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**A Summary of Achievements
by the GRCCC and its Partners**



The GRCCC had a great year, receiving widespread recognition and nationally acclaimed awards for its programs that continue to deliver improvements to the health of the Georges River. The GRCCC was one of three finalists in the annual Australian Riverprize award, one of the largest environmental prizes in the country. Also, the community River Health Monitoring program won the National Urban Landcare Award. Member Councils recognized the value of continuing the successful River Health program beyond the federal grant funding period and agreed to fund the program from their own budgets. The GRCCC works closely with its member Councils and many stakeholders to deliver its core and grant funded programs and oversee on ground improvements to the rivers health. I thank all our stakeholders and partner organisations for their continued support, working together to share responsibility and improve the health of the Georges River.

I commend this Executive Summary document to you and invite you to participate enthusiastically in GRCCC programs.
- GRCCC Chairperson Naji P. Najjar



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GRCC Communications & Engagement

Policy & Planning

- Corporate Sponsorship
- Policy Endorsed
- Sponsor Collaborators' Agreement & Info Pack
- Communications
- Program Review held
- Volunteer Handling
- Policy Endorsed

Events & Engagement

- Cross Currents Art & Environment Festival
- 3 x Clean Up Aust. Day
- 8 x Volunteer trainings and workshops
- 5 x Resident and River Group presentations
- Attend Council events

Print & Media

- Georges River Estuary Handbook
- Riverkeeper Report Card
- *Georges River Current*
- Volunteer Handling
- 9 x Media Releases
- Website upgrade & Facebook page

Supporting GRCC Programs

- RH Volunteer Recruitment
- GRZMP Exhibition & Final Reporting
- RK Video documentation, Kurnell saltmarsh
- 2 x Grant writing
- RH Volunteer Recruitment
- Prepare scope for Corporate Volunteers

Riverkeeper Program

103+

tonnes rubbish removed from river catchment

30,120

area green waste removed

worksites approved by NSW DCS

volunteer hours contributed

Other outcomes:

- » Community Engagement: 44 hours
- » Clean Up Australia Day x 3 sites



One of three Riverkeeper Clean Up Australia Day worksites for 2012, at Oyster Bay.

» Riverkeeper Report Card 2011/12, released August 2012

Community River Health Monitoring Program



1 National Urban Landcare Award, 2012

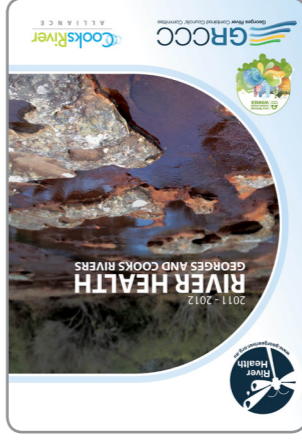
48,11 sampling sites in Georges, Cooks Rivers respectively

53 community groups engaged since 2009

700 volunteer hours contributed

Other outcomes:

- » Data sharing agreements established with councils for water quality data
- » Incorporates data from 5 real time water quality buoys from BBWQIP
- » Participation in BHP Endeavour Coal license variation sessions
- » New partnership with Australian Museum
- » Continued partnership with Cooks River Alliance in 2013/14



» River Health Report Card 2011/12, released February 2013

GRCC Executive Committee

With a new Council term having commenced in 2012, new members were appointed to the Executive, including Councillors Peter Ristevski (Liverpool City Council), Peter Scaysbrook (Sutherland Shire Council) and returning member Najj Peter Najjar (Banksstown City Council).



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- Aims to conserve and improve the existing natural environment of the estuary and improve water quality.
- Involved many stakeholders in its preparation and review
- Is supported by the OEH NSW and 7 member Councils through match funding.

Thanks to the active participation of our estuarine councils, the Georges River Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan (GRZMP) has been finalised.

GRCC Estuary Management Program

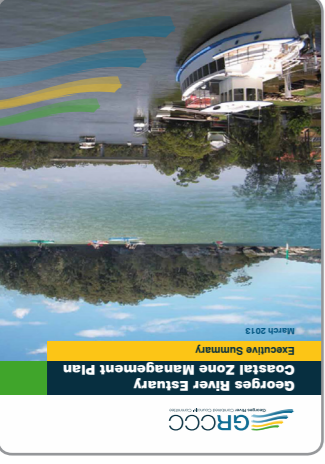
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GRZMP Executive Summary, July 2012

During 2012 - 2013, the Executive Group continued to focus on the financial, business and operational management and delivery of the GRCC programs. The group has also worked hard to plan for the long term strategic needs of the Committee's programs and operations. In particular, the executive worked to secure the financial security of the River Health and Communications Program.