

Georges River Combined Councils' Committee  
**Annual Report 2009/10**



## GRCCC MEMBER COUNCILS



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## THE GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS' COMMITTEE

### VISION OF THE GRCCC

*"For the Georges River to be a balanced ecosystem that an engaged community can enjoy."*

### MISSION OF THE GRCCC

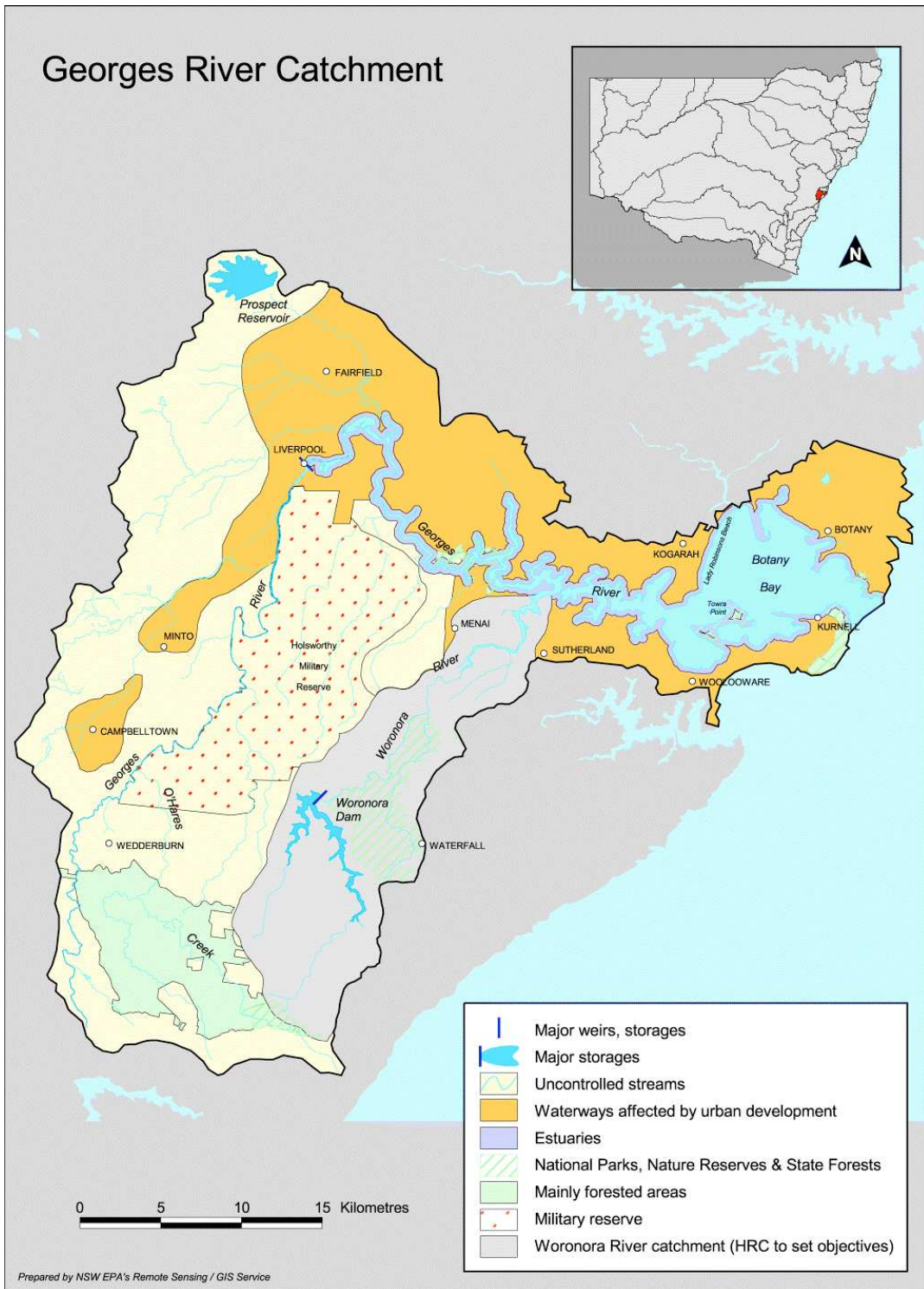
*"To advocate for the protection, conservation and enhancement of the Georges River, by developing programs and partnerships, and by lobbying government organisations and other stakeholders."*

### OBJECTIVES OF THE GRCCC

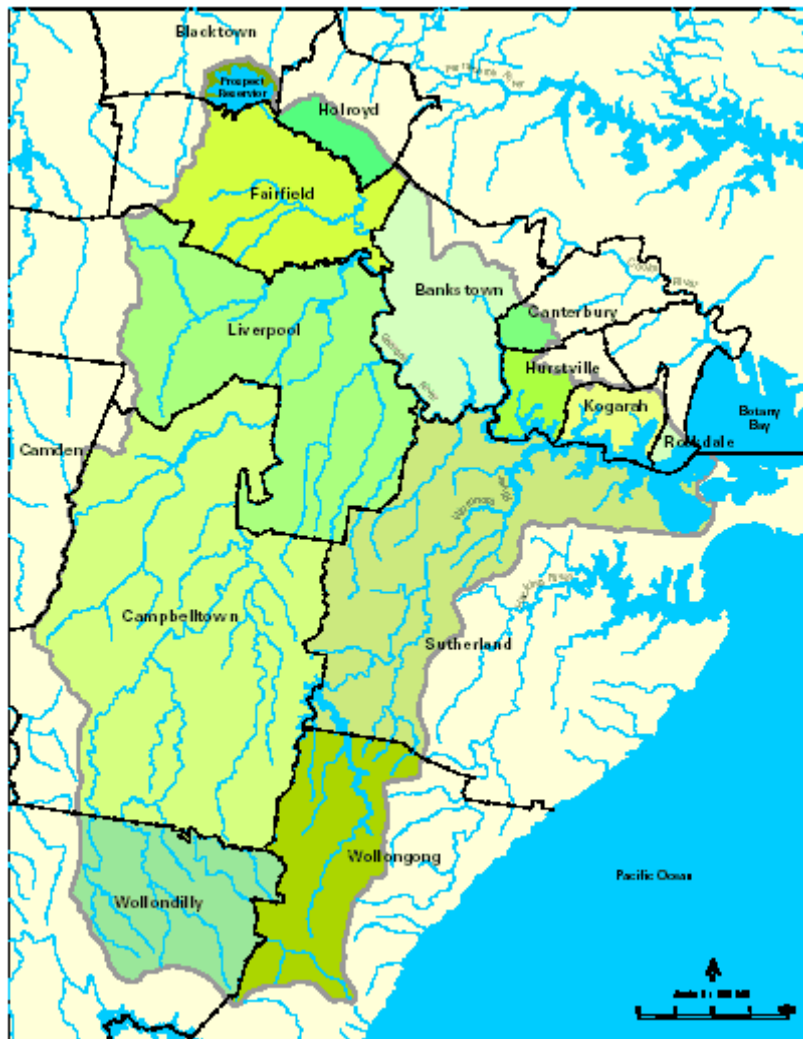
1. Lobby for environmental improvements along the Georges River and its catchment;
2. Liaise with stakeholders throughout the catchment on environmental issues affecting the Georges River;
3. Coordinate the GRCCC's various program as outlined in Management & Implementation Plan which assist the rehabilitation of the Georges River
4. Promote the Georges River and its values consistently across the catchment;
5. 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.



## LOCATION OF THE GEORGES RIVER CATCHMENT



## LOCATION OF GRCCC MEMBER COUNCILS WITHIN THE GEORGES RIVER CATCHMENT



Source: NSW Department of Planning

The Committee now consists of nine councils including Bankstown, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hurstville, Liverpool, Rockdale, Kogarah, Sutherland and Wollondilly Shire Councils. Their locations within the Georges River Catchment are shown in the map above. The catchment also includes smaller parts of Blacktown, Holroyd, Canterbury, Camden and Wollongong Councils which are not yet members of the GRCCC.







## CHAIRPERSON'S FORWARD

2010 has seen some changes for the GRCCC. The first of these changes was the stepping down of Lesa de Leau from the Chair after five years of strong leadership. Importantly Lesa oversaw the Evans and Peck review which resulted in the adoption of a Management and Implementation Plan and a structural review. I wish to acknowledge the time Lesa spent in the chair and the way in which she steered the GRCCC to a positive future.

During the year we have organised the meeting agenda to reflect the changes resulting from this review. We wanted to show the relationship of the various components of the GRCCC to the organisation as a whole, and to each other. Hence we have now grouped the reporting from all the cluster groups together, and the reporting from all the Urban Sustainability programs together.

We have maintained our commitment to invite a guest speaker to open each meeting. These speakers have included:

- Allison Cadzow Co-author of “ Rivers and Resilience: Aboriginal People on Sydney's Georges River”
- Vandana Ram, Cultural Development Co-ordinator at Bankstown City Council regarding the Cross Currents Project.
- Pat and Barry Durman, Macarthur NPA regarding the coal emplacements and the 30 year plan for mining in the upper catchment and the impacts on the Georges River and its tributaries.
- Dr Ian Wright, UWS on the History of Urbanisation of Australia's Rivers.
- Rachel Jakuba on The Cooks River Alliance
- Professor Alberto Albani on his sediment study of the Georges River
- John Dahlenberg of the SMCMA on the decision support tool for water quality improvement
- Dr Ann Young on the threats to upland swamps of the Dharawal State Conservation Area from longwall mining

We have also introduced a system for delivering minutes to technical staff in a timely way to facilitate reporting GRCCC matters to member Councils. This system includes the provision of a one page report from each of the cluster groups and Urban Sustainability groups. We believe it is critical to keep Councils well informed about our activities, and the important role the GRCCC plays in assisting each council to achieve its own environmental objectives.

Our meetings have been very well attended this year, with regular representation from seven of the nine member Councils. We invite Councils to ensure they are represented by enthusiastic councillors who are keen to take an active interest in the GRCCC. Meetings were also well attended by our colleagues from community and agency organisations, demonstrating that the GRCCC is part of a cooperative network of fellow travellers whose objective is to work for the well-being of the Georges River.



**The Executive Committee has met regularly on the second Wednesday of each month with active participation of all three councillor members. On behalf of Peter Harle and Naji Najjar, I wish to acknowledge the professionalism and enthusiasm of Alison Hanlon and Ian Curtis in the support they have provided us during the last 12 months.**

**I also wish to acknowledge all those involved in our many programs which deliver works on ground or provide supportive infrastructure to enable our programs to function. In particular I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Technical Officers from each of the member councils who have continued to willingly give their time, and share their knowledge to help ensure the successful delivery of the various GRCCC programs.**

**We regretfully farewelled Jessica Grantley, our Community Engagement Officer earlier this year and we welcome David Kuhn to continue in that role of promoting our work to the broader community.**

**We look forward to a busy year ahead, and to continued active engagement from all our colleagues who share the vision and objectives of the GRCCC.**

**Julie Bourke  
GRCCC Chairperson**







## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

This year has been a year of rapid development for the GRCCC. We commenced the Community River Health Monitoring Program, progressed the development of the Georges River Estuary Management Plan and formed the GRCCC Communications Program.

During the 2009-2010 financial year the GRCCC has focused on delivering programs within our Management & Implementation Plan.

The Executive Group also invested considerable time and effort in responding to the recommendations of the GRCCC's Finance and Administration Program 2009 Fee Review. This has led to changes in the way financial activities have been reported to councils. Moreover, the Executive has also focussed on responding to the structural changes within the NSW Corrective Services Periodic Detention Program. In this regard, the Executive met frequently with Corrective Services during this transition phase to ensure our program is able to deliver the best possible outcomes to its member councils.

In addition to these programs, the GRCCC has supported member councils as a partner in the Lower, Middle and Upper Georges River Urban Sustainability Programs and Improving Prospect Creek Urban Sustainability Initiative. The GRCCC will continue to work closely with our member councils through these initiatives to ensure that there are synergies between all projects within the catchment for the mutual benefit of councils.

As a partner in the Lower Georges River Urban Sustainability Initiative, the GRCCC has now employed a Communications and Engagement Officer who will develop a communications strategy for the GRCCC, which will promote environmental sustainability through the broader catchment.

As a result of our work with the sustainability initiatives, the GRCCC also launched the long awaited Georges River website. The site has become a powerful resource for community engagement and promotion that will benefit all member councils and monitoring has shown that visitation to the site is continuing to grow. I would like to encourage members and the community to visit the site to find out more about our programming [www.georgesriver.org.au](http://www.georgesriver.org.au).

The success of these and other GRCCC projects during the 2009-2010 period has enabled the GRCCC to deliver project outcomes that will be of benefit to all member councils throughout the catchment.

I would like to thank all of the staff from our member councils who I work with regularly for their professionalism and continued support. In particular I would like to extend a special thanks Ian Curtis and all the staff of Hurstville City Council for the excellent service provided to the GRCCC as host council.

Alison Hanlon - GRCCC Executive Officer.



# GRCCC PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## STAFFED PROGRAMS

### GEORGES RIVERKEEPER PROGRAM

As a result of the Finance and Administration Program, Fee Review Working Group resolution of June 2009 and the restructure of the Periodic Detention System the following actions were undertaken within the Riverkeeper Program:

- Development of a Riverkeeper work plan in consultation with Councils in accordance with their work schedules;
- Intensive work with Corrective Services staff to ensure that the GRCCC was assigned adequate teams to deliver the Riverkeeper Workplan during the restructure of the NSW Periodic Detention System.
- Co-ordination with member Councils to identify suitable sites for inclusion in the work plan based on Corrective Services stringent OH&S requirements. Site visits with Corrective Services to conduct OH&S site assessments at those locations.

Changes made within Corrective Services NSW in the areas of administration, management and sentencing of periodic detainees will improve the co-ordination and logistical arrangements for Riverkeeper work teams, and ultimately program productivity. The GRCCC has worked collaboratively with Corrective Services throughout the transition.

Changes affecting the partnership include:

- All sites need to be approved by Corrective Services and assessed.
- Detainees are no longer able to access sites by boat.
- Under the new system of Intensive Correction Orders, offenders will have a home curfew and be required to undertake 32 hours / month of community work;
- Corrective Services have increased the number of Stage 1 and Stage 2 teams available to the GRCCC (including mid-week teams up to 6 days per week).

While the Riverkeeper Program has had greatly reduced access to teams during the last financial year we were able to achieve the following results:

Sutherland Shire		Kogarah Municipal Council	
Prince Edward Park Rd	Carvers Rd	Cypress Ave Lugarno	Dover Park
Towra Beach	Captain Cook Br	Poulton Park	Kogarah Bay
Burnum Burnum Res	Gwawley Park	Carlton Cres	
Sandy Point Ridge	Bates Dr	Sum of Total kgs	
Towra Bird Sanct	Woolooware Bay		440 kgs
Kurnell Forest	Oyster Bay		
Gwawley Cr	Captain Cook Br Sth		
Alford's Point Br	Sandy Point Flats	<b>Hurstville City</b>	
Solander Plg Fields	Towra Bird Sanct	Cypress Ave Lugarno	Myles Dunphy Res
Sum of Total kgs		Sum of Total kgs	
	5,775 kgs	5775 kg	405 kgs



Liverpool City		Bankstown City	
Durrant and Freeman Ovals	Wattle Grove	Micky's Point Groves	Alford's Point Br
Haigh Park	Clinch's Ponds	Lamberth Park	Deepwater Boat Club
Chipping Norton Lakes	Hind Park	Garrison Pt Boom	Salt Pan Cr
Flower Power Boat Ramp	Angle Park	Monash Res	Georges Riv Nat'l Park
Homestead Park	Heron Park	Yeramba Lagoon	Georges Riv Nat'l Pk 2
Blackmuscat Park		Riverkeeper Centre	Vale of Ah Res
		Sanadkan	Salt Pan Res
		Kentucky Res	Beauty Point Res
	<b>Sum of Total kgs</b>		<b>Sum of Total kgs</b>
	4,450 kgs		10,507 kgs
Campbelltown City		Rockdale City	
Bunbury Curran Cr		Bardwell Cr	Bado-Berong
		Muddy Cr	
	<b>Sum of Total kgs</b>		<b>Sum of Total kgs</b>
	225 kgs		810 kgs
Fairfield City		Canterbury City	
Floyd Bay	Cutler Rd	Sugar Mill area	
	<b>Sum of Total kgs</b>		<b>Sum of Total kgs</b>
	2,855 kgs		4,674 kgs
Marrickville City			
Kendrick Park			
	<b>Sum of Total kgs</b>		
	2,720 kgs		
<b>Riverkeeper Total Sum of Bags</b>			1,645
<b>Riverkeeper Total Sum of kgs</b>			32,9320 kgs
<b>Riverkeeper Total Sum of Crew Size</b>			1,171

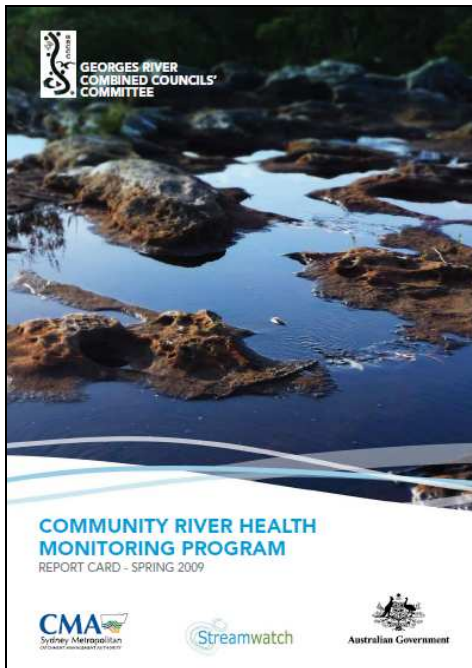


## RIVER HEALTH MONITORING PROGRAM

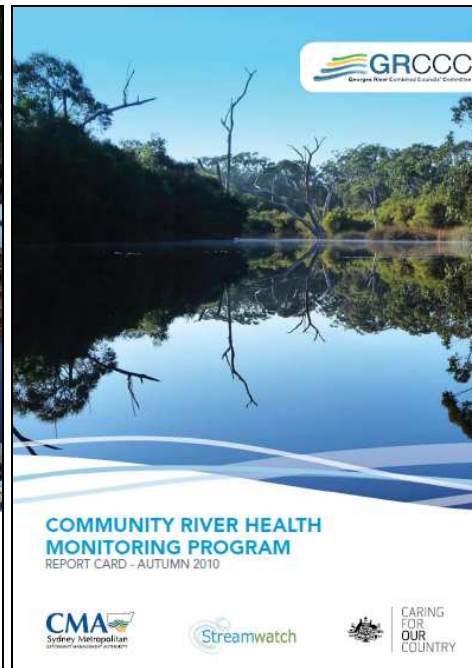
The first of four monitoring events for the Community River Health Monitoring project was conducted over a four week period during spring 2009. Water quality, vegetation and macroinvertebrate communities at 42 sites, fresh water and estuarine, were monitored across the catchment. In excess of 200 community members assisted the River Health Coordinator with monitoring activities, including participants from Bushcare, Streamwatch and the Georges River Environmental Education Centre. A further 20 council and agency staff attended training workshops to be trained in the various methodologies being used for undertaking monitoring.

Data collected from the monitoring program was used to produce a report card, presenting a catchment wide snap-shot of ecosystem health. The condition of the aquatic ecosystem found across monitoring sites ranged from excellent to poor, with sites located in the upper reaches of the catchment being in best condition with those located within the heavily urbanised mid and lower reaches being in poorest condition. Overall the Georges River catchment was found to be in fair condition during spring 2009.

Monitoring was again carried out during autumn 2010, with more than 100 community volunteers assisting. A second report was produced to display results and once again the overall ecosystem health of the Georges River catchment was found to be in fair condition, with the best ecosystem quality being found in the upper reaches of the catchment while the mid and lower areas showed degraded ecosystems.



Spring 2009 Report Card



Autumn 2010 Report Card





## RIVER HEALTH MONITORING PROGRAM CONT.

In addition to the overwhelming response from the community, other organisations have shown keen interest in the project. Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority has expressed interest and has consulted with the River Health Coordinator on the implementation of a similar project in Northern NSW. The River Health Coordinator was invited to present the project to the Board of the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority and to other various council groups across the Sydney area including the Cooks River Foreshore Working Group (CRFWG).

Due to the successes of the project to date, the GRCCC have applied for further Commonwealth funding to continue with the program until June 2013. In partnership with the CRFWG the extended program is proposed to incorporate the Cooks River catchment and include water quality data collected by the Botany Bay Water Quality Improvement Plan. If successful, this project will be the largest of its kind in the Sydney area and will provide community and land managers with information on ecosystem condition across the Botany Bay catchment.



Council and agency staff attend River Health workshop



River health monitoring in action

## GRCCC COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

The GRCCC Communication Program recently formed a program cluster to develop key messages that are consistent across the catchment as they pertain to the Upper, Mid, Lower and Prospect Creek sub catchments. The alliance of community engagement officers and media officers will result in partnership initiatives to promote the Georges River and increase community involvement and interest in its management. The program will also raise the profile of the GRCCC both across the nine member councils, and externally to the public.

The primary objectives of the cluster will be to:

- Collaborate with members to develop key strategic messages relating to the sustainable management of the Georges River;
- Develop a Communications and Media Strategy that provides a consistent guide to developing and handling communications throughout the catchment. The GRCCC Communications Strategy will be consistent with member council communication plans, the GRCCC Management and Implementation Plan, and the Urban Sustainability Initiative Programs;
- Co-ordinate Community Engagement events for all GRCCC partnership programs, including the Estuary Management Program, River Ecosystems Program, Riverhealth Monitoring Program, Riverkeeper Programs and four Urban Sustainability Programs;
- Promotion of Council initiatives, events and environmental management outcomes by using GRCCC outreach platforms, such as the GRCCC website (<http://www.georgesriver.org.au/>) and a quarterly newsletter;

Achievements to date:

- Identified and made contact with appropriate member council and stakeholder communications staff;
- Coordinated the release of 2 River Health Report Cards and media releases with member council and stakeholder communications staff;
- Promoted River Health Training activities with member council technical and communication staff (attended River Health Training to take photos for image library of volunteer involvement);
- Developed River Health Volunteer Survey to collect data for use in future reporting about community engagement in GRCCC activities;
- Coordinated Clean Up Australia Day media with member council staff;
- Production of new GRCCC logo (rebranding is an integral part of raising the profile);
- Increase in media reporting on GRCCC through issue of regular press releases on key issues and events





## COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM CONT.

### GEORGES RIVER WEBSITE



The Georges River Website:  
An initiative of the GRCCC  
[www.georgesriver.org.au](http://www.georgesriver.org.au)

More than 60 people attended the highly successful web launch engagement event on October 21st during Water Week. The launch included a welcome to country, a number of presentations and tour of the website, followed by a tree planting and BBQ. A significant effort was put in by individuals and groups within the catchment to arrange the launch including the GRCCC, the Mid, Upper and Lower Georges River Sustainability Projects and the Georges River Environment Education Centre at Chipping Norton.

The website was developed by a coalition of approximately 30 stakeholders in the first GRCCC Communications Cluster meeting in 2008. The group developed a plan for the website's function and needs, resulting in a platform for interpretation, information and resources about the Georges River.

The Mid, Upper and Lower Georges River projects funded the addition of content to the web page to ensure that there will be great pictures and information for all. Additional information will continue to be added with the assistance of the Lower Georges Urban Sustainability Project, and through the training.



*Website Launch*



*Clrs Harle and Najjar*



*Clrs Wagstaff, Bourke, Harle, Najjar and Banasik*

## UNSTAFFED PROGRAMS

### GEORGES RIVER ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Georges River Estuary Management plan study area extends for the Liverpool Weir to Botany Bay, with Towra Point to the south and the Cooks River to the north forming the eastern boundary. This comprises the tidal waterways, bays, foreshores and adjacent lands of the Georges River and its major tributaries. Consideration will also be given to the wider catchment areas in so far as they may affect the issues to be addressed, e.g. water quality.

The Georges River Estuary Management Committee / Cluster (EMC) includes Councillor and or technical officers from Hurstville, Kogarah, Rockdale, Liverpool, Sutherland and Bankstown Councils as well as representatives from several agencies including Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority, NPWS, Industry and Investment NSW, Department of Lands as well as community representatives from within the catchment. A full list of committee members is included later in this report.

The 2009 – 2010 has been a year of great progress for the Georges River Estuary Management Plan. A consultant's brief for a Joint Data Compilation and Estuary Processes Study was prepared and issued to the Estuary Management Committee for review prior to the brief being issued to specialist consultants for quotation.

SMEC Aust Pty Ltd was appointed to complete the study and submitted the draft Georges River Data Compilation and Estuary Processes Study to the Committee for review in February 2010. The draft was made available on the Georges River Website and can still be accessed on: <http://www.georgesriver.org.au/Georges-River-Estuary-Management-Program.html>

Councils were asked to review prescribed management actions for their LGA's which will form the basis of the future Management Plan and to advise if whether they thought the estuary process study would be useful for the development of the management plan (the next step in the EMP process). The Committee provided detailed feedback on the draft which was given to SMEC to incorporate into a final draft before the end of April 2010.

Finally, the GRCCC successfully applied for funding from the Department of Environment Climate Change and Water (DECCW) to complete the final 2 stages of the estuary management planning process (the Estuary Management Study and Management Plans). This funding will be matched by contributions from the abovementioned participating councils. The Lower Georges River Urban Sustainability Initiative Steering Committee has also approved the allocation of \$33,320 towards the final stages of the plan. The final stage of the plan is expected to cost \$100,000 to complete and needs to be finalised by mid 2011.



## RIVER ECOSYSTEMS PROGRAM

The River Ecosystems Program was identified during the strategic planning process to support and complement the objectives of the Mid Georges River Urban Sustainability Initiative. However since the GRCCC Management and Implementation Plan was finalised the Committee has recognised that the aims and objectives of this program area also applicable to the Upper, Mid and Lower Georges River Urban Sustainability Initiatives as well as the Improving Prospect Creek Urban Sustainability Initiative.

The River Ecosystems Program is centred on the GRCCC leading an alliance of Councils to improve urban water management with particular focus on stormwater and urban runoff to achieve sustainable water quality and conservation outcomes.

The program also aims to improve and protect urban bushland and creeks, urban wildlife and habitats of rare and endangered flora and fauna. Finally the program aims to improve the sustainability performance of Councils, small businesses, community organisations and householders in urban areas.

The program objectives agreed to by the Program cluster group are:

1. Develop a consistent and co-ordinated approach to Stormwater and Urban Water Management throughout the Georges River Catchment.
2. Increase the level of community pride, awareness, consultation and engagement in relation to the Georges River and its tributaries.
3. Improve the health and ecological function of riparian areas, wetlands and aquatic ecosystems within the Georges River Catchment.
4. Increase the level of communication, co-ordination and consistency in planning between Councils within the Georges River Catchment and Government NRM Agencies.



Jewfish Point Reserve, Hurstville LGA

## RIVER ECOSYSTEMS PROGRAM CONT.

The program held its last cluster meeting at Bankstown Council in August 2009 and the following next steps were agreed upon:

- Promote and have member councils participate in future workshops and initiatives of the Botany Bay Coastal Catchments Initiative and then Botany Bay Water Quality Improvement Plan to follow as a basis for building a water quality improvement plan for the catchment.
- Co-ordinate a catchment tours of GRCCC Councillors and Senior Council Management (Director Planning, Director Engineering & GM). This would involve a river tour to degraded section of river. The tour would then move back on shore and group would get on a bus to look at what can be done (WSUD sites) to stop pollution inputs.
- This would be followed by an information tour for all Councillors. Topics would include: What does sustainable urban water management / WSUD adoption mean for your council? What are the causes of reduced water quality (how has it happened), what can be done, how much will it cost, why does it have to happen on a regional scale?
- Schedule Councillor and staff training sessions on integrated water management / WSUD within councils in conjunction with the SMCMA WSUD in Sydney Program.

### Progress:

The GRCCC Executive Officer is an active member of the reference committee for the Botany Bay Water Quality Improvement Program and has promoted its initiatives through meetings and other mediums. The GRCCC is also supporting this program through the maintenance of real time water quality data loggers on the Georges and Cooks Rivers.

The GRCCC has worked with the LGRSI to help promote and awareness amongst councils for the need Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) capacity building sessions and the development of WSUD Action Plans. The GRCCC participated in and facilitated a group at the first WSUD Action Plan Session held at Rockdale City Council in December 2009 which was lead by Andre Taylor.

The GRCCC is participating in the co-ordination of a general councillor cruise planned for February 2010 which being organised by the Mid, Upper and Lower Georges River Urban Sustainability Initiatives to raise awareness of the future role of local government in sustainable water management. The GRCCC's Community Engagement officer will assist with the promotion of the event and development of interpretive materials.





## **PARTNERSHIPS WITH URBAN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES**

### **MID GEORGES RIVER URBAN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE**



**Mid Georges River**  
Sustainability Initiative

In 2008, Bankstown and Sutherland Councils, along with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the Georges River Combined Councils Committee (GRCCC) successfully secured three years of funding from the NSW Environmental Trust to help improve the management of the mid Georges River.

The Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative (MGRSI) aims to create a healthy, balanced ecosystem and a shared vision for the Georges River by the community, stakeholders and all levels of government.

The 2nd year of the project has seen a focus on the implementation of actions identified in the Yeramba Lagoon Masterplan and Mill Creek Catchment Strategic Management Plan. Bush regeneration activities commenced at 20 sites in the Mill Creek catchment to protect endangered communities and also near stormwater impacted areas. Track rehabilitation was also undertaken in the Georges River National Park at Sandy point to repair damage caused by recreational vehicles. Bush regeneration in the Yeramba Lagoon catchment commenced focusing on the drainage line from Amberdale reserve, targeting woody and aggressive weeds. Track markers were created for the Loop Track and detailed designs were developed for a grassed stormwater treatment swale in Amberdale Reserve. These activities will contribute to improving the overall health and amenity of the Georges River.

Education and community engagement was also a key undertaking of the 2nd year following the development of the Education Strategies. A photography competition was held in the Mill Creek catchment to encourage people to share with others the natural beauty of the Mill Creek area. This was preceded by photography bush walks for community members. The Yeramblers Bushcare group commenced at Yeramba Lagoon and we have undertaken stormwater drain stencilling throughout the Yeramba catchment.



**Mill Creek Photo Walk**



The project has continued to work with the GRCCC in various activities including River Health monitoring and progressing the corrective service teams within the two project sites. The MGRSI continues to provide reports for each Committee Meeting.

The 3rd and final year of the project will see on-ground works completed, further education with community and councillors and a large component of reporting.



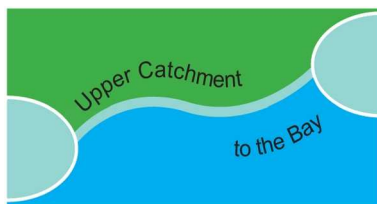
**Yerambles Bushcare Launch**



**Removing aquatic weed from Yeramba Lagoon**



## UPPER GEORGES RIVER URBAN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE



There have been several significant changes in the administration and development of the Upper Georges River Urban Sustainability Program in past 12 months.

These changes have included the resignation of the Project Manager, the rescoping of the Strategic Environmental Management Plan (SEMP), and changes to both the on-ground and non on-ground works programs. Despite these challenges the key stakeholders involved continue to work together to achieve long-standing outcomes with positive benefits for the catchment and the community. The project is now scheduled for completion by 30 June 2011.

### *(i) Administration of the Project*

In February of this year, Dr. Julie Nimmo tendered her resignation as Project Manager for the UGR USP. Following Dr Nimmo's sudden departure, Campbelltown Council in consultation with the project's key stakeholders appointed Campbelltown Council's Senior Strategic Planner, Mathew Egan, as Project Manager. Prior to this Mathew had been involved in managing the on-grounds works component of the project since December 2009.

The transition between the Project Managers has put pressure on the deadline to complete all aspects of the project within the required timeframe (December 2010). As such Campbelltown Council approached the Environmental Trust requesting an extension. In April 2010 Campbelltown Council was advised that the Trust had granted a 6 month extension to the project. The UGR USP must now be completed by 30 June 2011.

### *(ii) Strategic Environmental Management Plan*

The original format and intent of the SEMP has been re-scoped. The original objective of the SEMP (in-part) was to guide the development of the on-ground works program for the project. Given that the on-ground works program has been developed prior to the SEMP the re-scoping of the SEMP was determined appropriate.

The SEMP will now focus on the past, present and future of the Upper Georges River catchment, through analysing 4 key themes;

- Management
- Land use
- Community engagement and
- On Ground Projects

The SEMP will still include the literature review and an action plan as an output which will prescribe and prioritise a works program for the future.

Australian Wetlands in conjunction with Ecological Australia have been engaged to complete the SEMP. A draft report is planned to be submitted in November 2010.

### ***(iii) On Ground Works***

Good progress has been made in regards to the on-ground works program for the project. All Council have begun physical on ground works.

#### ***Liverpool City Council***

Liverpool City Council is finalising the Helles Park project. Following the initial stage which involved the removal of weeds and associated vegetation management along a 350m corridor adjoining the River, Council has acquired 300 seedlings that will shortly be planted within the corridor to help foster the natural regeneration processes.

The Casula Parklands bush regeneration project is also progressing well. The consultants have been engaged and are currently undertaking a site plan before beginning to undertake the bush regeneration of the area within the Parklands.

The remainder of Liverpool City Councils projects will be delivered in 2011.

#### ***Wollondilly Shire Council***

Wollondilly Shire Council have now completed most of their on ground works projects. The Kennedy Creek project has been completed, while the funds to support the local streamcare group and the Nursery in developing a Cumberland Plain seedbank have been sent. have also begun to implement the on ground works program. Funds have been directed towards Wollondilly Nursery and the installation of fencing at Appin to further limit illegal access to the river is currently in the planning phase.

Wollondilly have reviewed the budget for the Waterwise Garden. The Council currently manages an existing Waterwise Garden and believe that the funds could be better expended elsewhere. It is proposed to direct funds towards a sub catchment management plan for one of the Upper Georges tributaries. This project is awaiting approval from the Environmental Trust.

#### ***Campbelltown City Council***

Campbelltown's onground works program has been rescoped due to; identified savings associated with the original program of works, the ability for Council's internal works programs to action some projects and the need to address community desires identified in the original community engagement workshops held at the commencement of the project.

This has involved considerable consultation both internally and externally to ensure the proposed projects delivered on the aims/objectives of the project. The revised scope is currently awaiting approval from the Environmental Trust.



Notwithstanding Campbelltown Council have delivered a number of the projects that were retained from the original program of works. Track work at the Woolwash has been undertaken, installation of the fencing at Milton Park will be completed within the month and the stormwater quality improvement project for Bunbury Bow Bowling Creek at Victoria Road Macquarie Fields is nearing completion.

*(iv) Non on-ground works*

The non on-ground works program for the UGR USP currently involves 4 major projects;

- **The River Project** – An art based project celebrating the Georges River (along with several other international waterways). The Project opened in August 2010 with over 150 people in attendance including a number of dignitaries from the Asian/Pacific countries represented as well as State and Local political representatives. On display were artworks from international artists celebrating the Georges River as well as iconic rivers of the Asia-Pacific Region.

In addition to the exhibition, a number of community events with the artists have been undertaken. These have all be very successful with visitors/participants exceeding expectation at every event.

Of particular note was the Community Symposium held at the Campbelltown Arts Centre on 16/10/2010. The highlight of the Symposium was a lecture given by Dr Ian Wright and the opportunity to discuss issues effecting the River with, Catherine Cusack, Liberal MLC NSW Upper House, Shadow Minister for the Environment; Cr Philip Sansom, Chair of the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority and Cr Lesa de Leau, Greens Councillor for Rockdale City Council.

- **Georges River Governance Project** – Dr Greg Teal (UWS Campbelltown) has been undertaking research regarding the governance of the Georges River. He has completed a literature review and has commenced interviewing a range of key stakeholders in regard to their experiences with the management of the river and any changes that this project has brought about.

A draft report has been submitted for review and will be finalised by December.

- **Aboriginal Project Support Officer** – The APSO is based with the National Parks and Wildlife Service in its Wollongong regional office. In July Clive Freeman was appointed as the APSO. Clive comes with a wealth of experience in regard to the protection and conservation Aboriginal heritage and cultural landscapes. Clive will be working primarily on developing a framework for the strategic preservation and protection of Aboriginal heritage and cultural landscapes.

## LOWER GEORGES RIVER URBAN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

The LGSRI is a partnership between Rockdale, Hurstville, Kogarah City and Sutherland Shire Councils, the GRCCC, the Sydney Metropolitan CMA and the NSW Environmental Trust. The Strategic Sustainability Plan identified in the Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative (LGRSI) project application was completed in June 2010. It contains 4 Action Plans which describe the “next steps” towards achieving the desired outcomes of the project.

### Desired Outcomes

The Intermediate Outcomes of the LGRSI, which identify the impact that will be observable from meeting the LGRSI project objectives in terms of changes in knowledge, skills, attitudes, awareness, and practices are:

1. More effective institutional arrangements within partner councils (to enable and enhance sustainable practices).
2. More effective urban water management
3. More integrated planning and implementation of NRM programs within the LGR catchment
4. More sustainable practices of community and business.
5. Improved bushland, biodiversity and riparian health.

### Action Plan activities to date (September 2009 to October 2010)

WSUD Action Plan	
More effective urban water management	
Activity	Status
1 group council WSUD Leadership workshop	Completed
4 council Action Planning workshops	Completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 draft WSUD Action Plans produced</li> <li>• Rapid Assessment and Action Planning Tool housed on SMCMA website</li> </ul>
4 staff WSUD awareness events	Not completed. (due in 2011) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 DA assessor workshops held</li> <li>• 1 WSUD leadership course (5 attended)</li> </ul>
4 WSUD demonstration projects	Not completed. (Due in 2011) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 projects currently being scoped for implementation in 2011</li> </ul>
4 WSUD case studies	Not completed. (due in 2011)
4 councilor WSUD awareness events	Not completed. (due in 2011)

<b>Community Partnerships Program Action Plan</b>	
<b>More sustainable practices of community and business.</b>	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Sustainability options and opportunities document</b>	Completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40 distributed; 72 GRCCC web downloads</li> </ul>
<b>Project Planning workshop</b>	Completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 workshops (21 and 14 attending)</li> </ul>
<b>2-12 Project Plans</b>	Completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 Project Plans submitted</li> </ul>
<b>2-12 Project Partnership Agreements</b>	Part completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Agreements completed; 2 pending</li> </ul>
<b>2-12 sustainable practices, bushland, riparian health projects</b>	Not completed (due in 2011) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 <i>getting greener!</i> projects</li> <li>• 4+ River Health Monitoring site restoration projects</li> </ul>
<b>2-12 Most Significant Change case studies</b>	Not completed (due in 2011)
<b>Organisational Effectiveness Action Plan</b>	
<b>More effective institutional arrangements within partner councils (to enable and enhance sustainable practices).</b>	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>4 council Organisational Profiles</b>	2 completed (CRSI); 2 underway
<b>4 Action Plans based on Organisational profiles</b>	Not completed. (due 2011, after review)
<b>4 planning workshops</b>	Not completed. (due 2011, after review)
<b>* staff awareness events, * meetings, * fora</b>	Not completed. (due 2011, after review)
<b>4 reviews of purchasing policies</b>	Not completed (due March 2011)
<b>4 reviews of illegal dumping policies</b>	Not completed. (due 2011, after review)
<b>4 Sustainable Choice or Green with ENV-E activities (or similar)</b>	1 Green with Envy commenced 1 (modified) Sustainable Choice commenced

Integrated NRM Action Plan	
More integrated planning and implementation of NRM programs within the LGR catchment	
Activities	Status
Participate in Botany bay Coordination group	Completed. (and ongoing)
Botany Bay projects 4-pager	Not completed. (due Dec 2010)
Baseline Foraminifera survey	Not completed. (contracted for June 2010 delivery)
Support Estuary Management Plan	Not completed. (underway)
Promote projects on GRCCC website	Not completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>getting greener!</i> promoted May 2009</li> </ul>

**NB:** The Intermediate Outcome of Improved bushland, biodiversity and riparian health will be addressed to a small extent by projects within the Community Partnerships Program, but primarily through projects identified by the GRCCC River Health Monitoring Project and implemented by councils.



*“Aren’t LogFrames fabulous!” Discussing ideas at the **getting greener!** project planning workshop:  
Cheryl Gleave, Matt Heffernan, Graham Lalchare and Kim Wagsta*



### Scheduled Activities to October 2011

	Scheduled major activity	Timing
Engagement and Communications Officer	Review of LGRSI Engagement and Communications Plans, then identified media and promotion.	Nov 2010
	GRCCC website updates	Regular
	Communications, media and strategy support to <i>getting greener!</i> project groups	Nov 2010 – Oct 2011
	Video stories of <i>getting greener!</i> projects	Oct 2010 – Oct 2011
Urban Water Management Sub-Program	Approval of \$900,000 WSUD on-ground works in 4 x councils	Nov 2010
	On-ground works	To Dec 2011
	SIA Conference paper and presentation	Nov 2010
Community Partnerships Program: <i>getting greener!</i>	Support project partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carss Park Community Garden</li> <li>• Oatley Flora &amp; Fauna</li> <li>• Sydney FoodConnect</li> <li>• Botany Bay Oyster growers</li> <li>• St George Migrant Resource Centre and St George Community Housing</li> <li>• Permaculture St George &amp; Sutherland</li> </ul>	To Dec 2011
Organisational Effectiveness Program	Complete Organisational Profiling at Sutherland Shire Council and Kogarah City Council	January 2011
	Support Kogarah City Council with sustainability assessment	February 2011
Evaluation	Conduct of Most Significant Change video interviews ( <i>getting greener!</i> and WSUD)	Oct 2010 – Oct 2011
	Social Return on Investment forecast report for 1 <i>getting greener!</i> project	Dec 2010
Reporting	Submission of Env Trust milestone reports	Dec 2010-10-14 May 2011

### Budgeting

Project budget:	\$ 1,999,506	(plus interest plus contributions)
Expenditure to 30 Sept 2010	\$ 203,745	
	<u>\$ 1,795,761</u>	

Major project expenses for 2011	\$ 900,000	WSUD on-ground works
	\$ 300,000	<i>getting greener!</i> projects
	\$ 120,000	River Health projects
	\$ 48,000	EMP and forum survey
	\$ 35,000	Organisational Profiling
	<u>\$1,403,000</u>	





*David Dekel facilitates some WSUD soul-searching with Bankstown City Council staff*

## **Summary**

**The LGRSI is on track. The remaining 15 months to January 2012 provide sufficient time for planned activities to be completed.**

**The *getting greener!* program has piloted the use of a novel project planning process whereby proponent groups create project plans (ie LogFrames, gantt charts and budgets) rather than grant applications.**

**The resignation of Jessica Grantley, while limiting the media promotion of the LGRSI, has not compromised the delivery of the *getting greener!* program. The recent appointment of David Kuhn will ensure the media promotion of the IGRSI is appropriate, and that *getting greener!* groups are supported in their communication and promotion needs.**

**The WSUD Rapid Assessment and Action Planning process delivered by the IGRSI has been made publicly available as a tool for use by other organizations via the SMCMA website, and was Highly Commended in the recent NSW Stormwater Industry Association awards. The LGRSI councils are currently following WSUD Action Plans developed through**

## IMPROVING PROSPECT CREEK URBAN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

The Improving Prospect Creek project is funded by the NSW Environmental Trust and involves the collaboration of Bankstown, Fairfield and Holroyd City Councils and the GRCCC. The IPC project was developed as a result of the concern for the condition of the creek.

The Prospect Creek Catchment is located in Sydney's south west and covers an area of 98 square kilometres.



Prospect Creek is approximately 26 kilometres long and flows from the Prospect Reservoir to the Georges River at Georges Hall.

The objectives of the project are to:

1. Improve the condition and extent of native vegetation communities along the Prospect Creek riparian corridor
2. Increase understanding of the current biological values of the creek's riparian corridor
3. Identify, assess and prioritise Local Government management actions to rehabilitate the ecological functions of Prospect Creek
4. Develop relationships between land managers, indigenous groups and community members to better manage Prospect Creek
5. Increase awareness of the significance of Prospect Creek and encourage greater participation in the rehabilitation of the creek by the local community

In order to meet these objectives, the project has two key stages.

The first stage of the project involves the development a Strategic Management Plan for the Prospect Creek Riparian Corridor. The plan will incorporate and outline key actions identified in existing strategies, plans and documents for the creek. It is anticipated that the Strategic Plan will also provide GIS new mapping for the creek outlining areas of conservation significance and recommendations for the "*ideal riparian corridor widths*". This information will assist Council's with regards to on-going revegetation efforts and with regards to the management of the riparian areas of the creek.

The development of the Strategic Management Plan will be done with the involvement of the community. The community will be provided the opportunity to participate in the development of the plan through a number of workshops and surveys. Efforts will be made to undertake consultation with the Cultural and Linguistic Diverse Communities (CALD).

The second stage of the project will involve the implementation of the most important recommendations identified in the Strategic Management Plan. It is anticipated that the project will have a focus on bush regeneration and creek cleaning activities.

The project will also involve working with the GRCCC to determine ways that the GRCCC can play an active role in the project. An example of where this will take place is through the River Health Monitoring Project and the Riverkeeper Program in relation to creek cleaning / rubbish removal.

A key aim of the project is to increase the level of community participation in the management of the creek. As such, the community will have an opportunity to be involved in the implementation of the project in a number of ways such as through bushcare days which will be held as part of the project.

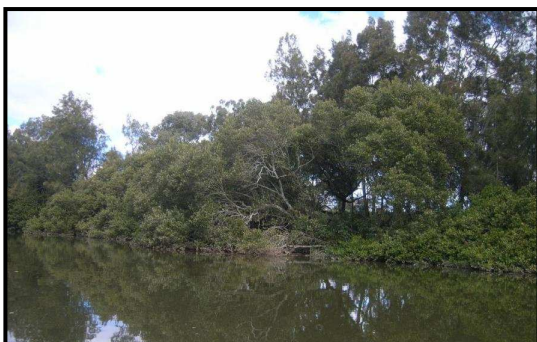
#### Status of Project

The development of the Strategic Plan is well underway with much of the data collection & review being completed. Further to this a large percentage of the on-site validation has also been completed with regards to the assessment of riparian areas.

The community engagement and consultation stage of the project is scheduled to commence during October 2010 and will run until late November 2010. The process will include the rollout of a survey to gauge the community opinion regarding Prospect Creek. The survey will be made available both electronically as well as hardcopy and will be translated into the key languages within the three LGAs.

The development of the Strategic Management Plan is due for completion towards the end of the year. It is expected that implementation stage of the project will commence early 2011.

For further details regarding this project, please contact Tim Gowing on 9725 0758 or by email [tgowing@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tgowing@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au)



Prospect Creek

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## Income Statement

Budget <sup>(1)</sup> 2010	Notes	Actual 2010	Actual 2009
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>			
<b>Revenue:</b>			
295,755	3	295,753	248,437
70,628	3	184,337	200,267
21,745	3	28,180	6,000
1,458	3	20,202	15,549
<b>389,586</b>		<b>528,472</b>	<b>470,253</b>
<b>Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>			
229,210	4	162,593	110,103
139,357	4	166,782	31,768
116,082	4	142,410	102,178
<b>484,649</b>		<b>471,785</b>	<b>244,049</b>
<b>(95,063)</b>		<b>56,687</b>	<b>226,204</b>
<b>Discontinued Operations</b>			
		-	-
<b>(95,063)</b>		<b>56,687</b>	<b>226,204</b>
(95,063)		56,687	226,204
Net Operating Result attributable to Council		-	-
Net Operating Result attributable to Minority Interests		-	-
<b>(95,063)</b>		<b>56,687</b>	<b>226,204</b>
<b>(95,063)</b>		<b>56,687</b>	<b>226,204</b>



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Balance Sheet  
as at 30 June 2010

	Notes	Actual 2010	Actual 2009
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6a	455,883	380,990
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>455,883</b>	<b>380,990</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Receivables	7	11,699	-
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>11,699</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>467,582</b>	<b>380,990</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	10a	26,141	-
Provisions	10a	3,764	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>29,905</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>29,905</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>437,677</b>	<b>380,990</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings		437,677	380,990
Revaluation Reserves		-	-
Equity Interest		437,677	380,990
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>437,677</b>	<b>380,990</b>



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## Statement of Changes in Equity

	Notes	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Council Equity Interest	Minority Interest	Total Equity
<b>2010</b>						
<b>Opening Balance</b> (as per Last Year's Audited Accounts)		380,990		<b>380,990</b>	-	<b>380,990</b>
a. Correction of Prior Period Errors						-
b. Changes in Accounting Policies (prior year effects)		-		-		-
<b>Revised Opening Balance</b> (as at 1/7/09)		<b>380,990</b>	-	<b>380,990</b>	-	<b>380,990</b>
<b>c. Net Operating Result for the Year</b>		<b>56,687</b>		<b>56,687</b>	-	<b>56,687</b>
d. Other Comprehensive Income						
- Transfers to/from Income Statement			-	-		-
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b> (c&d)		<b>56,687</b>	-	<b>56,687</b>	-	<b>56,687</b>
e. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Minority Interests						-
f. Transfers between Equity		-	-	-		-
<b>Equity - Balance at end of the reporting period</b>		<b>437,677</b>	-	<b>437,677</b>	-	<b>437,677</b>

	Notes	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Council Equity Interest	Minority Interest	Total Equity
<b>2009</b>						
<b>Opening Balance</b> (as per Last Year's Audited Accounts)		380,990		<b>380,990</b>	-	<b>380,990</b>
a. Correction of Prior Period Errors			-	-	-	-
b. Changes in Accounting Policies (prior year effects)		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Revised Opening Balance</b> (as at 1/7/08)		<b>380,990</b>	-	<b>380,990</b>	-	<b>380,990</b>
<b>c. Net Operating Result for the Year</b>						
d. Other Comprehensive Income						
- Revaluations : IPP&E Asset Revaluation Rsve		-	-	-	-	-
- Revaluations: Other Reserves		-	-	-	-	-
- Transfers to Income Statement		-	-	-	-	-
- Other Movements (enter details here)		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b> (c&d)		-	-	-	-	-
e. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Minority Interests						-
f. Transfers between Equity		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Equity - Balance at end of the reporting period</b>		<b>380,990</b>	-	<b>380,990</b>	-	<b>380,990</b>



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## Statement of Cash Flows

Budget 2010		Actual 2010
	<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
	<b>Receipts:</b>	
295,755	GRCCC Membership Fees & Program Fees	295,753
70,628	Grants & Contributions	172,638
21,745	Interest & Investment Revenue	28,180
1,458	Other	20,202
	<b>Payments:</b>	
(229,210)	Employee Benefits & On-Costs	(158,829)
(139,357)	Materials & Contracts	(140,640)
(116,082)	Borrowing Costs	(142,410)
	Other	
<u>(95,063)</u>	<b>Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	<u>74,893</u>
	<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	
	<b>Receipts:</b>	
	Sale of Investment Securities	
	Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	
	<b>Payments:</b>	
	Purchase of Investment Securities	
	Purchase of Investment Property	
	Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	
<u>-</u>	<b>Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities</b>	<u>-</u>
	<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	
	<b>Receipts:</b>	
	Nil	
	<b>Payments:</b>	
	Nil	
<u>-</u>	<b>Net Cash Flow provided (used in) Financing Activities</b>	<u>-</u>
(95,063)	<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	74,893
	plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents - beginning of year	380,990
<u>(95,063)</u>	<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents - end of the year</b>	<u>455,883</u>
	Additional Information:	
	plus: Investments on hand - end of year	
	<b>Total Cash, Cash Equivalents &amp; Investments</b>	<u>455,883</u>



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## Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations

	Notes	Actual 2010	Actual 2009
<b>(a). Membership Fees &amp; Contributions</b>			
Kogarah Council		34,434	29,479
Campbeltown City Council		34,434	1,042
Rockdale City Council		34,434	29,479
Hurstville City Council		34,434	29,479
Bankstown City Council		34,434	29,479
Sutherland City Council		34,434	29,479
Liverpool City Council		34,434	29,479
Fairfield City Council		34,434	29,479
Wollondilly Shire City Council		3,000	1,042
Additional Contributions towards website & WQ testing		17,281	
Additional Contributions towards Estuary Management Plan			40,000
<b><u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FEES &amp; CONTRIBUTIONS</u></b>		<b><u>295,753</u></b>	<b><u>248,437</u></b>





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### Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

	Notes	Actual 2010	Actual 2009
<b>(b). Grants &amp; Other Contributions</b>			
River Health Monitoring Program		41,992	170,267
Ocean Watch Australia		18,000	
Estuary Management Grant		41,818	
Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority		80,436	30,000
Other		2,091	
		<u>184,337</u>	<u>200,267</u>
<b>(c). Interest &amp; Investment Revenue (incl. losses)</b>			
Interest & Dividends		28,180	6,000
		<u>28,180</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>(d). Other Income</b>			
Liverpool Council (Long Service Leave for GRCCC Coordinator)		1,457	
Wage Reimbursements for Communication Program		18,745	
Ecosave Pty Ltd			8,049
Telstra Corp			7,500
		<u>20,202</u>	<u>15,549</u>



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## Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations

Notes	Actual 2010	Actual 2009
<b>(a) Employee Benefits &amp; On-Costs</b>		
Salaries and Wages	146,542	110,103
Employee Leave Entitlements (ELE)	4,810	
Superannuation	11,241	
<b><u>TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS EXPENSED</u></b>	<b><u>162,593</u></b>	<b><u>110,103</u></b>
<b>(b) Materials &amp; Contracts</b>		
Materials	2,551	9,729
Contractors & Consultancy Costs	164,231	22,039
<b><u>TOTAL MATERIALS &amp; CONTRACTS</u></b>	<b><u>166,782</u></b>	<b><u>31,768</u></b>
<b>(c) Other Expenses</b>		
Other Expenses for the year include the following:		
Advertising	2,304	
Travel	31	24
Bank Charges	-	
Catering Food & Beverage	366	
Equipment	529	
Insurance - Marine Hull	2,531	
Insurance - Business Contents	814	
Insurance - Personal Accident	943	
Insurance - Public Liability	8,175	
Insurances	-	12,749
Telephone & Communications	2,076	1,209
IT - Software	4,377	
Motor Vehicle Running Expenses	27,917	488
Contribution NSW Maritime	86,954	85,703
Registrations	831	
Sundry Expenses	2,191	808
Printing & Stationery	2,371	
Loss Carried F/wd from Kogarah		1,197
<b><u>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>142,410</u></b>	<b><u>102,178</u></b>



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### Note 6. Cash & Cash Equivalents

Notes	2010		2009	
	Actual Current	Actual Non Current	Actual Current	Actual Non Current
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents (Note 6a)</b>				
Cash on Hand and at Bank	455,883	-	380,990	-
Cash-Equivalent Assets <sup>1</sup>				
- Deposits at Call	-	-	-	-
- Managed Funds	-	-	-	-
- Short Term Deposits	-	-	-	-
- NCD's, FRN's	-	-	-	-
- Other Financial Assets	-	-	-	-
<b><u>TOTAL CASH ASSETS, CASH</u></b>	<b><u>455,883</u></b>		<b><u>380,990</u></b>	

### Note 7. Receivables

Notes	2010		2009	
	Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
<b>Purpose</b>				
Sundry Debtors	11,699	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>				
<b><u>TOTAL NET RECEIVABLES</u></b>	<b><u>11,699</u></b>			

### Note 10a. Payables & Provisions

Notes	2010		2009	
	Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
<b>Payables &amp; Provisions</b>				
Goods & Services - operating expenditure	26,141	-	-	-
Leave Entitlements	3,764	-	-	-
<b><u>Total Payables &amp; Provisions</u></b>	<b><u>29,905</u></b>			



## **APPENDIX 1: GRANTS/AWARDS/SUBMISSIONS**

- 2009 Oceanwatch Tide to Table Botany Bay – Fish Habitat Works \$18,000
- 2009 Kurnell 2020 - \$10636 for Rubbish and Weed Removal on Captain Cook Drive
- 2009 MGRSI / UGRSI / LGRSI - \$5250 for website content upload.
- 2009 MGRSI / UGRSI / LGRSI / Fairfield / Liverpool - \$12031 for water quality lab analysis
- 2010 BBWQIP \$7800.00 for maintenance of real time water quality monitoring devices.  
BBWQIP \$62000.00 for maintenance of real time water quality monitoring devices  
2011-13
- 2010 Australian Government – Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts,  
final milestone payment of \$41,992 for Riverhealth Monitoring Program.
- 2010 Australian Government – 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**

- Caring for Our Country – Community Coast Care Grants Program for Riverhealth  
Community Monitoring Program for Georges and Cooks River.

### **COMPLETED GRANTS**

- Kurnell 2020 Bush Regeneration / Rubbish Removal

### **SUBMISSIONS**

- Office of Water - Metropolitan Water Sharing Plan
- Department of Planning – Major Development Assessment BHP Bulli Seam Operation



## **APPENDIX 2: REPRESENTATION AND MEETINGS**

### **MEDIA**

#### **Press Releases:**

**Riverhealth Monitoring Program Grant 2009**  
**Estuary Management Grant 2009**  
**Clean Up Australia Day**  
**Bulli Seam Operation – 2009**

### **COMMUNITY GROUP PRESENTATIONS**

**Sutherland Shire Council Environment Committee 2009**  
**Oatley Flora and Fauna Society 2009**

### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**7 Riverhealth Workshops for Technical Officers, Agency Staff and Community in surveying macroinvertebrates, RARC rapid vegetation assessment methodology and water quality sampling 2009 / 2010.**  
**Georges River Website Launch Oct 2009**  
**Environmental Education Symposium, Camden 2009**

### **VOLUNTEER DAYS**

**Clean Up Australia Day 2009**

### **FESTIVAL ATTENDANCE**

**Oatley Festival 2009**  
**Lugarno Lions festival - Hurstville City Council 2009**  
**Riverfest - Campbelltown City Council 2010**

### **COORDINATING PARTIES**

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





## **GRCCC REPRESENTATION ON PARTNER PROGRAMS**

**Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative Steering Committee – GRCCC Exec Officer**  
**Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative Steering Committee (Chair) – GRCCC Exec Officer**  
**Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative Project Committee – Georges Riverkeeper**  
**Upper Georges River Sustainability Initiative Committee – GRCCC Chairperson**  
**Improving Prospect Creek Sustainability Initiative Steering Committee – GRCCC Chairperson**  
**Georges River Estuary Management Committee – GRCCC Executive Officer / Chairperson**  
**Kogarah Council Natural Resources Working Party – GRCCC Cr de Leau**  
**Cooks River Foreshore Working Group – GRCCC Executive Officer**  
**Liverpool Environment Advisory Panel – Georges Riverkeeper**  
**Botany Bay Water Quality Improvement Program Reference Committee – GRCCC Exec. Officer**

## **CONFERENCE/FORUM ATTENDANCE**

**River Health Monitoring Program - Participant Training**  
**Kurnell 2020 Biodiversity Forum**  
**Rockdale Council Environment & Sustainability Forum**  
**WSUD Workshop with Andre Taylor**  
**Conservation Volunteers School Group Community Day**

## **MEETINGS OF THE GRCCC**

**Meetings of the GRCCC were held bi-monthly with the location rotating between member Councils.**

**During 2009-10 meetings were held on the following dates:**

**27 August 2009 at Bankstown City Council**  
**22 October 2009 at Wollondilly Shire Council**  
**26 November 2009 (Ordinary meeting and AGM) at Rockdale City Council**  
**25 February 2010 at Sutherland Shire Council**  
**29 April 2010 at Fairfield City Council**  
**24 June 2010 at Kogarah City Council**



## MEMBER COUNCILS WERE REPRESENTED AT THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

Council	8/09	10/09	11/09	2/10	4/10	6/10
Bankstown						✓
Campbelltown		✓				✓
Fairfield						
Hurstville			✓	✓	✓	✓
Kogarah	✓					✓
Liverpool						✓
Rockdale						✓
Sutherland						
Wollondilly						✓

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

18 July 2009

22 August 2009

9 September 2009

6 October 2009

11 November 2009

9 December 2009

20 January 2010

10 February 2010

Did not meet in March 2010 due to Councillor commitments

14 April 2010

12 May 2010

9 June 2010

## ELECTION OFFICE BEARERS 26 NOVEMBER 2009

The following members of the GRCCC were elected as office bearers at the Annual General Meeting at Rockdale City Council:

Chairperson: Cr Julie Bourke (Campbelltown City Council)

Vice President: Cr Naji Najjar (Bankstown City Council)

Public Officer / Treasurer: Cr Peter Harle (Liverpool City Council)



## 2009-10 Hosting of the GRCCC: Hurstville City Council

The GRCCC would like to express its sincere thanks to Hurstville City Council for the tremendous support provided during the 2009-10 transition to its offices. Significant improvements to our governance and administration systems have been undertaken during the changeover. In particular, we would like to thank Hurstville Council Host Manager Ian Curtis, Manager of Environmental Sustainability, who continues to provide valuable support and advocacy to the GRCCC.

## PARTICIPATING COUNCILS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

### Bankstown City Council

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 G Greiss, Member  
Ms Renee Winsor, Manager  
Mr Marshal Thurlow, Technical Officer  
Ms Angela Taylor, Technical Officer  
Dr Julie Nimmo, Project Manager Upper  
Georges River Sustainability Initiative /  
Mathew Egan, Project Mgr UGRSI

### Fairfield City Council

Ms Leonie Gray, Technical officer  
Mr Peter Oriehov, Tech Officer  
Mr Stuart Rodham, Manager

### Hurstville City Council

Cr P Sansom, Member  
Cr S McMahon, Member  
Cr A Wagstaff, Member  
Mr Ian Curtis, Manager  
Ms Cindy Cunningham, Technical Officer

### Kogarah City Council

Cr M Hindi, Member  
Cr S. Agius, Member  
Mr David Towns, Technical Officer  
Mr Glen Moody, Manager

### Rockdale City Council

Cr L de Leau, Member  
Ms Kristy Gooding, Technical Officer  
Ms Alexandra Vandine, Technical Officer  
Mr David Dekel, Manager

### Sutherland Shire Council

Cr M Mark Buttigieg - Member  
Cr M Hargrave, Member  
Mr Gwyn Cleeves, Manager  
Mr Brendon Graham, Manager  
Ms Christine Guthrie, Technical Officer  
Ms Beth Noel, Technical Officer

### Wollondilly Shire Council

Cr M Banasik, Member  
Ms Helen Arnot, Technical Officer  
Ms A Stengl, Technical Officer  
Mr Brad Staggs, Manager

### GRCCC Staff

Mr Simon Annabel, Riverkeeper  
Ms Ali Hanlon, GRCCC Executive Officer

### NSW Maritime Authority

Mr Graeme Dunlavye

### NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change

Coasts & Estuaries Branch  
Mr Daniel Wiecek



**Liverpool City Council**  
Cr. Ned Mannoun, member until 14 Sept 2009  
Cr. Anne Stanley, Member since 14 Sept 2009  
Cr. Peter Harle, member  
Ms Sandra Kubecka, Manager  
Mr Arvind Lal, Manager  
Mr Joel Daniels, Technical Officer

**National Parks & Wildlife Service**  
Mr Craig Shephard  
Mr Barry Hodgson

**Chipping Norton Lakes Authority**  
Mr Scott Renwick

**Industry and Investment NSW**  
Ms Carla Ganassin

**Sydney Metro Catchment Management Authority**  
Mr Phill Birtles  
Mr Owen Graham  
Mr John Dahlenburg  
Ms Judy Christie

**Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water**  
Mr Danny Wiecek.

**Cooks River Foreshores Working Group**  
Ms Judy Pincus, CRFWG

**Community Representatives**  
Ms Sharyn Cullis – Georges River Environmental Alliance and Georges River Environmental Education Centre  
Mr Peter Tralaggan – Georges River Environmental Alliance.  
Dawn Emerson – Past GRCCC President  
Mr Lew Solberg – Gandangara Aboriginal Land Council.



## GRCCC PROGRAM CLUSTER MEMBERS

### GEORGES RIVER ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<b>Cr Lesa de Leau</b>	<b>Rockdale City Council</b>
<b>Cr Peter Harle</b>	<b>Liverpool City Council</b>
<b>Cr Phil Sansom</b>	<b>Hurstville City Council</b>
<b>Cr Steve McMahon</b>	<b>Hurstville City Council</b>
<b>Gwyn Cleeves</b>	<b>Sutherland Shire Council</b>
<b>Alison Hanlon</b>	<b>GRCCC Exec Officer</b>
<b>Ian Curtis</b>	<b>Hurstville City Council</b>
<b>Margaux Park</b>	<b>Hurstville City Council</b>
<b>Cherie Blackburn</b>	<b>Bankstown City Council</b>
<b>David Towns</b>	<b>Kogarah Council</b>
<b>Joel Daniels</b>	<b>Liverpool City Council</b>
<b>Kristy Gooding</b>	<b>Rockdale Council</b>
<b>Owen Graham</b>	<b>SMCMA</b>
<b>Dan Cross</b>	<b>Dept of Lands</b>
<b>Carla Ganassin</b>	<b>NSW Industry and Investment</b>
<b>Barry Hodgson</b>	<b>NPWS</b>
<b>Danny Wiecek</b>	<b>DECCW</b>
<b>Simon Annabel</b>	<b>NSW Maritime</b>
<b>Sharyn Cullis</b>	<b>Community Rep</b>
<b>Fred El Bahou</b>	<b>Community Rep</b>

### RIVERKEEPER PROGRAM CLUSTER

<b>Simon Annabel</b>	<b>NSW Maritime</b>
<b>Alex Stengl</b>	<b>Wollondilly</b>
<b>Joel Daniels</b>	<b>Liverpool</b>
<b>Nicole Thomas</b>	<b>Fairfield</b>
<b>Ian Curtis</b>	<b>Hurstville</b>
<b>Jenna Hore</b>	<b>MGRSI / Bankstown</b>
<b>Beth Noel</b>	<b>Sutherland</b>
<b>Marshall Thurlow</b>	<b>Campbelltown</b>
<b>Rebecca Piper</b>	<b>Bankstown</b>
<b>Julie Nimmo / Mat Egan</b>	<b>UGRSI / Campbelltown</b>
<b>Col Freeman</b>	<b>LGRSI / Rockdale</b>
<b>David Towns</b>	<b>Kogarah</b>
<b>Kristy Gooding / A Vandine</b>	<b>Rockdale</b>
<b>Ali Hanlon</b>	<b>GRCCC</b>



## RIVER HEALTH MONITORING PROGRAM CLUSTER

<b>Peter Oriehov</b>	<b>Fairfield City Council</b>
<b>Jenna Hore</b>	<b>Bankstown City Council</b>
<b>Matt Egan</b>	<b>UGRSI/ Campbelltown CC</b>
<b>Col Freeman</b>	<b>LGRSI / Rockdale City Council</b>
<b>Beth Noel</b>	<b>Sutherland Shire Council</b>
<b>Cherie Parmenter / Renee Winsor</b>	<b>Campbelltown City Council</b>
<b>Margaux Park</b>	<b>Hurstville City Council</b>
<b>Ian Curtis</b>	<b>Hurstville City Council</b>
<b>David Towns</b>	<b>Kogarah City Council</b>
<b>Alexandra Vandine</b>	<b>Rockdale City Council</b>
<b>Kristy Gooding</b>	<b>Rockdale CC (maternity leave)</b>
<b>Joel Daniels</b>	<b>Liverpool City Council</b>
<b>Alex Stengl / Helen Arnott</b>	<b>Wollondilly Shire Council</b>
<b>Simon Rowe</b>	<b>Oceanwatch Australia</b>
<b>Sharyn Cullis</b>	<b>Georges River Environmental Education Centre</b>
<b>Anne Brian</b>	<b>Georges River Environmental Education Centre</b>
<b>Claire Evans</b>	<b>Sydney Water</b>
<b>Haley Bates</b>	<b>Sydney Water</b>
<b>Liz Minor</b>	<b>Sydney Water</b>
<b>Carl Tippler</b>	<b>GRCCC</b>
<b>Ali Hanlon</b>	<b>GRCCC</b>



## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM CLUSTER

<b>Sandra Kubecka</b>	<b>Liverpool City Council</b>
<b>James Carey</b>	<b>Bankstown City Council</b>
<b>Ian Curtis</b>	<b>Hurstville City Council</b>
<b>Brian Long</b>	<b>Fairfield City Council</b>
<b>Glen Moody</b>	<b>Kogarah City Council</b>
<b>Beth Noel</b>	<b>Sutherland Shire Council</b>
<b>Renee Winsor</b>	<b>Campbelltown City Council</b>
<b>Cr Lesa de Leau</b>	<b>Rockdale City Council</b>
<b>Cr Julie Bourke</b>	<b>Campbelltown City Council</b>
<b>Ali Hanlon</b>	<b>GRCCC</b>
<b>Cr Peter Harle</b>	<b>Liverpool</b>
<b>Cr Naji Najarr</b>	<b>Bankstown</b>

## GRCCC COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM CLUSTER

<b>TBA</b>	<b>Fairfield City Council</b>
<b>Jenna Hore / Rebecca Piper</b>	<b>Bankstown City Council</b>
<b>Mat Egan</b>	<b>UGRSI/ Campbelltown CC</b>
<b>Col Freeman</b>	<b>LGRSI / Rockdale City Council</b>
<b>Beth Noel</b>	<b>Sutherland Shire Council</b>
<b>Andrew Hewson</b>	<b>Campbelltown City Council</b>
<b>Margaux Park</b>	<b>Hurstville City Council</b>
<b>Ian Curtis</b>	<b>Hurstville City Council</b>
<b>David Towns</b>	<b>Kogarah City Council</b>
<b>Deb Cooke</b>	<b>Rockdale City Council</b>
<b>Joel Daniels</b>	<b>Liverpool City Council</b>
<b>Alex Stengl / Helen Arnott</b>	<b>Wollondilly Shire Council</b>
<b>Ali Hanlon</b>	<b>GRCCC</b>
<b>David Kuhn</b>	<b>GRCCC</b>

