke, Member
Cr S Dobson, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr G Greiss, Member
Mr Marshal Thurlow, Technical Officer
Ms Angela Taylor, Technical Officer
Dr Julie Nimmo, Project Manager Upper Georges River Sustainability Initiative

Hurstville City Council

Cr P Sansom, Member (alternate)
Cr C Lee, Member (until 9/08 elections)
Cr S McMahon, Member (alternate)
Cr A Wagstaff, Member
Cr J Jacovo, Member (Oct 08 - Feb 09)
Mr Ian Curtis, Manager
Ms Jenny Kent, Technical Officer

Fairfield City Council

Ms Leonie Gray, Technical officer
Mr Brian Long, Manager

Kogarah Municipal Council

Cr A Field, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr N Varvaris, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr M Hindi, Member
Mr David Towns, Technical Officer
Mr Glenn Moody, Manager

Rockdale City Council

Cr L de Leau, Member
Cr G Soukoulis (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr J Brennan, Member
Ms Kristy Gooding & Mr Adrian Baiada, Technical Officers

Sutherland Shire Council

Cr S Docherty, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr S Simpson, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr K Knowles, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr M Mikhail, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr M Buttigieg, Member
Cr M Hargave, Member
Mr Gwyn Cleeves, Manager
Mr Brendon Graham, Manager
Ms Christine Guthrie, Technical Officer
Ms Beth Noel, Technical Officer

Wollondilly Shire Council

Cr N Jew, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)
Cr B Banasik, Member
Ms Helen Arnot, Technical Officer

GRCCC Staff

Mr Simon Annabel, Riverkeeper
Ms Alison Hanlon, GRCCC Executive Officer
Ms Vanessa Howe, GRCCC Project Coord (Operations)

NSW Maritime Authority

Mr Graeme Dunlavy

NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change Coasts & Estuaries Branch

Mr Daniel Wiecek

Sydney Metro Catchment Management Authority

Mr Phill Birtles
Mr Owen Graham
Mr John Dahlenburg
Ms Judy Christie



Liverpool City Council

Ms Vesna Kerstev, Member (until 9/08 LG elections)

Cr P Harle, Member

Cr N Mannoun, Member

Mr Arvind Lal, Manager

Ms Sandra Kubecka, Manager

Mr Joel Daniels, Technical Officer

Ms Karen Visman, Technical Officer

National Parks & Wildlife Service

Mr Craig Shephard

Mr Barry Hodgson

Cooks River Foreshores Working Group

Ms Judy Pincus, CRFWG

Mr David Bell, Canterbury Council

Ms Nell Graham, Marrickville Council

Chipping Norton Lakes Authority

Mr Scott Renwick

Community Representatives

Ms Sharyn Cullis – G.R.E.A & G.R. Environ Ed Centre

Mr Peter Tralagga – G.R.E.A.

Dawn Emerson – Past GRCCC President

Lew Solberg – Gandangara Aboriginal Land Council

MEMBERS OF THE GEORGES RIVER ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Lesa de Leau – Rockdale & President GRCCC

Cr Phil Sansom – Hurstville

Cr Steve McMahon – Hurstville

COUNCIL TECHNICAL OFFICER REPRESENTATIVES

David Towns – Kogarah

Adrian Baiada – Rockdale

Cherie Blackburn – Bankstown

Joel Daniels – Liverpool

Gwyn Cleaves – Sutherland

Ian Curtis – Hurstville

(Apologies received from L Gray – Fairfield)

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Sharyn Cullis – G.R. Enviro Education Centre

Dawn Emerson – (Sutherland)

Fred El Bahou – (Milperra)

GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Owen Graham – Sydney Metropolitan CMA

Dan Cross – Dept Lands

Carla Ganassin – Dept Primary Indust. (Fisheries)

Craig Shephard – NPWS

Dan Wiecek – DECC

Simon Annabel – NSW Maritime

GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS' COMMITTEE – Alison Hanlon

