

Georges River Combined Councils Committee
Annual Report 2010/11



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Chairpersons Forward



2010 -2011 has been a year of consolidation, providing us with a clear path into 2012 and beyond. We have seen the addition of a full time Riverkeeper and a part-time Administrative Assistant to our staff. We have also seen significant beneficial changes to the way we deliver the Riverkeeper program. We have raised our profile in the community, the media and with relevant agencies. We have reviewed our Management and Implementation Plan (M. & I. Plan) with a view to shaping our future. While I will make brief references to these achievements here, details are presented elsewhere in this annual report.

The review of our M. & I. Plan reassured us that most of our programs were working well. The review enabled us to see where we could streamline some of our work for greater efficiency and clarity. It allowed us to more appropriately determine which of the many objectives of the M. & I. Plan was our responsibility, and which belonged to other agencies. The result has provided a refreshing view of achievable goals for us to work towards.

2011 saw the end of our agreement with NSW Maritime for the provision of a part time Riverkeeper. As a result we have been able to employ our own full time Riverkeeper, Tony Wales. Tony works Monday to Friday which enables the GRCCC to take full advantage of the new arrangements Corrective Services now has to deliver work teams for community service. Consequently, the productivity of the Riverkeeper Program has increased markedly, as his regular reports to member councils show.

David Kuhn, our part-time Community Engagement Officer, has had great success raising our profile in the media this year. This has been the result both of lobbying activities on behalf of the GRCCC, and of promoting our exciting programs. He has made excellent use of the successful Riverhealth Report Card, developed by Carl Tippler to communicate his monitoring data to member councils and the community at large. Indeed, the rigour of the testing and monitoring process of the Riverhealth Monitoring Program has been important in promoting the GRCCC's vital role in the catchment.

We celebrated the end of the Mid Georges River Environmental Trust program (MGRSI) with a cruise on the Georges River organised by Bankstown Council and Col Freeman, Program Manager of the Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative, with more than a little help from his friend David Kuhn. We thank them. Designed especially for councillors and senior council managers, the theme of the evening was Water Sensitive Urban Design. Good food, wine and companionship, together with excellent scenery and cruise conditions, resulted in a happy captive audience to learn about how we can improve water quality on our river.

Our Executive team, now ably supported by Maureen McLuckie, our part-time Administration Assistant, continues to meet regularly with almost full attendance by all members. Thanks go to Cr

Naji Peter Najjar, Deputy Chair and Cr Peter Harle, Treasurer, for their sustained commitment to the GRCCC through the executive process.

Hurstville Council continues to provide excellent support as our Host Council, with Ian Curtis as the contact manager. Thanks go to Maureen, Ian and Alison Hanlon, our Program Manager, whose work behind the scenes is invaluable to the effective management of the GRCCC.

Thanks also to those who deliver our increasingly successful programs along the Georges River, helping to achieve the objectives of the GRCCC. The technical staff from our member councils, working with our own staff and staff from the many agencies with whom we partner, demonstrate a strong commitment to ensure improved health for our river, an improved amenity for our community.

One area we do need to grow is councillor representation. Councillors are the decision-makers of the GRCCC, an important role for each member council. Thanks to those councillors who attend our meetings regularly and make their important contribution. Hopefully more of our colleagues will become dedicated representatives of their councils in the forthcoming year.

We look forward to a busy, productive 2011-2012. We have a clear view of the path ahead and we look forward to continued collaborations with our member councils and partner agencies to help us achieve our goals.

Julie Bourke
GRCCC Chairperson

Program Managers Report



The 2010 – 2011 financial year was an extremely busy one for the GRCCC. In addition to achieving the outcomes presented within this report we also took time to review our performance and plan for the future direction of our programming. The strategic planning workshop in May gave us a valuable insight into what our member councils valued most and wanted more of from our programs. A summary of this review process is provided below. I wish to thank the GRCCC's staff for their hard work and dedication this year which has resulted in the significant achievements presented in this report.

Strategic Review of GRCCC Programming and Management and Implementation (M&I) Plan

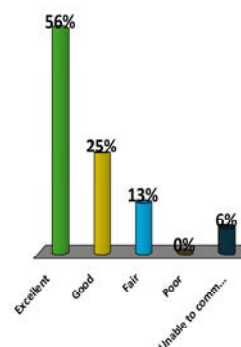
Rationale: In order to ensure that the GRCCC and its associated Programs were delivering appropriate outcomes for member councils, the Executive Group recommended that a short, focused workshop be held to evaluate the success of existing M&I programs, and to identify opportunities/activities that would ensure that the objectives of the Committee were aligned with those of its member councils. The outcomes of the workshop have been used to update the Committee's M&I Plan.

Workshop: A half day workshop was held on 1 June 2011 at Hurstville City Council. The workshop was attended by 16 councillors and staff. During the workshop participants were asked to anonymously rate the performance of the Programs and Cluster Groups that had been operating within the last few years. A representative from each member council present was then invited to provide feedback on how that GRCCC could better serve the needs of their council or integrate better with their council's key objectives. Feedback was also sought on whether or not it was thought new Programs and Cluster Groups should be initiated. Those councils that were not present were invited to respond via email.

The bar chart shows the results of anonymous voting on the performance of the River Health Program by attendees at the Strategic Review workshop. Participants at the Strategic Review voted on the performance of each GRCCC program cluster.

River Health in terms of performance to target?

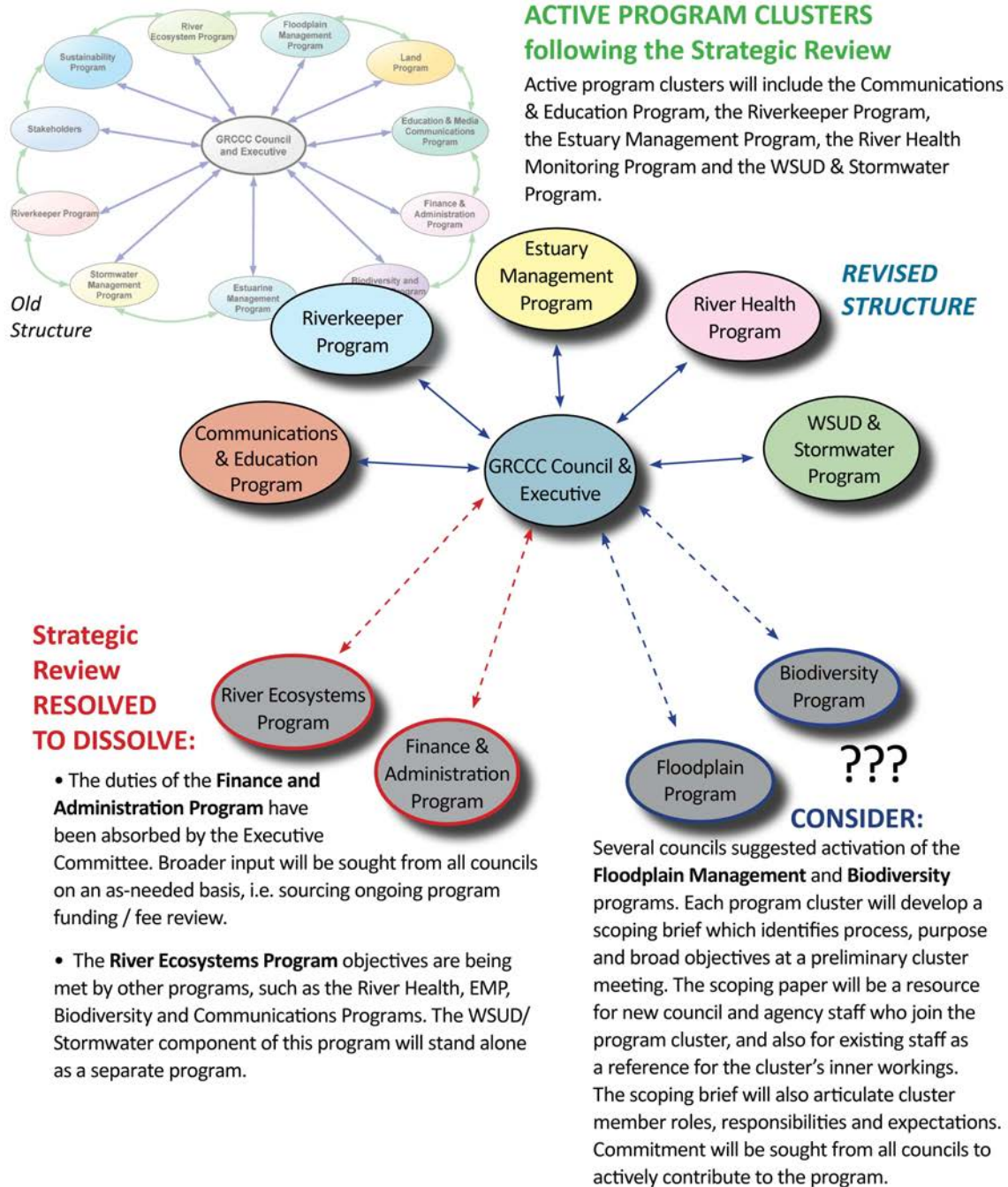
1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. Unable to comment



Outcomes of the Strategic Review

GRCCC Management & Implementation (M&I) Plan

A report was produced following the strategic planning workshop detailing outcomes and recommendations. This was issued to member councils in June 2011 together with a revised draft program structure. Councils were asked to provide feedback on both the strategic review outcomes and their structure. Both were adopted at the August 2011 GRCCC meeting.



Alison Hanlon
GRCCC Program Manager

GRCCC Executive Group Summary 2010 -2011

The Executive group is comprised of the GRCCC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer / Public Officer, Host Council Manager and GRCCC Program Manager.



GRCCC Executive Group 2011: Cr Peter Harle (Treasurer, Public Officer) Maureen McLuckie (Admin Officer), Alison Hanlon (Program Manager), Cr Naji Peter Najjar (Vice Chairperson), Cr Julie Bourke (Chairperson), Ian Curtis (Host Council Manager).

The GRCCC Executive Group focused on the financial, business and operational management of the GRCCC. The group has also planned strategically for the long term needs of our programs and operations.

Key areas of focus for the 2010 – 2011 financial year included the review of income and resources for the GRCCC's main operational budget and Riverkeeper Program which are funded by the GRCCC's program fees. This resulted in the development of a new program structure using the same budget which provided a full time Riverkeeper and a part time administration officer.

Other activities included the recruitment of staff; assisting independent auditors with the audit of GRCCC accounts, preparation of budgets and annual financial statements; finalisation and acquittal of several large grant projects; development of contractor briefs for the Riverkeeper Program, Estuary Management Program and Botany Bay Water Quality Improvement Program (ALS Buoy maintenance); securing resources and establishing protocols and logistical arrangements for Riverkeeper teams and the River Health Program; preparation of the Georges River Estuary Management Plan; co-ordination of the GRCCC Strategic Planning Workshop; and managing the release of River Health Monitoring program report cards and other communications issued by the GRCCC. Councils are provided with detailed summaries of the activities of the Executive Group at each GRCCC meeting.

GRCCC PROGRAMS:

1. Georges Riverkeeper Program

The 2010/11 year was a transitional one for the GRCCC Riverkeeper Program. The key Riverkeeper events in 2010/11 were:



- Employment of a fulltime Riverkeeper Coordinator in January 2011
- Commencement of the Corrective Services NSW Intensive Correction Order (ICO) Teams in April 2011
- Work schedules adjusted to ensure equal access to services in January 2011
- Commencement of the National Green Jobs Corps Team in May 2011
- Successful completion of the Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative (MGRSI) bush regeneration projects at Mill Creek and Yeramba Lagoon
- Successful delivery of the Oceanwatch Tide to Table fish habitat restoration grant project at Myles Dunphy Reserve, Oatley and Mirambeena Reserve, Georges Hall.

Due to changes in the Corrective Services NSW periodic detention system, difficulties were experienced in accessing regular teams from August 2010 through to March 2011. The introduction of the new ICO teams in April 2011 saw a significant increase in the reliability, productivity and on ground outcomes in rubbish collection and bush regeneration services to member Councils, as illustrated in **Figure 1**.

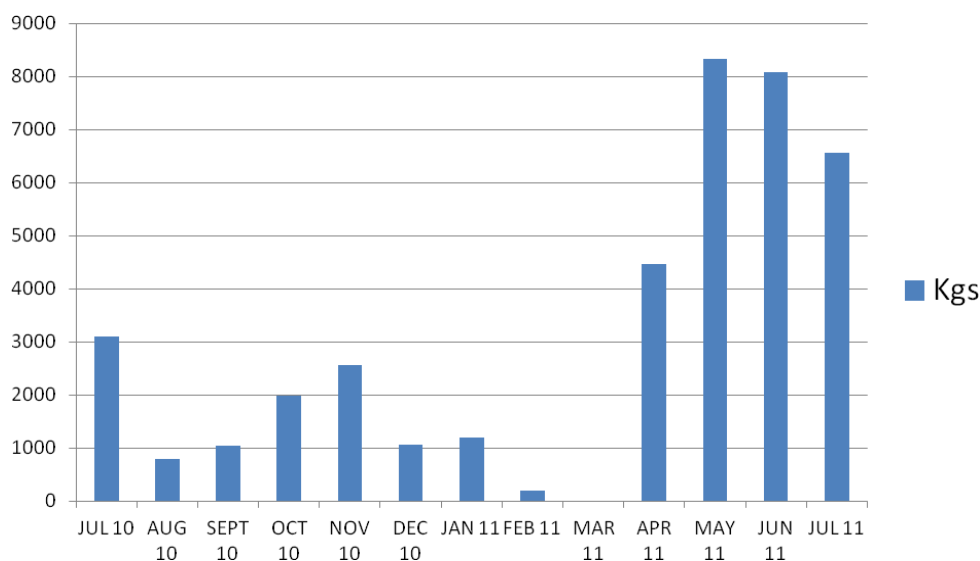


Figure 1: Monthly Riverkeeper Rubbish Collection (kgs) for Georges River Catchment

Despite the slow start to the financial year due to team access issues, 32,802 kilograms of rubbish were collected in 2010/11 across the nine member councils compared to 25,467 kilograms in 2009/10. Most of these kgs were collected from 1 April 2011 to June 30, 2011 after the new teams commenced.

The Riverkeeper Coordinator works strategically with council officers who have been assigned to the Riverkeeper Program cluster group. Council officers nominate priority sites for rubbish removal by Riverkeeper teams.



Table 1: Rubbish Collection by Local Government Area

LGA	No. Allocated Days	Total Sites Visited	No. Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Bags Collected	Bag Weight Kg	Extra Kg	Total Kg	Average Bags Per Site	Average Kg Per Site
Bankstown	21	36	172	763	236	3540	104	3644	6.6	101.2
Campbelltown	17	36	113	368	230	3450	245	3695	6.4	102.6
Fairfield	20	38	122	490	298	4470	265	4735	7.8	124.6
Hurstville	19	45	164	684	156	2340	61	2401	3.5	53.4
Kogarah	13	35	90	330	186	2790	90	2880	5.3	82.3
Liverpool	28	67	226	662	422	6330	226	6556	6.3	97.9
Rockdale	14	21	105	287	133	1995	96	2091	6.3	99.6
Sutherland	19	31	146	682	280	4200	395	4595	9.0	148.2
Wollondilly	2	2	14	20	3	45	0	45	1.5	22.5
NPWS	3	3	20	9	5	75	0	75	1.7	25.0
CUAD	1	11	132	528	106	1590	495	2085	9.6	189.5
TOTAL	157	325	1304	4823	2055			32802	6.3	100.9

NPWS: National Parks & Wildlife Service Area (Georges River National Park)

CUAD: Clean Up Australia Day

Table 1 shows the allocation of teams and resources, and the rubbish removal results for each local government area. A total of 32,802 kgs was removed by the program using over 1304 volunteers at over 325 sites.

The Riverkeeper Program uses Riverkeeper teams and volunteer groups to perform bush regeneration at nominated sites. Teams work to increase the biodiversity of remnant bushland and riparian vegetation on foreshores, creeks and tributaries through the targeted removal of weeds, and a combination of revegetation and natural regeneration.

Table 2: Bush Regeneration Summary by Local Government Area

LGA	No. Days Worked	Supervisor Hours	No. Volunteer	Volunteer Hours	Area Worked m ²	Weeds Insitu m ³	Weeds Exsitu m ³	Total Weeds m ³	Plantings
Bankstown	101	773	535	1942.5	10742	345	111	456	1348
Campbelltown	6	37	15	102	1015	242	1	243	0
Fairfield	3	22.5	13	78	349	0	45	45	0
Hurstville	17.5	88	123	531.5	1595	92.5	69.5	162	0
Kogarah	1	6	4	24	175	0	12	12	0
Liverpool	6	35	26	156	1200	330	1	331	0
Rockdale	2	13	21	121	368	17	0	17	0
Sutherland	65	194	38	178	3940	45	45	90	1800
Wollondilly	2	14	8	52	220	44	2	46	0
MGRSI	10	0	17	85	340	2.5	0	2.5	0
TOTAL	214	1183	800	3270	19944	1118	286.5	1405	3148

MGRSI: Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative

Table 2 shows the allocation of teams and resources, and bush regeneration results for each local government area. A total of 19,944 m² was worked by the program using over 800 volunteers over 214 days.

Looking Ahead 2011 – 2012

Based on the 7 tonnes of rubbish currently being collected by the Riverkeeper Program each month, we estimate that the program will collect more than 80 tonnes of rubbish by the end of the 2011/2012 financial year. The program will also have over 120 rubbish collection sites being serviced across the catchment.



The program proposes to conduct a review of current stormwater booms and use the rubbish collections statistics we have collected to determine whether new booms could be placed in key “hotspot” locations that could be maintained by Riverkeeper Teams. The program will work with council Riverkeeper cluster members to consider locations and funding options.

Bush Regeneration will be conducted at locations nominated by member councils with the objective of improving the ecological health and biodiversity of the river system. Bush Regeneration in riparian zones will focus on improving macroinvertebrate habitat and weed removal.

2. Georges River Estuary Management Program

The Georges River Estuary Management plan study area extends from 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, as well as parts of Botany Bay's foreshore up to the Cooks River and all tidal waters such as Scarborough Park Ponds that drain into the study area.



Community Estuary Management Forum 24 May 2011

The Georges River Estuary Management Committee / Cluster (EMC) includes Councillors and technical officers from Hurstville, Kogarah, Rockdale, Liverpool, Sutherland and Bankstown Councils as well as agency representatives from the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority, NPWS, Industry and Investment NSW, NSW Maritime and the Department of Lands. The committee also includes several community representatives from within the catchment. A full list of committee members is provided at the back of the annual report under Program Representation.

The 2010 – 2011 financial year saw the completion of the joint Data Compilation and Estuary Processes Study by SMEC (Aust) Pty Ltd in consultation with the EMC.

The GRCCC developed and issued a consultancy brief for the completion of the Georges River Estuary Management Study and Plan, the final phase of the EMP planning process. BMT WBM Pty Ltd, who have extensive experience in producing estuary management plans, were appointed to deliver the plan as they produced the tender that most comprehensively met the requirements of the brief.

BMT WBM began the process by conducting two, one day workshops at Hurstville Council with the Estuary Management Committee. The workshops enabled to committee to confirm and agree on the aims, objectives, management options and actions for inclusion in the Georges River Estuary Management Study and Plan. Following the workshops BMT WBM met with each council and identified specific actions, within their local government areas, that could be included in the plan.

The outcomes of both workshops were presented to the community at a Community Consultation Forum held at Club Central Hurstville on Tuesday 24 May, 2011. The forum was well attended and community was given a presentation on the aims, objectives and management options identified to date. Participants were asked to identify any issues which had not already been included and to rank the objectives and actions in order of importance.

Looking ahead 2011 - 2012

Regular progress meetings are being held with BMT WBM and the following timeframes for the draft and final reports have been proposed:

- First draft by mid December 2011 (latest), which will include all mapping
- GRCCC will aim to provide collated comments from councils via the EMC to consultants by end of January
- BMT WBN to provide the final draft to the GRCCC by end of February and pending support from all councils the draft will be put up for public exhibition in March/ April 2012.



The planning process involved extensive consultation with councils and the community.

3. Community River Health Monitoring Program

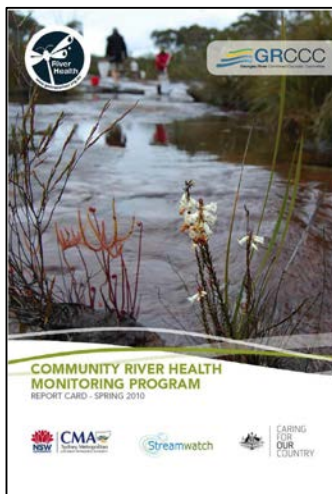


The final stage of the first round of funding for the River Health Monitoring Program was completed in June 2011. Two sampling campaigns were undertaken in spring 2010 and autumn 2011 making a total of four since the commencement of the program in 2009.

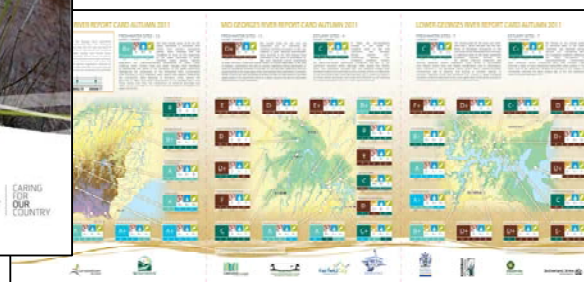
Since 2009, 31 freshwater and 11 estuarine sites were sampled each spring and autumn which collectively equaled 168 sampling events. In addition community volunteers have contributed more than 1700 hours of participation to the project.

The results of seasonal monitoring have been reported in a series of four River Health Report Cards which were produced in spring and autumn each year after every sampling campaign.

Five councils – Bankstown, Hurstville, Kogarah, Rockdale and Sutherland have used the data to identify on ground works needed to improve water quality and riverbank vegetation. These councils have allocated grant funding provided by the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority and the Lower Georges River Urban Sustainability Initiative to implement the works. In addition, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Liverpool and Wollondilly Shire councils have also used the data for environmental reporting and planning purposes.



Spring 2010 Report Card



A presentation was given on the River Health Monitoring Program method of stakeholder engagement and the project structure by the River Health Coordinator at the NSW Government's Catchment Management Forum held in Parkes in September 2010.

In addition a conference paper written in collaboration Dr Ian Wright was accepted for the 6th Australian Streams Management Conference 2012, a peer reviewed conference with the article printed in conference proceedings.



Looking Ahead 2011 – 2012

In 2011 GRCCC successfully secured additional funding of \$506,000 through the Australian Governments Caring for Our Country program to continue the River Health Monitoring Program for a further 2 years. This funding has provided the opportunity to improve the program and expand the program into the Cooks River catchment in partnership with the Cooks River Alliance. This funding will allow the GRCCC to employ a Cooks River Health Project Officer who will start in September 2011.

The River Health program was nominated as a finalist in two categories in NSW Green Globe Sustainability Awards and as a finalist in the 2011 Urban Landcare category of the NSW Landcare Awards.

A new Caring for Country grant project has been developed and submitted to the Australian Government which, if approved, will see each member council receive \$30,000 for works to improve water quality and riparian condition in response to River Health Program data.

The River Health program is now being emulated elsewhere by CMA's and councils in other regions.



4. GRCCC Communications Program

2010-2011 Achievements

- Met with and developed scope for the Communications Cluster;
- Coordinated release and media engagement of one River Health Report Card, including stakeholder communications;
- Coordinated Georges River Conference/Cruise on behalf of Lower, Mid and Upper Georges River and Prospect Creek Urban Sustainability Programs;
- Developed draft Communications Strategy and associated policies, including GRCCC Media & Communications Policy, GRCCC Corporate Sponsorship policy (draft), GRCCC Branding & Acknowledgement Policy (draft);
- Coordination of Clean Up Australia Day event and cleanup;
- Ongoing media releases and lobbying letters;
- Ongoing development and updating of Georges River website;
- Various branding and promotional outcomes: such as new River Health logo; Improving Prospect Creek Urban Sustainability Initiative logo; Riverkeeper Centre signs; Riverkeeper truck decal; GRCCC posters/flyers; GRCCC events kiosk; GRCCC t-shirts, hats & drink bottles; template for Georges River newsletter (*Georges River Current*)
- Development of Riverkeeper Report Card;
- Promotion of River Health program trainings & recruitment;
- Communications, planning and resource support for Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative.



Clean Up Australia Day, March 2011 at Malta Street Reserve, Fairfield LGA. Hosted by GRCCC

GRCCC Communications Cluster

The GRCCC Communications Program has developed a Communications Strategy which identifies key messages and strategies that are consistent across the catchment. The Strategy will be formally amended through a facilitated workshop by the Communications Cluster – an alliance of council engagement and media officers. This partnership will help to promote the programs of the GRCCC and member councils, and raise the profile of the Georges River through increased community involvement and awareness of environmental issues.

The Objectives of the Communications Strategy are to:

1. Develop a consistent and co-ordinated approach to promoting and conveying key environmental sustainability messages , and information on the GRCCC and relevant Council programs throughout the Georges River Catchment;
2. Develop media engagement protocols to ensure that news networks receive timely, accurate and trustworthy information;
3. Establish a clear profile of the Georges River residential, business and recreational community, and identify their needs and concerns, and integrate into GRCCC programs;
4. Raise awareness of GRCCC and Council programs and ensure active engagement and ownership by member councils to carry out the actions of the strategy;
5. Raise awareness of the GRCCC Communications Program within each council so that the GRCCC Communications Cluster can be sustained over time;
6. Assist with the coordination and promotion of council environmental events and training associated with environmental education programs, environmental or sustainability projects and Urban Sustainability Initiative projects. Achieve efficiencies in the co-ordination of council environmental events by linking them where possible at a subcatchment level;
7. Seek engagement opportunities with councils, businesses and residents;
8. Ensure a consistent and professional branding and acknowledgement of all GRCCC programs and member council involvement.

GRCCC Engagement

Media & Press Releases

Release of River Health Report Card plus Media Q&A brief	Oct 2010 & April 2011
GRCCC Opposes Longwall Mining	Oct 2010
GRCCC Applauds BHP Decision to Shelve Longwall Mining Plan	Nov 2010
GRCCC Announces Funding for River Health Program	Nov 2010
GRCCC Supports Dharawal State Conservation Area	Jan 2011
GRCCC Conference / Cruise	Feb 2011
GRCCC Estuary Management Plan Community Forum	April 2011

GRCCC Presentations

Parramatta River Catchment Group
Kurnell 2020 Book Launch
Education Day - Campbelltown Sports Fishing Club
Pinedale Boy Scouts
Hurstville Historical Society

GRCCC Trainings

Bush Regeneration for Corrective Services
River Health Monitoring for Community
Volunteers
Upper Georges River Water Quality Monitoring

GRCCC Attendance at Events & Forums

Riverfest, Campbelltown
Crosscurrents, Bankstown
National Tree Day, Liverpool
Sutherland Volunteer Expo
Lugarno Lions Festival
CMA Forum - Forbes

GRCCC Volunteer Days

Conservation Volunteers Australia: Hurstville, Liverpool
Clean Up Australia Day: Fairfield, Hurstville
Together for Humanity: Fairfield, Sutherland
Towra Cleanup Day: St George Motor Boat Club, NPWS



*Georges River Conference/Cruise promoting
WSUD and Stormwater management, Feb 2011.*

Looking Ahead, 2011 – 2012

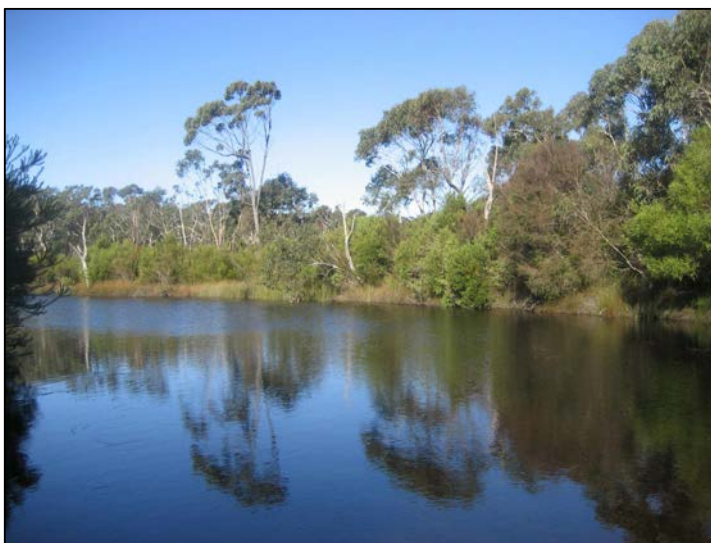
Using the advice and experience of the Communications Cluster, the GRCCC Communications Strategy will become the master plan for strategic engagement, communications and media. The Strategy will shape the communications for *all* GRCCC programs and strengthen the transparency and collaboration between the GRCCC and all member councils, agencies and partner organisations. Primary examples include: the formation of the first Riverkeeper Program Report Card and associated media; the first River Health Report Card which articulates the expansion of the program into the Cooks River; the development of volunteer trainings and community surveys; and the creation of a Georges River Newsletter.

5. 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.



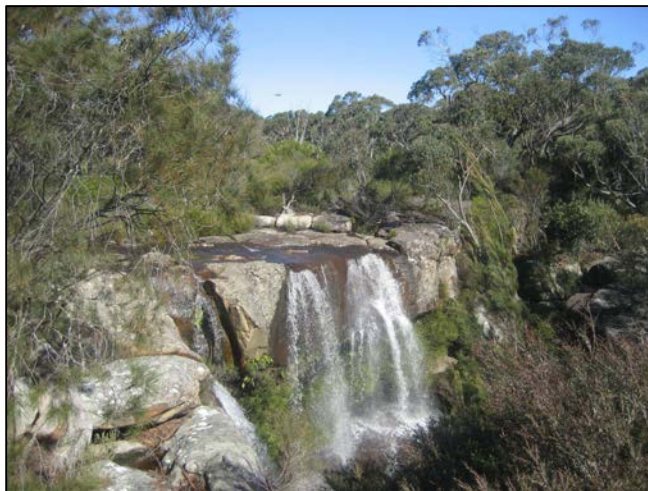
The program objectives agreed to by the Program cluster group are:

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.

Outcomes 2010 - 2011

In 2009 the River Health Cluster agreed a river tour should be organised for GRCCC Councillors and Senior Council Management (Director Planning, Director Engineering & GM) to highlight the need for greater WSUD adoption within the catchment. The GRCCC's Communications and Engagement Officer and the LGRSI / MGRSI co-ordinated a WSUD Awareness Cruise for Councillors and senior management in February 2011.

The GRCCC participated in and promoted a series of WSUD Awareness Rapid Assessment Workshops developed by the LGRSI and Andre Taylor which helps councils identify actions to improve the integration of WSUD into councils.



The GRCCC Program Manager continued to participate on the reference committee for the Botany Bay Water Quality Improvement Program (BBWQIP) and has promoted its initiatives through meetings and other mediums. The GRCCC is also supporting the BBWQIP through the maintenance of real time water quality data loggers on the Georges and Cooks Rivers.

Looking Ahead in 2011 – 2012

During the GRCCC Strategic Planning Workshop it was agreed that the objectives of River Ecosystem Program were very broad and that many of its objectives were being met by other Programs/Cluster groups. It was resolved the program would be dissolved however the WSUD / Stormwater element of this program will remain as the WSUD & Stormwater Program.

GRCCC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

1. Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative



The Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative (LGRSI) is a partnership between Rockdale City, Hurstville City, 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.

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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 detailed within 4 Action Plans, and 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.



Participants at Oatley Flora & Fauna's Birds in Backyards workshop, and initiative of the LGRSI getting greener! program.

Action Plan activities (September October 2010 to June 2011)

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"> • 4 draft WSUD Action Plans produced • Rapid Assessment and Action Planning Tool housed on SMCMA website
4 staff WSUD awareness events	Completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUSIC training
4 WSUD demonstration projects	Not completed. (Due in 2011) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 project briefs and agreements in place - implementation in 2011
4 WSUD case studies	Not completed. (due in 2011)
4 councilor WSUD awareness events	WSUD cruise held in February
Community Partnerships Program Action Plan	
More sustainable practices of community and business.	
Activities	Status
2-12 Project Plans	Completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Project Plans submitted
2-12 Project Partnership Agreements	Completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Agreements completed
2-12 sustainable practices, bushland, riparian health projects	Not completed (due in 2011) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 River Health Monitoring site restoration projects commenced
2-12 Most Significant Change case studies	Not completed (due in 2011)
Organisational Effectiveness Action Plan	
More effective institutional arrangements within partner councils (to enable and enhance sustainable practices).	
Activities	Status
4 council Organisational Profiles	3 completed; 1 underway

4 Action Plans based on Organisational profiles	Not completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One completed
4 planning workshops	Not completed. (due 2011, after review)
4 reviews of purchasing policies	Completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Sustainable Purchasing Policies provided 4 Sustainable Events Policies provided
4 reviews of illegal dumping policies	Not completed. Not necessary.
4 Sustainable Choice or Green with ENV-E activities (or similar)	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.
Botany Bay projects 4-pager	Not completed. Not necessary
Baseline Foraminifera survey	Not completed. (contracted for June 2010 delivery)
Support Estuary Management Plan	Completed.
Promote projects on GRCCC website	Not completed. Ongoing updates.

Scheduled Activities to January 2012

	Scheduled major activity	Timing
Engagement and Communications Officer	Media and promotion identified in LGRSI Engagement and Communications Plans.	June 2011 – Jan 2012
	GRCCC website updates	Regular
	Communications support to <i>getting greener!</i> project groups	June 2011 – Jan 2012
	Video stories of <i>getting greener!</i> projects	June 2011 – Dec 2011
Urban Water Management Sub-Program	WSUD on-ground works in 4 x councils	Dec 2011
	Provide WSUD Decision Support resources to SMCMA wsud.org	August 2011
Community Partnerships Program: <i>getting greener!</i>	Support project 6 x partners.	To Dec 2011
	Estuary Open Day	Oct 2011
	Estuary Resource materials	By Oct 2011
Organisational Effectiveness Program	Complete Organisational Profiling at Sutherland Shire Council	January 2011
Evaluation	Conduct of Most Significant Change video interviews (<i>getting greener!</i> and WSUD)	June - Dec 2011
Reporting	Submission of Env Trust final report	Jan 2012

LGRSI Budgeting

Project funds in hand:	\$ 1,547,000	(plus interest plus contributions)
Major project expenses for 2011-12	\$ 900,000	WSUD on-ground works
	\$ 220,000	getting greener! projects
	\$ 120,000	River Health projects
	\$ 40,000	Promotion/education resources

Overview

The LGRSI is on track. The remaining 7 months to January 2012 provide sufficient time for planned activities to be completed. There is, subject to final costings for several activities, a likelihood that funds will remain unallocated and therefore available for small, discrete projects that can be readily completed and acquitted.

The Community Partnerships Program will conduct a sustainable boating and recreation project commencing July 2011. This involves:

- a partnership with the Marina Industries Association of Australia (MIAA) to promote and deliver their Clean Marinas environmental management system to marinas within the Lower Georges River
- production of estuary information resources for the community
- an estuary Open Day on October 29 showcasing sustainable recreational activity

The WSUD Decision Support tool will be made publicly available as a tool for use by other organizations via the SMCMA website.



Food Connect, Sydney developed a partnership with Hurstville City Council to provide locally-sourced, chemical free produce to area residents.



Members of the Carss Park Community Garden with their first raised bed.

2. Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative

The Mid Georges River Sustainability Initiative (MGRSI) was a partnership between Bankstown City Council, Sutherland Shire Council, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Georges River Combined Councils Committee. Focusing on Yeramba Lagoon and Mill Creek sub-catchments, the ultimate objective of the project was to move towards a healthy, balanced ecosystem by engaging all stakeholders in long-term sustainable management of the mid Georges River.



Masterplans were developed to guide future activities within the two sub-catchments, identifying priority on-ground works, planning controls, and educational activities to achieve sustainability objectives. MGRSI implemented 22 actions out of 91 identified through the Masterplans. Many of the actions that were funded through the MGRSI will continue to be implemented by partner agencies beyond the life of the grant project.

Environmental restoration works, including weed removal, bushland regeneration, riparian rehabilitation, native species plantings and erosion control, have been undertaken at over 25 sites throughout the catchments.

An integrated education program has helped to build connection, ownership and pride among the mid Georges River community, while encouraging changes in negative behaviours affecting the catchments.

The MGRSI worked with the other Georges River Sustainability Initiatives to promote sustainable water management throughout the entire catchment. A number of learning opportunities have been provided for Bankstown and Sutherland staff, and both organisations participated in capacity building workshops to complete rapid assessments and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Action Plans.

The program was delivered over three years from 2008 to 2011. Challenges to implementation of the Masterplans, meeting community expectations and also gaining budget approval for works were ongoing. In hindsight it was unrealistic to presume that expectations of the all stakeholders could be satisfied. Indeed even with persistent encouragement not all of the high priority stakeholders could be engaged. Ultimately not all of the funds were able to be used to support priorities identified through the Masterplans. Additionally challenges with employing a project manager and retaining staff near the completion of the project caused disruptions to the planned activities and works.

2010/11 Project Highlights

Yeramba Lagoon

- 'It's Our Yeramba' 2011 calendar featured quotes and photos of local residents, Bushcare volunteers, school students, environmentalists and recreational groups. It was distributed to every household and school in the catchment.
- New track head sign and directional totems were installed along Loop Track. A new brochure was made to promote the walk and is available to from the NPWS, Georges River and BCC websites.
- Yeramblers Bushcare group carried out weeding and maintenance at Amberdale Reserve, and displayed 'We're protecting Yeramba Lagoon' garden signs at home. The group has been integrated with Bankstown's Bushcare program.
- Seven 'Dob in a Dumper' signs were installed along Henry Lawson Drive, and four old signs were removed. Signage promoting responsible disposal of fishing lines, hooks and tackle was produced for the fishing spot opposite Yeramba Lagoon.
- Stormwater drain stencilling was completed with 60 drains painted with the messages 'Don't litter - drains to river' and 'Drains to Yeramba Lagoon'.
- 250 tonnes of aquatic weed was removed from the lagoon. MGRSI commenced a biological control trial using *Salvinia Weevil*, released in September 2010, in partnership with NSW Industry and Investment. Monitoring is ongoing.
- GRCCC Riverkeeper teams worked at Kennedy St drainage line treating and pulling weeds and spreading native seeds. The team closed off trail bike tracks to promote rehabilitation.
- A 39m grassed swale and two sandstone sculptures were installed at Amberdale Reserve.
- MGRSI allocated funds to NPWS to install a new length of environmentally friendly sandstone sea wall opposite the lagoon.
- Concept designs for removal of the weir and reintroduction of tidal flows were finalised and provided to NPWS for management of the site.

Mill Creek

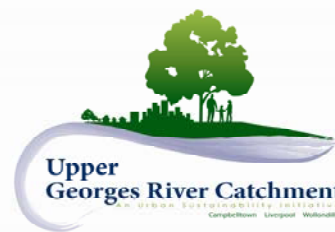
- The Mill Creek 'Tread Lightly' Photo Competition awards night was held in July 2010 with images showcased at a Menai Marketplace exhibition. Images from were compiled in a 2011 calendar and distributed to 2500 households in the catchment.
- A non-profit educational organisation was engaged to develop brochures explaining how people can reduce the impacts of four wheel driving and trail bike riding, and the distribution and promotion of these materials through new and existing networks.
- New signs warning people about illegal use of bushland were installed at eleven locations in Menai and Alford's Point along the residential interface.
- Bush regeneration, weed control and mitigation of stormwater impacts was performed using contractors and GRCCC Riverkeeper teams at 18 degraded sites in the catchment. At Hall

Drive weed control was coordinated with a prescribed hazard reduction burn in February 2011.

- Six new sites in the Mill Creek catchment have been included in Sutherland's water quality monitoring program.
- At three locations boom gates are being installed with 50m of steel barrier railing to restrict illegal off-road vehicles into sensitive areas.
- The MGRSI allocated funds to SMCMA to continue their 'Land Alive' program and maintain an Indigenous land management team on Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council lands. The team received accredited training to attain a Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management.
- Menai Wildflower Group was engaged to map a new walking route and identify track improvements. Numbered directional totems were installed along the route and detailed track notes were created using text and images provided by the MWG. The track notes will be available to download from the Council and NPWS websites.
- The three Georges River Urban Sustainability Projects hosted a WSUD conference in the form of a dinner cruise along the Georges River, aimed at engaging Councillors and Executive staff. The event was attended by over 60 people from 27 organisations. Experts from Monash University and University of Western Sydney spoke about the past, present and future of urban water management. Guests were given a folio that showcased WSUD projects already commissioned by Councils and highlighted achievements of the existing initiatives.

3. Upper Georges River Sustainability Initiative

In 2008 Campbelltown City Council in partnership with Liverpool City Council and in association with Wollondilly Shire Council and the GRCCC, received \$2 million from the NSW Environmental Trust for an Urban Sustainability Project focused on the Upper Georges River.



In 2010/11 the Upper Georges River Urban Sustainability project achieved a number of significant milestones. Several large on-ground projects were completed, the Strategic Environmental Management Plan was finalised and one of the major community engagement events “The River Project” was staged.

On ground works Highlights

A significant number of onground works projects were completed within the 2010/11 period. One of these projects was the Victoria Road Stormwater and Bunbury Curran Weed Removal Project under taken by Campbelltown City Council. The project represented a twostep approach to addressing water quality issues and weed infestation within the old meanders of the Bunbury Curran creek.

The first stage involved works undertaken to mitigate the impact of high velocity stormwater discharging into the natural channel. This project also sought to address some of the water quality issues facing the sub catchment particularly in regard to erosion and suspended solids. Following the finalisation of stage 1, significant weed removal has been undertaken through the corresponding riparian corridor of the channel. The area is now being managed to assess the capacity for the native vegetation to regenerate without the competition from the weeds.

The Strategic Environmental Management Plan (SEMP)

The finalisation of the SEMP was an important milestone for the project. The purpose of the SEMP is to guide decision making in regard to the Upper Georges River catchment. In this regard the SEMP considers not only water quality but biodiversity and community engagement/education. The SEMP is designed to assist decision makers, planners, managers, key stake holders and the community in understanding the issues facing the Upper Georges River and to put in place appropriate management responses to address these issues over time.

Importantly the SEMP will represent a major legacy beyond the timeframe of the Upper Georges River project as it will continue to guide and inform all decisions that have the potential to impact on the Upper Georges River in the future.

The River Project

Additionally, one of the major community engagement events 'The River Project' was held at Campbelltown Arts Centre. It brought together 20 artists from the Asia-Pacific region to exhibit works, across a variety of formats that addressed the social and environmental impacts of the changing nature of river systems across the Asia-Pacific Region.

During the three month exhibition (27 August to 24 October 2010) approximately 18,000 people viewed the exhibition. The exhibition closed with a River Symposium convened to discuss environmental issues facing the Georges River. The symposium featured keynote speaker Dr Ian Wright (from the University of NSW) and a presentation by Dr Ann Young formerly an academic in Physical Geography from the University of Wollongong. The Symposium was attended by over 90 people.



The River Project Exhibition at Campbelltown Arts Centre brought together performance art, publications, education and public programs from various Australian and international artists to explore the issues facing river systems in the Asia and the Pacific, and examined the relationships contemporary cultures have with these river systems.

The Upper Georges River 2011/12

The Upper Georges River was granted a 12 month extension in July 2011 to enable a number of the actions within the SEMP to be delivered. The project is now due for completion in June 2012. Staff are currently preparing project plans to begin the implementation of the SEMP. This represents another critical step in improving the environmental sustainability of the Upper Georges River.

4. Improving Prospect Creek for Water Quality and Habitat

The NSW Environmental Trust has funded the Improving Prospect Creek (IPC) project which involves the collaboration of Bankstown, Fairfield and Holroyd City Councils. The concern for the condition of the creek was the motivation in developing the IPC.



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 (SMP) for the Prospect Creek Riparian Corridor. The SMP has been developed to incorporate and outline key actions identified in existing strategies, plans and documents for the creek. The SMP has outlined the areas of conservation significance and recommendations for the "*ideal riparian corridor widths*".

This information will assist in the on-going revegetation efforts and the management of riparian areas of the Prospect Creek for all Councils involved.

The local community was engaged in the development of the SMP with their participation and involvement of two consultation sessions. The consultations were aimed at improving the outcomes of the SMP along with building partnerships between local government and the community.

The second stage of the project will involve the implementation of the most essential 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, through bushcare days which will be held as part of the project.



Prospect Creek bush regeneration sites, for completion FY 2011/12.

Status of Project

Following a community consultation of the draft SMP, the submission of comments from the community and the project steering committee were incorporated into the final SMP document. The consultant has forwarded the final SMP to Bankstown, Holroyd and Fairfield City Councils. Some weed removal works have been done at Mirambeena Regional Park in Bankstown while other weed removal and revegetation work is set to commence in Holroyd and Fairfield in August 2011.

The SMP provides key recommendations for a number of sections along the Prospect Creek riparian zones requiring weed control, tree planting and bush regeneration. It also provides other recommendations including the need to complete rehabilitation and stabilisation works to bridge abutments, stormwater outlets and creek banks in a number of areas. The key management issues are identified including litter and water quality and the need to install water quality improvement devices to help mitigate these issues.

For further details regarding this project, please contact Nicole Thomas on 9725 0264 or by email ngthomas@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au

OPERATIONAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2011

	8780 - GRCCC Main Project	8782 - Riverkeeper GRCCC	Combined Total
	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE			
<u>Operating activities:</u>			
– members fees and program fees	287,105	0	287,105
– Other contributions	19,990	0	19,990
<u>Non-operating activities:</u>			
– dividends	0	0	0
– interest	33,789	0	33,789
– proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	340,884	0	340,884
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising	4844	0	4844
Catering	2590	0	2590
Contractor & Consultancy Costs	0	105	105
Contributions Paid	0	44803	44803
Depreciation	3410	0	3410
Employee Leave Entitlements	12379	1908	14287
Equipment	33770	0	33770
Insurance	12437	0	12437
IT Expenses	3539	500	4039
Materials	0	14688	14688
Motor Vehicle Expenses	0	1185	1185
Printing & Stationery	2600	0	2600
Registrations	0	1974	1974
Sundry Expenses	1366	0	1366
Superannuation	10827	815	11642
Telephone	519	247	765
Wages	72666	64449	137115
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	160,946	130,673	291,618
Profit before income tax	179,939	-130,673	49,266
Income tax expense	0	0	0
Profit after income tax	179,939	-130,673	49,266

Note: In the Audited Statements that follow, operational program and membership fees have been assessed collectively with grant funding which has produced a negative result due to grant funds received in previous financial years being expended in the current financial year.

Independent Auditors Report



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS' COMMITTEE INC

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the NSW *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc is in accordance with the NSW *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards.



Name of partner: Brett Hanger

Dated this 3rd day of November 2011

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APPENDICES

Appendix A – Financial Statements

Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2011

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Revenue	2	563,156	528,472
Employee benefits expense		(237,097)	(162,593)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(3,410)	0
Materials & Contracts	3	(301,911)	(166,782)
Other expenses	3	(79,152)	(118,765)
Profit/(loss) before income tax		(58,414)	80,332
Income tax expense	1a	0	0
Profit/(loss) for the year		(58,414)	80,332
Profit/(loss) attributable to members of the entity		(58,414)	80,332

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Profit/(loss) for the year		(58,414)	80,332
Other comprehensive income after income tax:			
Other comprehensive income		0	0
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		0	0
Total comprehensive income for the year		(58,414)	80,332
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity		(58,414)	80,332

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	379,151	455,883
Trade and other receivables	6	17,942	11,699
Other current assets	7	16,822	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		413,916	467,582
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	54,005	23,645
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		54,005	23,645
TOTAL ASSETS		467,920	491,227
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	65,012	29,905
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		65,012	29,905
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES		65,012	29,905
NET ASSETS		402,908	461,322
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		402,908	461,322
TOTAL EQUITY		402,908	461,322

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2009	380,990	380,990
Comprehensive income		
Profit for the year	80,332	80,332
Other comprehensive income for the year	0	0
Total comprehensive income	80,332	80,332
Balance at 30 June 2010	461,322	461,322
Comprehensive income		
Profit/(loss) for the year	(58,414)	(58,414)
Other comprehensive income for the year	0	0
Total comprehensive income	(58,414)	(58,414)
Balance at 30 June 2011	402,908	402,908

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Note	2011	2010
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Membership and Program Fees		374,479	325,328
Operating grants and contribution receipts		132,245	201,770
Other Receipts		64,879	9,339
Payments to suppliers and employees		(648,354)	(466,079)
Interest received		33,789	28,180
Interest paid		0	0
Net cash provided by operating activities	12	(42,962)	98,538
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(33,770)	(23,645)
Net cash used in investing activities		(33,770)	(23,645)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payment of borrowings			
Net cash used in financing activities		0	0
Net increase in cash held		(76,732)	74,893
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		455,883	380,990
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	379,151	455,883

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

The financial statements cover Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Association Inc as an individual entity. Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc is an association incorporated in New South Wales under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *New South Wales Associations Incorporation Act 2009*.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 25 October 2011 by the members of the association.

Accounting Policies

a. Income Tax

The association exempts from income tax.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The entity owns three boats and trailers for use by the River keeper. These are stored at the Revesby premises. At the same premises is some office equipment and river regeneration equipment. This equipment was donated to the Committee and due to their condition was not considered to be material for recognition at balance date. All new capital purchased are capitalised when they exceed the \$1000 capitalisation threshold and depreciated using the straight line method over its useful life

Vehicles are depreciated over a useful life of 5 years.

Other Plant and Equipment is depreciated over a useful life between 5 – 10 years.

Office Equipment is depreciated over a useful life of 5 – 8 years.

Additions during the year 2010/11 were purchased in June 2011 and will commence depreciating from July 2011.

c. Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Liabilities for annual leave and long service leave are recognised, and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

At balance date GRCCC staffs were made up of one full time admin staff and one part time project officer. The River keeper is employed by NSW Maritime. There were no liabilities for employee leave entitlements as at 30 June 2010.

d. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, at banks and on deposit.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

e. **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. Any consideration deferred is treated as the provision of finance and is discounted at a rate of interest that is generally accepted in the market for similar arrangements. The difference between the amount initially recognised and the amount ultimately received is interest revenue.

Revenue is recognised when the Committee obtains control over the assets comprising the revenue, or when the amount becomes an enforceable debt, whichever first occurs.

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes as restricted assets. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the committee operations for the current reporting period.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

f. **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

g. **Comparative Figures**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

h. **Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

NOTE 2: REVENUE	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Revenue		
– Operating grants	123,706	184,337
– Membership Fees & Contributions	340,435	295,753
– Liverpool Council (Long Service Leave for GRCCC Coordinator)	0	1,457
– Wage Reimbursements for Communications Program	65,225	18,745
– Interest	33,789	28,180
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Total revenue	563,156	528,472
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NOTE 3: PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	2011	2010
	\$	\$
a. Significant Expenses		
The following significant expense items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:		
– Insurance	(12,437)	(12,463)
– Contributions Paid	(44,803)	(86,954)
– Contractor and Consultancy Costs	(279,279)	(164,231)

NOTE 4: AUDITORS' REMUNERATION	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor of the association for:		
– auditing or reviewing the financial report	0	0

NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	Note	2011	2010
		\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	13	379,151	455,883
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		379,151	455,883
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Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:			
Cash and cash equivalents		379,151	455,883
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		379,151	455,883
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Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc

NOTE 6: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
CURRENT			
Income Accruals		17,942	0
Government Grants & Subsidies		0	11,699
Total current trade and other receivables	13	17,942	11,699

Current trade receivables are non-interest bearing loans and are generally receivable within 30 days. A provision for impairment is recognised against subscriptions where there is objective evidence that an individual trade receivable is impaired. No impairment was required at 30 June 2011 (2010: 0).

Credit risk

The association has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to any single counterparty or group of counterparties.

	Gross Amount \$	Past Due and Impaired \$	Past Due but Not Impaired (Days Overdue)				Within Initial Trade Terms \$
			< 30 \$	31–60 \$	61–90 \$	> 90 \$	
2011							
Trade and Other receivables	17,942						17,942
Total	17,942						17,942

	Gross Amount \$	Past Due and Impaired \$	Past Due but Not Impaired (Days Overdue)				Within Initial Trade Terms \$
			< 30 \$	31–60 \$	61–90 \$	> 90 \$	
2010							
Trade and other receivables	11,699						11,699
Total	11,699						11,699

The association does not hold any financial assets whose terms have been renegotiated, but which would otherwise be past due or impaired.

Collateral held as security

No collateral is held as security for any of the trade and other receivable balances.

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NOTE 7: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Prepayments	16,822	0

NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Office equipment:		
At cost	2,005	0
Accumulated depreciation	0	0
	2,005	0
plant and equipment:	55,410	23,645
Accumulated depreciation	(3410)	0
	52,000	23,645
Total property, plant and equipment	54,005	23,645

Movements in carrying amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Office Equipment	Plant and Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2009	0	0	0
Additions	0	23,645	23,645
Disposals	0	0	0
Depreciation expense	0	0	0
Balance at 30 June 2010	0	23,645	23,645
Additions	2,005	31,765	33,770
Disposals	0	0	0
Depreciation expense	0	(3,410)	(3,410)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2011	2,005	52,000	54,005

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NOTE 9: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Note	2011	2010
		\$	\$
CURRENT			
Trade payables		44,112	26,141
Employee benefits		20,900	3,764
		65,012	29,905
		65,012	29,905

NOTE 10: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

The association has no commitments as at 30 June 2011.

NOTE 11: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The association is unaware of any material or significant events that should be disclosed.

NOTE 12: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit after income tax		
Profit after income tax	(58,414)	80,332
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
– Depreciation	3,410	0
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries:		
– increase in trade and term debtors	(6,243)	(11,699)
– increase in prepayments	(16,822)	0
– increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	17,971	26,141
– increase in employee benefits	17,136	3,764
	(42,962)	98,538
	(42,962)	98,538

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NOTE 13: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, accounts receivable and payable.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	379,151	455,883
Trade and receivables	6	17,942	11,699
Total financial assets		397,093	467,582
Financial liabilities			
Trade and other payables			
– trade payables	9	44,112	26,141
Total financial liabilities		44,112	26,141

Financial Risk Management Policies

The association's Treasurer is responsible for, among other issues, monitoring and managing financial risk exposures of the association. The Treasurer monitors the association's transactions and reviews the effectiveness of controls relating to credit risk, financial risk and interest rate risk. Discussions on monitoring and managing financial risk exposures are held bi-monthly and minuted by the committee of management.

The Treasurer's overall risk management strategy seeks to ensure that the association meets its financial targets, while minimising potential adverse effects of cash flow shortfalls.

Specific Financial Risk Exposures and Management

The main risks the association is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and equity price risk.

a. Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the association.

Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures (such as the utilisation of systems for the approval, granting and removal of credit limits, regular monitoring of exposure against such limits and monitoring of the financial stability of significant customers and counterparties) ensuring, to the extent possible, that members and counterparties to transactions are of sound credit worthiness.

Risk is also minimised through investing surplus funds in financial institutions that maintain a high credit rating or in entities that the committee has otherwise cleared as being financially sound.

Credit risk exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period is equivalent to the carrying value and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the statement of financial position.

There is no collateral held by the association securing trade and other receivables.

Trade and other receivables that are neither past due nor impaired are considered to be of high credit quality. Aggregates of such amounts are as detailed at Note 6.

The association has no significant concentrations of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties. Details with respect to credit risk of trade and other receivables are provided in Note 6.

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b. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the association might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The association manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward-looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financing activities;
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions; and
- proactively monitoring the recovery of unpaid subscriptions.

The table below reflects an undiscounted contractual maturity analysis for financial liabilities.

Cash flows realised from financial assets reflect management's expectation as to the timing of realisation. Actual timing may therefore differ from that disclosed. The timing of cash flows presented in the table to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates.

Financial liability and financial asset maturity analysis

	Within 1 Year		1 to 5 Years		Over 5 Years		Total	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial liabilities due for payment								
Trade and other payables (excluding annual leave and grants receivable in advance)	44,112	26,141					44,112	26,141
Total contractual outflows	0	0					0	0
Total expected outflows	44,112	26,141					44,112	26,141
Financial assets – cash flows realisable								
Cash and cash equivalents	379,151	455,883					379,151	455,883
Trade and other receivables	17,942	11,699					17,942	11,699
Total anticipated inflows	397,093	467,582					397,093	467,582
Net (outflow)/inflow on financial instruments	352,981	441,441					352,981	441,441

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Financial assets pledged as collateral

No financial assets have been pledged as security for any financial liability.

c. **Market risk**

(i) *Interest rate risk*

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at the end of the reporting period whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows.

At 30 June 2011, approximately 0% of the association's debt is fixed.

(ii) *Price risk*

Price risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices of securities held.

The association is exposed to securities price risk on available-for-sale investments. Such risk is managed through diversification of investments across industries and geographic locations.

The association's investments are held in diversified management fund portfolios.

Sensitivity analysis

The following table illustrates sensitivities to the association's exposures to changes in interest rates and equity prices. The table indicates the impact on how profit and equity values reported at the end of the reporting period would have been affected by changes in the relevant risk variable that management considers to be reasonably possible. These sensitivities assume that the movement in a particular variable is independent of other variables.

	Profit	Equity
	\$	\$
Year ended 30 June 2011		
+/- 2% in interest rates	7,583	7,583
 Year ended 30 June 2010		
+/- 2% in interest rates	9,118	9,118

No sensitivity analysis has been performed on foreign exchange risk as the association has no significant exposure to currency risk.

	Note	2011		2010	
		Net Carrying Value	Net Fair Value	Net Carrying Value	Net Fair Value
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	(i)	379,151	379,151	455,883	455,883
Trade and other receivables	(i)	17,942	17,942	11,699	11,699
Total financial assets		397,093	397,093	467,582	467,582
Total financial liabilities		44,112	44,112	26,141	26,141

The fair values disclosed in the above table have been determined based on the following methodologies:

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- (i) Cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables are short-term instruments in nature whose carrying value is equivalent to fair value. Trade and other payables exclude amounts relating to the provision of annual leave, which is outside the scope of AASB 139.

NOTE 14: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the association is:

Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc
C/- Hurstville City Council
Civic Centre, City Mall
MacMahon Street
Hurstville NSW 2220

The principal places of business is:

Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc
C/- Hurstville City Council
Civic Centre, City Mall
MacMahon Street
Hurstville NSW 2220

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc as at 30 June 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

Chairperson *Julie Bourke*
Cr Julie Bourke

Treasurer *Peter Harle*
Cr Peter Harle

Dated this 25th day of October 2011

Appendix B – Grants/Awards/Submissions

OceanWatch \$6,750

DECCW for Estuary Management Plan (\$5,000 final payment for Data Compilation and Processes Study & \$15,000 towards Estuary Study and Plan)

MGRSI funds - \$65k

Australian Government – GVESH0 Grant Program \$2,300.

LGRSI funds for salary of GRCCC Communication and Engagement Officer, \$65,225

Grants Approved but funds not yet received:

Australian Government - Caring for Our Country Community Riverhealth Monitoring Program for Georges and Cooks River – Awarded \$506,000

Grants applied for but still under consideration by funding bodies

- Australian Government – Caring for Our Country – Management Response to Community Riverhealth Monitoring in the Georges River (\$561,240)
- Australian Government – Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations - Multi year funding (\$109,616 over 3 year period)

Completed Grants

- Kurnell 2020 Bush Regeneration / Rubbish Removal
- Ocean Watch Tide to Table Botany Bay – Fish Habitat Grants
- MGRSI Riverkeeper Bush Regeneration Projects at Mill Creek and Yeramba Lagoon

Appendix C – GRCCC Partnerships

Coordinating Parties

Cooks River Foreshore Working Group
Chipping Norton Lakes Authority
Clean Up Australia
Georges River Environmental Education Centre
Mudcrabs
Hurstville Rotary Club (Harvey Dixon Park)
Menai Wildflower Group (Azalea Walk)
Lugarno Public School

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 (Col Freeman attending)
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 2010-11 meetings were held on the following dates:

26 August 2010 at Campbelltown City Council
28 October 2010 (Ordinary meeting and AGM) at Hurstville Council
24 February 2011 at Wollondilly Shire Council
5 May 2011 at Liverpool City Council
23 June 2011 at Bankstown City Council

Appendix D – Member Councils Represented at the Following Meetings

COUNCIL	Aug-10 Campbelltown	Oct-10 Hurstville	Feb-11 Wollondilly	May-11 Liverpool	Jun-11 Bankstown
Bankstown					
Councillor	X	X	X	X	X
Staff	X	X	X	X	X
Campbelltown					
Councillor	X	X	X	X	X
Staff	X	X	X	X	
Fairfield					
Councillor *					
Staff		X		X	
Hurstville					
Councillor	X	X	X	X	X
Staff	X	X	X	X	X
Kogarah					
Councillor					
Staff		X	X		X
Liverpool					
Councillor	X	X		X	
Staff	X	X		X	X
Rockdale					
Councillor	X			X	
Staff	X	X		X	X
Sutherland					
Councillor					
Staff	X	X	X		X
Wollondilly					
Councillor	X	X	X		X
Staff		X	X		

* Fairfield Council does not have Councillor representation on any committees.

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

14 July 2010
 11 August 2010
 8 September 2010
 18 October 2010
 10 November 2010
 9 December 2009

20 January 2010
 9 February 2011
 9 March 2011
 6 April 2011
 4 May 2011
 8 June 2011

Appendix E - Election of Office Bearers 28 October 2010

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

Chairperson: Cr Julie Bourke (Campbelltown City Council)

Vice President: Cr Naji Peter Najjar (Bankstown City Council)

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

2010-2011 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 2010-11 period. 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.

Bankstown City Council

Cr Naji Peter Najjar, Member
Ms Jenna Hore, Project Manager – Mid Georges
River Sustainability Initiative
Mr James Carey, Manager
Ms Cherie Blackburn, Technical Officer
Ms Robyn Young, Technical Officer
Ms Rebecca Piper, Technical Officer

Campbelltown City Council

Cr Julie Bourke, Member
Cr George Greiss, Member
Ms Renee Winsor, Manager
Ms Angela Taylor, Technical Officer
Dr Julie Nimmo, Project Manager Upper Georges
River Sustainability Initiative /
Mr Mathew Egan, Project Mgr UGRSI
Ms Maura Pigeon

Fairfield City Council

Mr Stuart Rodham, Manager
Ms Nicole Thomas, Technical officer
Mr Peter Oriehov, Tech Officer

Hurstville City Council

Cr Philip Sansom, Member
Cr Steve McMahon, Member
Cr Anne Wagstaff, Member
Mr Ian Curtis, Manager
Ms Nicole Boyd, Technical Officer

Kogarah City Council

Cr S. Agius, Member
Mr Glen Moody, Manager
Mr David Towns, Technical Officer
Mr Tom Heath, Technical Officer

Liverpool City Council

Cr. Peter Harle, Member
Cr Gary Lucas, Member

National Parks & Wildlife Service

Mr Craig Shephard

Liverpool City Council (continued)

Ms Sandra Kubecka, Manager
Mr Arvind Lal, Manager
Mr Andrew Haughart
Mr Joel Daniels, Technical Officer

Rockdale City Council

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

Sutherland Shire Council

Cr Mark Buttigieg - Member
Mr Gwyn Cleaves, Manager
Mr Brendon Graham, Manager
Ms Christine Guthrie, Technical Officer
Ms Beth Noel, Technical Officer
Mr Paul Price

Wollondilly Shire Council

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

GRCCC Staff

Ms Alison Hanlon, GRCCC Program Manager
Mr David Kuhn, Communications/Engagement
Mr Tony Wales, Riverkeeper, Jan 2011-ongoing
Mr Carl Tippler, River Health Coordinator
Ms Maureen McLuckie, Administration Officer
Mr Simon Annabel, Riverkeeper Jul-Oct 10

NSW Maritime Authority

Mr Graeme Dunlavia

Mr Barry Hodgson

Mr Michael Hand

Industry and Investment NSW

Ms Carla Ganassin

Parramatta River Catchment Group

Ms Leanne Harvey

Oceanwatch Australia

Mr Simon Rowe

Sydney Water

Ms Liz Minor

Ms Claire Evans

Mr Chris Gow

Dr Manu Black

Conservation Volunteers Australia

Ms Diane Saucedo

Corrective Services NSW

Mr Darren Ross

Mr John Gilmore

Mr Thomas Ng

Ms Sharon Yarnton

NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change and Water, (now Office of Environment and Heritage)

Mr Daniel Wiecek

Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority

Mr Phill Birtles

Mr Owen Graham

Mr John Dahlenburg

Ms Judy Christie

Ms Nerida Gill

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 Tralagga – Georges River Environmental Alliance

Ms Dawn Emerson – Past GRCCC President

Mr Lew Solberg – Gandangara Aboriginal Land Council

Ms Signe Westerberg, Upper Georges River Sustainability Initiative

Mr Bruce Cook, Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative

Ms Melina Amerasinghe, Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative

Auswide Projects/N Green Jobs Corp

Mr Mark Green

Appendix G – GRCCC Program Cluster Members

Georges River Estuary Management Committee

Cr Philip Sansom	Hurstville City Council
Cr Steve McMahon	Hurstville City Council
Cr Lesa de Leau	Rockdale City Council
Cr Peter Harle	Liverpool City Council
Gwyn Cleeves	Sutherland Shire Council
Ian Curtis	Hurstville City Council
Alison Hanlon	GRCCC Program Manager
Cherie Blackburn	Bankstown City Council
Joel Daniels	Liverpool City Council
Owen Graham	SMCMA
Dan Cross	Dept of Lands
Carla Ganassin	NSW Industry and Investment
Danny Wiecek	DECCW
Sharyn Cullis	Community Rep
Fred El Bahou	Community Rep
Alexandra Vandine	Rockdale City Council
Craig Shephard/Mick Hand	National Parks and Wildlife Service
Erin Sellers	Fairfield City Council
Leonie Gray	Fairfield City Council

Riverkeeper Cluster Program

Tony Wales	GRCCC Riverkeeper
Alex Stengl	Wollondilly Shire Council
Joel Daniels	Liverpool City Council
Brad Staggs	Wollondilly Shire Council
Nicole Thomas	Fairfield City Council
Ian Curtis	Hurstville City Council
Beth Noel	Sutherland Shire Council
Christine Guthrie	Sutherland Shire Council
Renee Winsor	Campbelltown City Council
Rebecca Piper	Bankstown City Council
Mathew Egan	UGRSI / Campbelltown
David Dekel	LGRSI / Rockdale
Glen Moody	Kogarah City Council
Alexandra Vandine	Rockdale City Council
Sandra Kubecka	Liverpool City Council
Tim Gowing	Fairfield City Council
Tom Heath	Kogarah City Council
Alison Hanlon	GRCCC Program Manager

River Health Monitoring Program

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

Finance and Administration Program

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



Thank you to all our regular attendees for your support during the 2010 / 2011 financial year and for modelling the new GRCCC Volunteer hats!

Appendix H – GRCCC Riverkeeper Program Case Studies

BANKSTOWN LGA CASE STUDY

A total of 3644kg of rubbish was collected within the Bankstown LGA utilising 763 hours of volunteer labour. Work focused on foreshore area in the intertidal zones of Mangrove Forest and Phragmites Reed beds.



Salt Pan Reserve Mangrove Zone after cleaning.

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES

Deepwater Park and Kelso Beach, Milperra
Garrison Point (Boom), Georges Hall
Kentucky Reserve, Georges Hall
Lambeth Street Reserve, Picnic Point
Mirambeena Reserve, Georges Hall
Monash Reserve, East Hills
Salt Pan Reserve, Padstow

Bush regeneration focused on two locations: Yeramba Lagoon removing Privet, Corofton weed and Japanese Honeysuckle and at Mirambeena Reserve, Georges Hall, removing Balloon Vine and Privet along the riparian edge of Prospect Creek.

BUSH REGENERATION WORK SITES

Mirambeena Reserve, Georges Hall
Yeramba Lagoon, Kennedy Street, Revesby
Yeramba Lagoon, Transgrid Site, Revesby



Mirambeena Reserve from Prospect Creek showing treated Balloon Vine.

CAMPBELLTOWN LGA CASE STUDY

A total of 3695kg of rubbish was collected within the Campbelltown LGA utilising 368 hours of volunteer labour. Work concentrated on the Bow Bowling and St Helen's Park Gross Pollution traps and the retention basin at Park Central.



Eagle Farm Reserve before removal of African Olive.

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES

Bow Bowling Gross Pollution Trap, Minto
Eagle Farm Reserve, Eagle Vale
Mount Erin Road, Blair Athol
Park Central, Campbelltown
St Helen's Park Gross Pollution Trap, Suburb
Bush regeneration focused on the removal of African Olive and African Boxthorn in endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland at Eagle Farm Reserve, Eagle Vale.

BUSH REGENERATION WORK SITES

Eagle Farm Reserve, Eagle Vale



Eagle Farm Reserve after removal of African Olive.

FAIRFIELD LGA CASE STUDY

A total of 4,735kg of rubbish was collected within the Fairfield LGA utilising 490 hours of volunteer labour. Work focused on foreshore area of Chipping Norton Lakes as well as on Prospect Creek and Orphan School Creek.



Parkes Reserve, Canley Vale before cleaning.

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORKSITES

Allambie Road Reserve, Edensor Park
Cutler Road Foreshore, Lansvale
Floyd Bay, Lansvale
Rosford Street Reserve, Smithfield
Smithfield Road, Bonny
Parkes Reserve, Canley Vale

Bush regeneration focused on the removal of Balloon Vine and Madeira Vine in the riparian zone of the endangered Cumberland River Flat Forest on Prospect Creek at Parkes Reserve, Canley Vale.

BUSH REGENERATION WORK SITES

Parkes Reserve, Canley Vale



Parkes Reserve, Canley Vale

HURSTVILLE LGA CASE STUDY

A total of 2401kg of rubbish was collected within the Hurstville LGA utilising 684 hours of volunteer labour. Work focused on intertidal zones among Mangrove Forests where rubbish and litter accumulate on the higher tides.



Lime Kiln Bay, Oatley, before weeding.

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES

Basil Street Reserve, Riverwood
Blackbutt Avenue, Lugarno
Clarendon Road Boat Ramp, Peakhurst
Cypress Drive, Lugarno
Lime Kiln Bay, Oatley
Oatley Park, Oatley

Bush regeneration focused on the removal of woody weeds such as Lantana, Privet and Senna as well as Madeira Vine along the foreshore area of Clarendon Road boat ramp at Peakhurst.

BUSH REGENERATION WORK SITES

Basil Street Reserve, Riverwood
Clarendon Road Boat Ramp, Peakhurst
Myles Dunphy Reserve, Oatley



Lime Kiln Bay, Oatley, after weeding.

KOGARAH LGA CASE STUDY

A total of 2880kg of rubbish was collected within the Kogarah LGA utilising 330 hours of volunteer labour. Work focused on intertidal zones and foreshore.



Poulton Park foreshore before weeding.

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES

Bald Face Point Reserve, Blakehurst
Carrs Park
Claydon Reserve, Sans Souci
Connells Point Reserve, Connells Point
Dover Park, Blakehurst
Kyle Bay Foreshore, Kyle Bay
Neverfail Bay, Oatley
Poulton Park Foreshore, Hurstville Grove

Bush regeneration was started on the Moreshead Drive foreshore area of Poulton Park at Hurstville Grove.

BUSH REGENERATION WORK SITES

Poulton Park Foreshore, Hurstville Grove



Poulton Park foreshore after weeding.

LIVERPOOL LGA CASE STUDY

A total of 6556kg of rubbish was collected within the Liverpool LGA utilising 662 hours of volunteer labour. Work focused on foreshore area of Chipping Norton Lakes and Lake Moore.



Illegal Dumping at Homestead Park.

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES

Angle Park, Chipping Norton
Black Muscat Park, Chipping Norton
Cartwright Creek, Cartwright
Cecil Hills Park, Cecil Hills
Clinches Pond, Moorebank
Davy Robinson Park, Moorebank
Haigh Park, Moorebank
Heron Park, Chipping Norton
Homestead Park, Chipping Norton

Bush regeneration focused on the removal of extensive infestations of Lantana in the endangered Cumberland River Flat Forest ecological community of Riverside Park, Chipping Norton.

BUSH REGENERATION WORK SITES

Riverside Park, Chipping Norton



Riverside Park, Chipping Norton

ROCKDALE LGA CASE STUDY

A total of 2091kg of rubbish was collected within the Rockdale LGA utilising 287 hours of volunteer labour. Work focused on foreshore areas of Botany Bay where weekend littering is a significant problem.



Mother of Millions at Cook Park, Brighton le Sands.

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES

Bicentennial Park, Rockdale
Bestic St to Henson St, Brighton Le Sands
Cook Park, Brighton Le Sands
President Ave to Bath St, Monterey
Kyeemagh Beach, Kyeemagh
Riverside Drive & Scott Park, Sandringham

Bush regeneration focused on the removal of Lantana and Mother-of-Millions from the foredune areas in Cook Park at Brighton le Sands.

BUSH REGENERATION WORK SITES

Cook Park, Brighton Le Sands



Cook Park, Brighton le Sands

SUTHERLAND LGA CASE STUDY

A total of 4,595kg of rubbish was collected within the Sutherland LGA utilising 682 hours of volunteer labour. Work focused on foreshore areas on open beach at Kurnell and in Mangrove Forest on the Woronora River and Woollooware Bay.



Green waste removed from Forbes Creek, Engadine

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES

Burnum Burnum Reserve, Bonnet Bay
Bonnet Bay Reserve, Bonnet Bay
Gwawley Oval Wetlands, Taren Point
Lakewood City reserve, Bonnet Bay
Marton Park, Kurnell
Port Hacking Road Reserve, Sylvania Waters
Silver Beach, Kurnell
Taren Point Reserve, Taren Point
Woollooware Bat Cycleway, Caringbah

Bush regeneration focused on riparian zones on Forbes Creek, Engadine, a tributary to the Woronora catchment and at Mill Creek in the Mid Georges River.

BUSH REGENERATION WORK SITES

Forbes Creek, Engadine



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RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES

Kennedy Creek, Appin

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Bush regeneration focused on remnant endangered Shale-Sandstone Ironbank Forest with the removal of Privet and assorted herbaceous species such as Bridal Creeper, Ground Asparagus and Formosa Lily.

BUSH REGENERATION WORK SITES

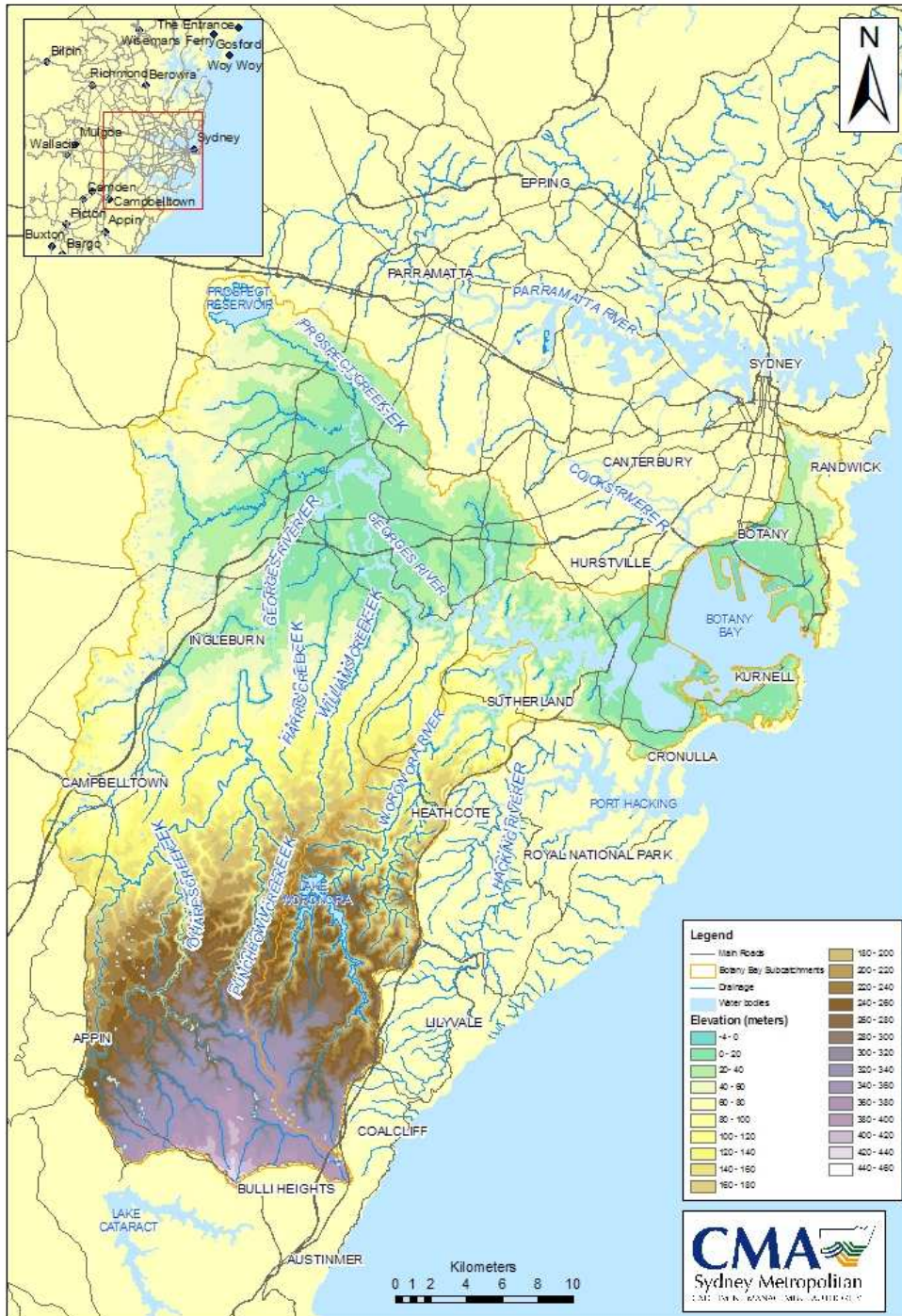
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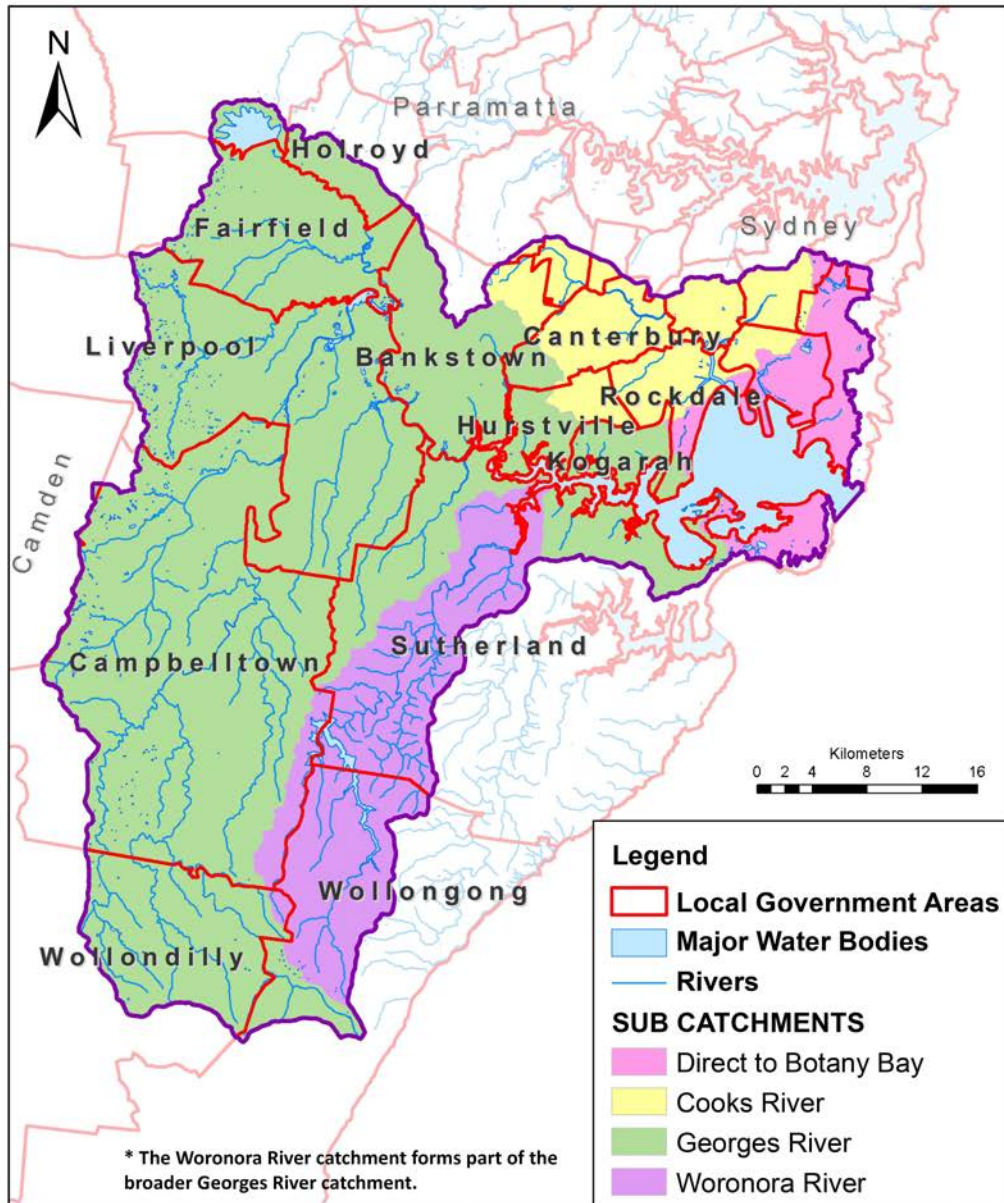
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LOCATION OF THE GEORGES RIVER CATCHMENT



LOCATION OF MEMBER COUNCILS WITHIN THE GEORGES RIVER CATCHMENT



Source: Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority