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The GRCCC continued its solid performance over the year delivering its core on ground programs. It is great to see continued investment in improvements to the overall health of the Georges River and the broader catchment.

The GRCCC received widespread recognition for its programs and was nominated as a finalist in the 25th Banksia Sustainability Water Award 2013. The GRCCC was one of only five finalists across Australia and the only finalist from NSW. The award recognises leadership and innovation in assuring continued environment and community access to quality freshwater resources and vibrant marine environments. In addition, the GRCCC in partnership with Corrective Services NSW won the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Clean Beaches Environmental Protection Award 2013 for the Sydney/Illawarra Region. These awards and nominations are a strong reflection of the strength of the GRCCC's core programs.

The Georges River Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan was finalised in July 2013. The plan was delivered through the work of the GRCCC Estuary Management Program and Council cluster group. Funding for the plan was provided by the Office of Environment and Heritage with matched funding from seven of the GRCCC's Councils with estuarine frontage. It is great to see that all Councils have adopted the plan and commenced implementing management actions that will guide member Councils actions to manage and improve the Georges River over the next five to 10 years.

The River Health Monitoring Program, commenced in 2009 originally as Caring for Country Australian Government grant funded program. At the time it commenced, the program was the first regional scale monitoring program gathering data on a number of ecological indicators in NSW. The River Health Program has now collected 6 years of valuable data on the Georges River. The program, co-ordinated by Claire Evans has just successfully completed its first year as a GRCCC Member Councils core funded program. The River Health program continues to provide member councils with valuable water quality data and engages numerous community groups, volunteers, school children and Council technical staff while undertaking field sampling.

The GRCCC Riverkeeper Program, co-ordinated by Tony Wales collected 70 tonnes of rubbish this year from our river and continued the rehabilitation of bushland. I thank Corrective Services NSW for its ongoing resource commitment to the Program. Similarly, I acknowledge the National Parks and Wildlife Service for the use of their premises as our Riverkeeper headquarters at Revesby.

The GRCCC was also successful in obtaining an exciting new Australian Government Grant to deliver the 'Building Indigenous Knowledge and Skills to Restore Urban Waterways' project. The Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team project aims to restore high priority bushland on Council nominated sites across the catchment for a period of three years. During the past year, the GRCCC worked hard to get the project up and running. The Aboriginal Bush Regeneration Team have been recruited to commence work in July 2014 and comprise four Aboriginal trainees, an Aboriginal Project Manager and a team Supervisor.

The GRCCC Communications and Engagement Program, co-ordinated by David Kuhn made some significant gains over the year. The Program provided extensive ongoing support for all GRCCC programs including preparing Riverkeeper Report Cards, Annual Reports and Executive Summaries in house. In addition the Program Coordinator promoted and raised the GRCCC profile at regular events, volunteer engagements and presentations, wrote a number of award and funding applications, engaged the community, coordinated events and engaged the media, implemented the corporate sponsorship policy and promoted and managed the GRCCC website. I thank the Program Coordinator for his commitment to the GRCCC and whilst he moved on early this year, David provided a good legacy for the program.

The GRCCC Executive Group continued to meet regularly each month and bring recommendations to the GRCCC for consideration. I thank all our Executive Group members for their ongoing support and commitment to the GRCCC through their regular participation at meetings and their valuable input and ideas.

I am grateful to Hurstville City Council for hosting the GRCCC. Council staff have been very helpful in the management of our financial, assets and human resource business, which has helped ensure the GRCCC continues to operate professionally and accountably. I wish to thank Svetlana Kotevska for her hard work which has seen the GRCCC continue as a strong incorporated association of member Councils. I also thank Alison Hanlon as host Council Manager at Hurstville for her invaluable assistance to the GRCCC.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all our stakeholders and partner organisations for their continued support working with us and sharing responsibility for the environmental management of the Georges River.

Finally, I thank the technical staff from each member council and community members for their enthusiastic support for our programs, advice, assistance with on-ground works and attendance at our meetings.

Cr Naji Peter Najjar GRCCC Chairperson



PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT



The GRCCC continues to work hard towards improving the overall condition of the Georges River alongside our member Councils. The GRCCC efforts have been recognised widely with nominations as finalists and winning prestigious environmental awards in both NSW and Australia wide.

The 2013-14 year also saw the GRCCC undergo a period of change in staff resources, a review of our core River Health program and implementation of new grant projects.

The GRCCC finalised three federal and state funded grant projects during the year and also applied for a new grant including:

- Australian Government Caring for Country Grant Community River Health Monitoring program - finalised
- NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) Estuary Management Grant for the Georges River Coastal Zone Management Plan - finalised
- Greater Sydney Local Land Services (GS LLS) Botany Bay Real Time Water Quality Monitoring Buoys – finalised.
- Grant application to the NSW Environment Trust for the Great Kai'Mia Way regional signage project.

The GRCCC also explored new grant opportunities with our member Councils including OEH estuary management grants, Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) litter prevention grants and submitted two Expressions of Interest to the GS LLS.

The GRCCC continues to deliver on ground natural resource management programs across a large catchment area.

The Committee's Riverkeeper Program delivered excellent results over the year. Our core business of removing significant volumes of rubbish from across the catchment continued and we thank our partners at Corrective Services NSW for their ongoing program support. The GRCCC also had a major win with the successful Biodiversity Fund grant application which is a big boost to our Riverkeeper program. The GRCCC successfully engaged consultants Eco Logical Australia Pty Ltd after two rounds of tendering. This three year grant project involves the employment of an Aboriginal Riverkeeper team to undertake bush regeneration work across the catchment and councils investing in kind support and cash to rehabilitate riparian corridors and bushland, and restore fore dunes. The grant also fulfills the long term program goal of indigenous engagement identified in the GRCCC Management & Implementation Plan and has created five indigenous job opportunities.

The Communications and Engagement Program provided invaluable support to all GRCCC programs to the end of January 2014. The program delivered the Riverkeeper Report Card, Annual Report and Executive Summary, online newsletter to further engage our catchment community, maintained the website, issued numerous media releases, wrote award winning applications, submitted a grant application, attended and co-ordinated numerous events and engagement activities including volunteer days and presentations helping to raise the profile of the Georges River and the work of the GRCCC and its member Councils.

The GRCCC's Community River Health Monitoring Program continues to undertake regional ecological monitoring and engage the community in the process. A total of 650 community volunteers hours were contributed to the program, in addition to 150 hours of council staff time. This is a excellent outcome and the program has been very successful in its first year as a core member Council funded program. A program review was also conducted in partnership with the Cooks River Alliance. The review report was delivered in June 2014 and will provide a blue print for our future best practice ecological monitoring program.

We are privileged to have a highly skilled and experienced team at the GRCCC. I thank the team for their dedication, input and professionalism which is the backbone for the successful program outcomes we see.

The GRCCC partnerships with numerous stakeholders including state agencies and Local Aboriginal Land Councils continues to build and maintain our strong program base. These partnerships add considerable value to on ground environmental outcomes and also social and economic benefits. Our joint Keep Australia Beautiful Award win with Corrective Services NSW highlights the benefits of a strong partnership with our Riverkeeper program. Similarly, working with the Georges River Environment Education Centre and Australian Museum on our Community River Health Monitoring program sees continual engagement of schools and students in the field further educating the community on the value of the Georges River as well as assistance with laboratory analysis.

The GRCCC participation in numerous public events helps to raise awareness of the need to protect and improve the Georges River to our community, and highlights the important work of our member Councils whilst raising the GRCCC profile.

The GRCCC has also been proactive in our mission on lobbying for environmental improvements for the Georges River. The GRCCC met with four Federal Members of Parliament including newly elected members at the last Federal election in 2013 to raise awareness of our programs and lobby for the protection of our river. This included calling for a national container deposit scheme. The GRCCC regularly engaged with industry and sought presentations to our Committee on large scale projects that affect the River and Botany Bay. Over the year, we heard from Caltex and the Moorebank Intermodal Company and stakeholders such as Sydney Water and the Total Environment Centre on topical issues of importance to our members.

I would like to thank the GRCCC's Executive Group, Cr Naji Peter Najjar (Bankstown City Council), Cr Peter Ristevski (Liverpool City Council), Cr Peter Scaysbrook (Sutherland Shire Council) and Alison Hanlon, Manager Environmental Sustainability at Hurstville City Council for their ongoing commitment and invaluable support.

Finally, I thank all our members on the committee and community representatives for their help and commitment to our programs. Together we have helped to ensure that the GRCCC, continues to thrive as a strong Incorporated Association with a sustainable financial position.

Svetlana Kotevska GRCCC Program Manager

GRCCC EXECUTIVE GROUP SUMMARY 2013 - 2014



Cr Naji Peter Najjar Chairperson



Cr Peter Scaysbrook Vice Chairperson



Cr Peter Ristevski Treasurer

At the GRCCC Annual General Meeting on 24th October 2013, nominations were received from local Member Councillors for three positions on the Executive Group including the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer/Public officer. The elected GRCCC Councillors are all returning Executive Group members. As Office Bearers on the GRCCC Executive Group they have helped to ensure a stable GRCCC governance structure. The GRCCC Executive Group 2013/14 is made up of three member Councillors and supporting staff in the following roles:

Chairperson	Vice	Treasurer /	Host Council	Programs
	Chairperson	Public Officer	Manager	Manager
Naji Peter	Peter	Peter	Alison	Svetlana
Najjar	Scaysbrook	Ristevski	Hanlon	Kotevska
Bankstown	Sutherland	Liverpool	Hurstville	GRCCC

The Executive Group are a dedicated team who oversee GRCCC operational requirements and general business. The group meets monthly to discuss the core programs, finances and other operational matters.

During 2013-2014, the Executive Group has continued to focus on delivery of the Committee's Management and Implementation Plan, and in particular the financial, business and operational management of the GRCCC. The group has worked hard to ensure the GRCCC continues to deliver the Committee's programs and operations and meet long term strategic goals.

Key areas of focus and strategic planning have included:

- Advocacy and lobbying on behalf of members. This includes lending its support to lobbying for a National Container Deposit scheme, securing access to the Green Army programme and representing Councils on issues such as the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal.
- Overseeing the management and functions of the GRCCC between meetings by providing input into and authorising staffing, financial and operational matters.
- Ensuring good governance, accountability and transparency of decision making. This includes providing Executive Outcomes Reports tabled at the bi-monthly Committee Meetings, sharing ideas and providing support at regular monthly meetings and operating in accordance with the Executive Group Terms of Reference as updated in October 2014. The GRCCC Code of conduct was also updated in 2013 to ensure consistency with the Model Code for Local Government issued by the NSW Government Premier & Cabinet Division of Local Government, This Code applies to GRCCC staff, contractors, volunteers and its members.
- Reviewing annual budgets and the preparation of Annual Special Purpose Financial Statements for the Annual Report.

- Monitoring monthly GRCCC financial statements including income statements and balance sheets.
- · Reviewing quotations received for operational needs such as engagement of contractors, purchase of new assets and asset disposal in accordance with the Executive Group Terms of Reference.
- Reviewing requests for partnerships and recommending these to the Committee such as a request to support a Personal Watercraft (jet Skis) Boating Safety campaign.
- Reviewing and improving the structure of committee meetings to ensure that this member Council forum runs to the agenda, Councillors and technical staff hear of matters of key importance and make decisions accordingly.
- Improving member Councillor engagement in the GRCCC. In an effort to better understand local issues and engage with representative Councillors the GRCCC Executive group has decided to hold its monthly meetings at different locations across the catchment to make it easier for local Councillors to attend and provide input to Executive Group meetings.
- Communications program funding. The Executive noted the decision of member Councils to fund the program for 1 year from the GRCCC reserves while alternative funding sources were identified. The Group provided advice on the implementation of the GRCCC Corporate Sponsorship Policy and potential corporate partners and other avenues for funding such as grants. The program was unable to secure long term funding and ceased with the departure of the Communications Officer in January 2014. The loss of core communications duties was discussed and the need to outsource Report Cards and Annual Report graphic design for instance.
- Supporting the GRCCC by meeting with GRCCC members and other stakeholders as required and also signing of contractual agreements including the Biodiversity Fund Grant Funding Agreement.
- The GRCCC Chair & Program Manager attended the Banksia Awards in Melbourne as the GRCCC were officially named as finalists, in addition to the GRCCC Chairperson attending the Keep Australia Beautiful Awards ceremony and other media engagement events.

Svetlana Kotevska **GRCCC** Program Manager





GEORGES RIVERKEEPER PROGRAM

KEY RIVERKEEPER MILESTONES IN 2013 / 2014

Collection of 70.2 tonne of rubbish

2,785 m² of bush regeneration in remnant bushland within the river

A total of 59.5 hours of community engagement via education and promotional activity

17,316 community volunteer hours

Successful Clean Energy Future **Biodiversity Fund** grant funding the Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team including completion of tender process and team start up

Preparation of the successful Green Army submission (GRCCC advised of successful submission in late July 2014)

year has continued to provide positive environmental results for the Georges for greater resources in coming years.

The Riverkeeper Program aims to protect the ecological health and biodiversity of the Georges River system via the collection of litter and rubbish and the regeneration of preparation of the ultimately successful weed infested remnant bushland.

The program has continued to deliver large scale rubbish removal with 70.2 tonne of rubbish removed from the river system in 2013/14. The GRCCC continues to oversee catchment wide rubbish removal from the Georges River utilsiing the resources of Corrective Services NSW our program partners.

The restructuring within Corrective Services NSW in 2013/14 resulted in a reduced number of Field Officers to supervise teams in the field resulting in a greater than 40% drop in labour resources available to the GRCCC (30,684 hours in 2012/13 to 17,812 hours in 2013/14) and the appointment of a new Program Manager. The GRCCC has continued to work closely with Corrective Services to ensure we maximise available resources to the GRCCC and to ensure a smooth transition while these changes occur.

The strong relationship between the GRCCC and Corrective Services resulted in a joint application in the Keep Australia Beautiful Clean Beaches Awards 2013 and this strong partnership was awarded the regional Environmental Protection Award (Sydney/Illawarra) and being highly commended in the regional Community Partnerships (Sydney/Illawarra) Award. Overall the Corrective Services NSW Teams continued to provide productive and discernable on ground outcomes across the catchment.

The Riverkeeper Program's 2013/2014 There have been significant positive gains to the Riverkeeper Program over the year. This includes the successful River and the program laid the foundations Australia Government Clean Energy Future Biodiversity Fund grant project involving the employment of an Aboriginal bush regeneration Riverkeeper team for a period of three years. Also, a significant achievement over the year was the Green Army submission for three teams to be operating in the upper, mid and lower catchments respectively for a two year period commencing in October 2014.

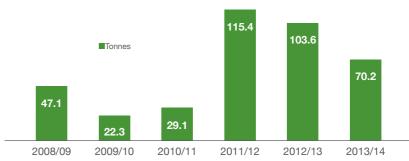
> It is estimated that the Australian Governments Biodiversity Fund Grant and Green Army projects will add in excess of \$4 million of labour and materials to the Riverkeeper Program over the life of both projects.



PROGRAM

The improvement in the performance of the Riverkeeper Program since 2011 can be seen in Figure 1 below which shows the annual rubbish collection for the six year period from 2008/09 to 2013/14. The Corrective Services Intensive Correction Order Program was introduced in April 2011.

Figure 1: Annual Riverkeeper Rubbish Collection (Tonnes) for Georges River Catchment GRCCC ANNUAL RUBBISH COLLECTION



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

Table 1 shows the allocation of Riverkeeper teams and resources and the rubbish removal results for each local government area. A total of 70,278 kilograms was removed by the program using 17,316 volunteer hours at 1,029 site visits across the catchment.

Table 1: Rubbish Collection by Local Government Area **RIVERKEEPER RUBBISH COLLECTION SUMMARY - BY LGA**

LGA	No. Allocated Days	Total Sites Visited	Volunteer Hours	Bags Collected	Bag Weight Kilograms	Extra Kilograms #	Total Kilograms	Downriver Waste Movement Reduction
Bankstown	42	134	2322	656	9833	170	10003	43093
Cambelltown	43	165	2829	1007	15098	355	15453	0
Fairfield	48	151	2839	950	14243	390	14633	28460
Hurstville	28	93	1765	289	4335	145	4480	53095
Kogarah	31	120	1600	169	2535	10	2545	57575
Liverpool	42	149	2656	853	12788	220	13008	15453
Rockdale	36	107	1784	304	4553	300	4853	60120
Sutherland	36	110	1523	296	4440	865	5305	57575
Wollondilly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NPWS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	306	1029	17316	4522	67823	2455	70278	

Extra Kilograms = large items that can't be bagged. Eg. Shopping trollys, crates, tyres and wheels, lounges, metal sheeting etc. Note: Each Council has an equal alloctaion of maximum hours per year of 4320 hours. The number of days allocated depends on which roster and where the roster falls during the month,





Bush Regeneration activities were curtailed in 2013/14 due to the reduction in Corrective Services resources with priority being given to rubbish removal. Councils were given the choice to convert Rubbish Collection days into Bush Regeneration and only Rockdale exercised the option. Works conducted in the Campbelltown and Fairfield LGA were conducted by corporate and scout groups.

Table 2 shows the allocation of teams and resources and bush regeneration results for each local government area. A total of 2,785 m2 was worked by the program using 496 hours of volunteer labour over 4 days.

Table 2: Bush Regeneration Summary by Local Government Area RIVERKEEPER BUSH REGENERATION STATISTICS SUMMARY - BY LGA

LGA	Total No. of Worksites	No. Days Worked	GRCCC Supervisor Hours (i)	Volunteer Hours	Primary Weed Area m2 (ii)	Maintenance Weed Area SqM (iii)	Area Worked SqM	Weeds Insitu m3 (iv)	Weeds Exsitu m3 (v)	Total Weeds Cleared m3	Plants Tubestock Planted	Area Mulched SqM	Track Work m (vi)
Bankstown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambelltown	2	0	5	81	0	0	500	0	0	0	500	0	0
Fairfield	2	0	12	250	150	0	150	0	7.5	7.5	320	0	0
Hurstville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kogarah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liverpool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rockdale	2	4	27	165	395	1740	2135	25	0.25	25.25	0	0	0
Sutherland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wollondilly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NPWS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	7	4	44	496	545	1740	2785	25	7.75	32.75	820	0	0

(i) GRCCC Supervisor hours vary depending on complexity of work at Council nominated work site and nature of the site, eg. EEC. (ii) Primary Weed Area: First time weeding of an area.

(iii) Maintanane Weed Area: Follow up weeding to remove weed species regrowth. (iv) Weeds Insitu: Green waste left onsite as erosion control, mulch, habitat, etc. Low risk of vegetation reproduction.

(v) Weeds Exsitu: Green waste removed from site due to high risk of plant regeneration and further weed infestation (vi) Track Work: Construction, maintenance, rehabilitation, erosion control, etc of bushland and walking tracks.

Community engagement activities

- included volunteer days:
- Canley Vale Scouts (2 Days)
- Schneider Electric

Presentations:

- National Parks Association Macarthur Branch.
- Museum of Contemporary Art Transformers Art exhibition at Airds,
- Sutherland Shire Bushcare and
- Georges River Lioness Club.

Festivals and events attended:

- Campbelltown Riverfest and
- National Tree Day at Liverpool Council

The Riverkeeper Program through the use of its boats also provides water access to Councils for foreshore compliance inspections and for the GRCCC River Health Program and the GS LLS's real time water monitoring buoy maintenance program over 2013/14.

Tony Wales -**Riverkeeper Program Coordinator**

GEORGES RIVER ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

GEORGES RIVER ESTUARY MANAGEMENT GRANT AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The GRCZMP was funded through the • State agencies including the support of the NSW Governments Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) Estuary Management grant program with matched funding from the seven participating GRCCC member Councils.

- The Georges River Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan (GRCZMP) was finalised by our consultants BMT WBM in July 2013.
- This plan will guide member Councils actions to manage and improve the condition of the Georges River estuary over the next 5 -10 years.
- The plan encourages Councils along the river and Government agencies to work together towards the rehabilitation and protection of the Georges River.

To finalise this grant project, the GRCCC:

- Submitted a milestone report, final report and a financial report to the OEH on the completion of the estuary management grant program.
- The GRCCC also provided a template Council report to member Councils for the adoption of the plan.
- All seven participating GRCCC member Councils adopted the GRCZMP.
- The GRCCC sent letters to key state agencies in early January 2014 whom were identified as responsible for certain actions in the GRCZMP seeking their support for implementing the management actions.

• The GRCCC wrote to all community members that lodged a submission on the plan advising it has been finalised and is available of the GRCCC website at http://www.georgesriver.org.au/ Estuary-Management-Plan.html. A separate executive summary is also on our website.

An estuary Cluster meeting for Council technical officers was held by the GRCCC on 30 January 2014 to explore future OEH estuary management grant opportunities and was attended by the OEH.

Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries). Roads and Maritime Services, Sydney Water, Environmental Protection Authority. Office of Environment and Heritage and the Sydney Coastal Councils Group have provided letters of support for the GRCZMP.

Following this meeting, member Councils have actively begun using the GR CZMP to access grant funding opportunities. The Table 1 below outlines the estuary grants applications submitted by six of the GRCCCs member Councils for a variety of projects aimed at protecting the Georges River. It should be noted Kogarah City Council has a currently active estuary management grant with the OEH to establish ecofriendly seawalls along the Carss Park foreshore.









Table 1 - Estuary Management Grant Applications by Member Councils in 2013-2014

LGA	PROJECT
Liverpool City Council	Jacqui Osmond Reserve Stormwater Outlet Protection, Cabramatta Creek To address a serious erosion issue via bank stabilisation using sandstone rocks and revegetaion work. This will improve the health of Cabramatta Creek and the Georges River by reducing the amount of sediment released and improving water quality. The project will also protect the stormwater outlet, which is being undermined.
Hurstville City Council	Upper Boggywell Creek Water Quality Improvement Scheme- Stage 1 Design To increase the quality of the water flowing to Boggywell Creek and the Georges River Estuary and improve biodiversity. The stormwater runoff into the Creek contains nutrients and sediments which drains untreated directly into the Georges River Estuary. The water quality is poor and lies outside the ANZECC and Georges River regional guidelines. It is proposed to install a bioretention system, storage pond and the daylighting of stormwater lines through the use of swales.
Bankstown City Council	Bank Stabilisation at Picnic Point Due to historical clearing of riparian vegetation, boat wash and uncontrolled public access, the foreshore is eroding causing sedimentation of the river, reducing water quality and a loss of public land. Soft engineering methods, including boardwalk installation, and bank stabilisation using mostly coir logs and revegetation (with smaller areas of sandstone rock work (22m)) are planned to address bank erosion and protect vegetation.
Sutherland Shire Council	Replacement of the Woolooware bay mangrove boardwalk The project aims to protect a significant mangrove area that is part of the Ramsar listed Towra Point Nature Reserve through the restoration of the boardwalk.
Fairfield City Council	Orphan School Creek Rehabilitation The creek is a tributary of Prospect Creek and a valuable natural asset. The project aims to rehabilitate an 800m long section of the creek between Avoca Rd and Cumberland Highway, Canley Heights that is severely impacted by stormwater runoff. This will address bed and bank erosion, weeds, improve water quality, restore locally native vegetation through a combination of environmental rehabilitation, stormwater management and landscaping works.
Campbelltown City Council	Bow Bowing Bunbury Curran Creek Water Quality Improvement project The Bow Bowing Bunbury Curran Creek catchment and its tributaries are mainly formalised and convey stormwater flow in a controlled manner. There are localised problems such as sedimentation and overgrowth with Typha sp. that affect the flow of the channel and reduce water quality treatment capacity. The project aims to retrofit the channel to improve the flow, habitat, water quality in the Creek and reduce the sedimentation.

BOTANY BAY WATER QUALITY MONITORING BUOYS

- The GRCCCs contract with Greater Sydney Local Land Services saw the continued servicing and maintenance of the Botany Bay monitoring buoys for a further 12 month period ending 30 June 2014.
- The GRCCC sub-contracted the servicing and maintenance to Australian Laboratory Services and the GRCCC Riverkeeper regularly assisted ALS using the Riverkeeper boat as the master of the vessel.
- The buoys are owned by the GS LLS whom decided to decommission the buoys at the end of the contract period.

GREATER SYDNEY LOCAL LAND SERVICES (GS LLS) EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

- The GRCCC submitted two Expressions of Interest in May and June 2014 to the GS LLS for funding of up to \$50,000 and \$40,000 respectively for projects relating to the River Health Community Monitoring program.
- The projects were identified as a high priority in the consultants review of the River Health program and by the GRCCC as key program outputs where assistance would be mutually beneficial.

GLENFIELD WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT INCIDENT

A major sewage overflow incident occurred at the Glenfield Waste Water Treatment Plant on 22 November 2013, when 150 mega litres of untreated wasterwater entered the Georges River. This was due to heavy rainfall that flooded the plant inlet pumping station and also a mechanical valve failure. Following this incident, the GRCCC:

- attended stakeholder briefings and consultations including a site visit to the plant
- organised for Sydney Water (SW) representatives to present to our first Committee meeting for 2014 on management responses to this incident.
- wrote to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) regarding their regulatory response to this incident.
- met with Sydney Water on the 16 May 2014 whom advised they would commit \$200,000 to improvements in the upper reaches of the Georges River in the vicinity of the incident impact zone (between Bunbury Curran Creek up to Liverpool Weir/ Chipping Norton Lakes).
- advised a number of Councils to nominate to Sydney Water on ground water quality improvement projects that meet SW and EPA criteria for potential funding.
- Met the EPA on the 21 May 2014 on the compliance action to be instigated and were advised that the EPA will require SW to enter into an Enforceable Undertaking for actual or potential breaches of the POEO Act. The EPA is finalising these details with SW.

Svetlana Kotevska **GRCCC** Program Manager



COMMUNITY RIVER HEALTH MONITORING PROGRAM

The Community River Health Monitoring Program assesses the ecological condition of waterways in the Georges River catchment at 48 monitoring sites. Federal Government funding for the program through the Caring for Our Country Grant ended in June 2013. 2013-14 marks the first year of River Health being fully funded by GRCCC Member Councils. The program continues to receive support from the community and industry stakeholders while analysing robust ecological data collected in the Georges River by technical staff, community volunteers and secondary students.

Milestones and activities for 2013-14 include;

- Release of the 2012-13 River Health Report Card in September 2013. This is the second Report Card to be released in partnership with Cooks River Alliance, and shows results from monitoring at 58 sites across the Georges and Cooks Rivers' catchments.
- Over 650 hours of community engagement in 2013-14, including five community open days and 16 River Health monitoring sites across the George River Catchment.
- Participation in Office of Environment and Heritage workshop working with other stakeholders to help inform design of a new stormwater website.

River Health continued a successful partnership with Georges River Environmental Education Centre (GREEC). Working with GREEC has allowed students and teachers from 10 schools across the catchment to experience a day in the life of an environmental scientist and collect robust, ecological data from streams in their local area.

River Health also maintained partnerships with;

- Australian Museum through the Sydney Water funded citizen science program Streamwatch.
- Greater Sydney Local Land Services (GSLLS) through provision of water quality data collected by three real-time monitoring buoys located in the upper, mid and lower Georges River estuary.





COMMUNITY RIVER HEALTH MONITORING PROGRAM

RIVER HEALTH REVIEW

In 2013, the GRCCC and Cooks River Alliance (the Alliance) commissioned the review of the River Health and RiverScience monitoring programs. The aim of the review was to provide recommendations for an effective and sustainable ecological monitoring program for the Georges and Cooks Rivers. The review and recommendations sought to integrate elements of best practice from each program as well as other local, regional and state ecological monitoring programs.

Extensive consultation with the member Councils was undertaken as part of the review. The consultation was intended to identify river manager's perspectives on the programs, and to establish broad requirements for future program(s). There was wide-ranging discussion on many aspects of the existing programs including

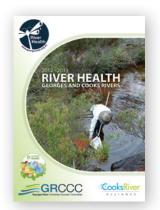
- founding objectives,
- program design,
- assessment and reporting, and
- community engagement.

Consultation with all stakeholders occurred via an initial workshop, subsequent questionnaire and presentation of preliminary recommendations in a follow up workshop and a draft report to member Councils. Further information was derived from a review of literature, data and publications that detail the establishment, outcomes and evolution of these programs.

The final report by BMT WBM incorporating Member Council feedback and providing recommendations was delivered in June 2014. The report put forward a new vision statement that was endorsed by the River Health cluster.

'To be a primary means of engagement and collaboration for understanding and improving the ecosystem health of the Georges and Cooks Rivers flowing into Botany Bay'

In 2014-15, recommendations for a future River Health Monitoring program will be implemented in accordance with the River Health clusters' agreed priorities. We will also seek to continue and strengthen our partnership with Cooks River Alliance to ensure a best practice monitoring program for the entire Botany Bay catchment.





DATA REQUESTS

Data collected from River Health has been provided to the following projects being undertaken in the Georges River catchment;

Urban Waterways Index – Greater Sydney Local Land Services, Charles Sturt University (CSU), Fairfield City Council and Canterbury City Council

• River Health data will be used to help inform a study to determine the economic value of the health of urban waterways in the Cooks and Georges River catchments. As part of this project CSU, is undertaking research on community values of urban waterways and identifying how household recreation and amenity values change with improvements in waterway health. For example, changes in property value related to urban waterway conditions.

Moorebank Intermodal Freight Terminal - Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) on behalf of Commonwealth Department of Finance and Deregulation (CDFD)

 Parsons Brinckerhoff was engaged by the CDFD to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment and specialist studies for the proposed Moorebank Intermodal Terminal. The requested data will be used to determine baseline characteristics of the Georges River and to assess and model the potential impacts to water quality the project might have to the receiving waters using MUSIC modelling.

Riparian Restoration at Morgans Creek - Bankstown City Council RESEARCH

Data collected from River Health has contributed to the following research focusing on management of urban waterways in Sydney;

Grella C., Wright I.A., Renshaw A., Emanuel M. and Tippler, C (2014) Investigating the link between riparian weed invasion, riparian soil geochemistry and catchment urbanisation in Vietz, G; Rutherfurd, I.D, and Hughes, R. (editors), Proceedings of the 7th Australian Stream Management Conference. Townsville, Queensland.

Shield K., Wright I.A., Renshaw A. and Tippler, C (2014) Why has the invasive freshwater gastropods. Physa acuta and Potamopyrgus antipodarum spread into urban streams but not reference streams in naturally vegetated catchments? In Vietz, G; Rutherfurd, I.D, and Hughes, R. (editors), Proceedings of the 7th Australian Stream Management Conference. Townsville, Queensland.

Tippler, C., Wright, I.A., Davies, P. J. and Hanlon, A. (2013) Ecosystem Guidelines for the Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems of the Georges River Catchment: A Method Applicable to the Sydney Basin. Proceedings of the State of Australian Cities Conference. Sydney 2013.

Tippler, C., Findlay, S., Wright, I.A., Davies, P. J., Evans, C. and Ahmed, M. (2014). Does seasonality influence freshwater macroinvertebrate communities in the temperate paradise of Sydney, in Vietz, G; Rutherfurd, I.D, and Hughes, R. (editors), Proceedings of the 7th Australian Stream Management Conference. Townsville, Queensland, Pages 292-299

Claire Evans **River Health Program Coordinator**

GRCCC COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Communications and Engagement Program was staffed by David Kuhn to the end of January 2014. David as the Program Coordinator delivered the communications and engagement outputs, maintained and built new partnerships through our network of stakeholders and provided extensive support to the GRCCC Core programs.

The key focus for the program was to explore and apply for corporate sponsorship and grant opportunities over 2013-14 to secure program funding. The GRCCC approached a number of corporates to scope potential partnership opportunities. In addition the GRCCC submitted a grant application to the NSW Environment Trust for the Great Kia Mia Way Signage project.

2013-14 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Implementation and delivery of the GRCCC Corporate Sponsorship Policy including numerous pitches to corporate partners
- Preparation and implementation of the Communications & Engagement Work Plan
- Prepared and submitted a grant application for the Great Kai' Mia Way signage project
- Educational curriculum scoping, development and integration with GRCCC programs
- Coordinated release and media engagement of the River Health and RiverKeeper Report Cards, including stakeholder communications
- In house design of the Riverkeeper Report Card 2012-13
- Generation of the Georges River Current, quarterly newsletter
- Development of volunteer recruitment for River Health, Riverkeeper events including posters/flyers and web, media releases



- Facebook page
- Council events









 Coordination and preparation of seven media releases

• Preparation of Award applications and co-ordinated media promotion of: - Australian Banksia Awards (2013) - NSW Keep Australia Beautiful Awards (2013)

• Ongoing maintenance of Georges River website www.georgesriver.org. au including Georges River, NSW

• Speaking events, public presentations, workshops and attendance at

• Development and design of GRCCC 2012-13 Annual Report and Executive Summary

GRCCC COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMEN

Media Releases

Sept 2013	River Health Report Card Release
Sept 2013	GRCCC Awarded Federal Funds for Biodiversity Grant Fund Works
Sept 2013	River Health Volunteers Needed
Oct 2013	Riverkeeper Report Card Released – 103 tonnes rubbish removed
Dec 2013	GRCCC Concern over Sydney Water's Glenfield Wastewater Treatment Plant
Dec 2013	GRCCC Awaits Information on Moorebank Intermodal Terminal
Dec 2013	Riverkeeper Program Wins Keep Australia Beautiful Award
April 2014	River Health Volunteers Needed
	Presentations given by GRCCC Staff
Sept 2013	Cooks River Alliance Board Meeting
Sept 2013	National Parks Association Macarthur
Mar 2014	Museum of Contemporary Art – Our River Project - Transforma
May 2014	Sutherland Shire Council Bushcare Presentation
May 2014	River Health Review Committee Meeting
May 2014	Metro Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) Board Meeting
June 2014	Georges River Lioness Club Presentation
	GRCCC Meetings with Federal Members of Parliament
Sept 2013	Member for Macarthur, Russell Matheson
Nov 2013	Member for Banks, David Coleman
April 2014	Member for Barton, Nicholas Varvaris
April / May 2014	Member for Hughes, Craig Kelly (meeting & river tour)

ENT OUTPUTS 2013-2014	GRCCC Involvement in Events, Trainings and Forums
	Riverfest, Campbelltown
	World Water Monitoring Day, Warwick Farm
sity Grant Fund Works	25th Banksia Sustainability Awards, Melbourne
	Oatley Lions Festival, Oatley
nnes rubbish removed	Food n Groove Festival, Rockdale
ield Wastewater Treatment Plant	National Water Week Environmental Education - Liverpool, Hu
termodal Terminal	Keep Australia Beautiful Clean Beaches Assessment
eautiful Award	Schneider Electric Bush Regeneration
	Grant Writing Workshop
	EPA Litter Grants briefing
	GRCCC Volunteer Days
	National Tree Day, Liverpool City Council
oject - Transforma	Southern Sydney Volunteer Expo
tion	St George Volunteer Expo
	River Health Sampling Days
Board Meeting	With Georges River Environmental Education Centre Campbelltown, Liverpool & Rockdale Campbelltown, Wollongong & Sutherland
arliament	Community Open Days Appin, Bankstown & Menai Wollondilly and Bankstown
	David Kuhn Communications & Engagement Program Coordinator to Janua

Communications & Engagement Program Coordinator to January 2014 (Prepared by Svetlana Kotevska and Lisa Smith)

lurstville and Sutherland

Sept 2013

Aug 2013

Oct 2013

Oct 2013

Oct 2013

Oct 2013

Oct 2013

Nov 2013

Feb 2014

Feb 2014

July 2013

Oct 2013

Oct 2013

Oct / Nov 2013 April / May 2014

Oct / Nov 2013 April / May 2014

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2013 - 2014

OPERATIONAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014

GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS' COMMITTEE INC

ABN 18 246 792 704 Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 10:

- 1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Georges River Combined Councils' Committee as at 30 June 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Georges River Combined Councils' Committee 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:

Responsible Officer

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Manager - Environmental Sustainability - Hurstville City Council - Alison Hanlon

Responsible Officer

Program Manager - GRCCC - Svetlana Kotevska

Date: 10 October 2014



GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS' COMMITTEE INC

ABN 18 246 792 704 Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

Revenue

Membership and Program fees **Operating Grants** Interest Net Gain on Disposal of Assets Other Revenue Australian Government Grants to Voluntary Environmental and Organisations (GVEHO) program

Total Revenue

Expenses

Employee benefits expense Depreciation and amortisation expense Materials & Contracts Other expenses

Total Expenses

Surplus / (deficit) before income tax Income tax expense

Surplus / (deficit) for the year

Other comprehensive income:

Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax

Total comprehensive income for the year

	2014 \$	2013 \$
	468,277	356,403
	300,490	222,720
	17,088	18,223
	315	0
	100	28,339
id Heritage		
	0	4,000
	786,271	629,686
	(321,976)	(354,319)
	(18,299)	(23,146)
	(430,032)	(117,438)
	(134,966)	(31,452)
	(905,273)	(526,355)
	(119,002) 0	103,331 0
	(119,002)	103,331
	0	0
	(119,002)	103,331



ABN 18 246 792 704 Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other current assets	2 3 4	504,065 23,752 13,971	562,222 51,355 2,125
Total current assets	_	541,788	615,702
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment	5	58,749	52,707
Total non-current assets	_	58,749	52,707
TOTAL ASSETS	_	600,537	668,409
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities Trade and Other Payables Borrowings Employee leave entitlement provision	6 7 8	11,146 54,251 26,978	19,130 0 22,720
Total current liabilities	_	92,375	41,850
Non-current liabilities Employee leave entitlement provision	8	7,227	6,620
Total Non-current liabilities		7,227	6,620
TOTAL LIABILITIES		99,602	48,470
NET ASSETS	_	500,937	619,939
MEMBERS' FUNDS Accumulated surplus	_	500,937	619,939
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	_	500,937	619,939



GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS' COMMITTEE INC

ABN 18 246 792 704 Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

Balance at 1 July 2013 Surplus / (deficit) for the year Other comprehensive income for the year

Balance at 30 June 2014

2013

2014

Balance at 1 July 2012 Surplus / (deficit) for the year Other comprehensive income for the year

Balance at 30 June 2013

Accumulated surplus \$	Members' funds \$
619,939	619,939
(119,002)	(119,002)
0	0
500,937	500,937

Accumulated surplus \$	Members' funds \$
516,608	516,608
103,331	103,331
0	0
619,939	619,939



ABN 18 246 792 704 Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

		2014	2013
	Note	\$	\$
CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Membership and Program Fees		436,621	338,630
Operating grants receipts		300,490	224,720
Other receipts		83,111	48,697
Payments to suppliers and employees		(925,692)	(606,148)
Interest received		17,088	18,223
Net cash used by operating activities	9	(88,382)	24,122
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		14,909	0
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(38,935)	0
Net cash used by investing activities		(24,026)	0
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		(112,408)	24,122
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		562,222	538,100
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	2	449,814	562,222

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS' COMMITTEE INC

ABN 18 246 792 704 Notes to the Financial Satementss For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) General information

Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc. is an association incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 2009 of New South Wales and is domiciled in Australia.

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 of New South Wales. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the Group commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are: Plant and Equipment 10% - 20%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Cash and Cash Equivalents (c)

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.



ABN 18 246 792 704 Notes to the Financial Satementss For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(d) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date and is measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(e) Income Tax

The association is a not-for-profit institution and is exempt from income tax.

(f) Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST) (g)

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. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown exclusive of GST.

(h) Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by accounting standards or as a result of a change in accounting policy.



GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS' COMMITTEE INC

ABN 18 246 792 704 Notes to the Financial Satementss For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

2 Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash at bank Deposit

Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows: Cash and cash equivalents Borrowings - Overdraft

3 Trade and Other Receivables

CURRENT Income Accruals GST Claimable

4 Other Assets CURRENT Prepayments

2014 \$	2013 \$		
0	71,196		
504,065	491,026		
504,065	562,222		
504,065	562,222		
(54,251)	0		
449,814	562,222		
	10,100		
3,719 20,033	49,430 1,925		
23,752	51,355		
13,971	2,125		
13,971	2,125		



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2014	201		
\$	\$		

54,251

0

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		2014 \$	2013 \$		2014 \$	2013 \$
		·			·	·
5	Property Plant and Equipment					
	Plant and equipment					
	At cost	139,156	230,811			
	Less: accumulated depreciation	80,407	178,104	8 Provisions CURRENT		
	Total plant and equipment	58,749	52,707	Employee benefits	26,978	22,720
	Total property, plant and equipment	58,749	52,707	NON CURRENT	20,570	22,720
				Employee benefits	7,227	6,620
	Movements in Carrying Amounts	Plant and		-	34,205	29,340
		Equipment	Total	-		
		\$	\$			
	Current Year	50 707	50 707	9 Cash Flow Information		
	Balance at the beginning of 1 July 2013 Additions	52,707 38,935	52,707 38,935	5 Cash Flow Information		
	Disposals	(14,594)	(14,594)	Cash Flow from Operations with Profit/(Deficit) after Income Tax		
	Depreciation expense	(18,299)	(18,299)	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(119,002)	103,331
	Carrying amount at the end of 30 June 2014			Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities:		
		58,749	58,749	Non-cash flows in profit:		
				Denseistien	40.000	00.440
	Prior Year			Depreciation	18,299	23,146
	Balance at the beginning of 1 July 2013	75,853 (23,146)	75,853 (23,146)	Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries:		
	Depreciation expense			(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	27,603	(31,830)
	Carrying amount at the end of 30 June 2014	52,707	52,707	(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(11,846)	5,333
				(Decrease)/increase in trade payables and accruals	(7,984)	(60,928)
				(Decrease)/Increase in provisions	4,864	(14,930)
6	Trade and Other Payables				(88,382)	24,122
	CURRENT					
	Trade payables	1,106	9,855			
	Sundry payables and accrued expenses	10,040	9,275			
		11,146	19,130			
7	Borrowings					
	CURRENT					
	Overdraft	54,251	0			

GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS' COMMITTEE INC

ABN 18 246 792 704 Notes to the Financial Satementss For the Year Ended 30 June 2014



Georges River Combined Councils Committee Inc

True and Fair Certification by Members of the Committee

ANNUAL STATEMENTS GIVE TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION AND PERFORMANCE

We, Sketlana Kotenska and, Alison Hanlon

behalf of members of the committee of Georges River Combined Councils Committee Association (Non-Reporting) Inc, certify that -

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Georges River Combined Councils Committee Association (Non-reporting) Inc. during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2014.

Signature:

Date: 10 (10(14)

Date: 10.10.14



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, being a special purpose financial report, of Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, 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 Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note I is appropriate to meet the requirements of the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a 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 have 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 association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, 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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, 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 gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc as at 30 June 2014 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note I to the financial statements, and the requirements of the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

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Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note I to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Inc to meet the requirements of the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Hill Rogers Spencer Steer Assurance Partners

B. Karger

BRETT HANGER Partner

Dated at Sydney this 8th day of October 2014

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A GRCCC REPRESENTATION ON PARTNER PROGRAMS 2013-14

Kurnell 2020 – GRCCC Riverkeeper Program Coordinator

Cooks River Alliance - GRCCC Program Manager and GRCCC River Health Program Co-Coordinator

MEETINGS OF THE GRCCC

Meetings of the GRCCC were held bi-monthly with the location rotating between member Councils. During 2013-14 meetings were held on the following dates:

22 August 2013 at Liverpool City Council (Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre)

24 October 2013 at Hurstville City Council (Annual General Meeting)

27 February 2014 at Bankstown City Council

1 May 2014 at Kogarah City Council

26 June 2014 Sutherland Shire Council

THE GRCCC EXECUTIVE GROUP MET ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AT THE HOST COUNCIL AND OFFSITE:

10 July 2013

14 August 2013

9 October 2013

13 November 2013

11 December 2013

12 February 2014

12 March 2014

9 April 2014

11 June 2014 (Carss Park Café)

APPENDIX B

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MEMBER COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT GRCCC MEETINGS

	Aug 2013	Oct 2013	Feb 2014	May 2014	June 2014
HOST COUNCIL	Liverpool	Hurstville	Bankstown	Kogarah	Sutherland
Bankstown					
Councillor	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Staff	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Campbelltown					
Councillor		Х			Х
Staff	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Fairfield					
Councillor		Х	Х		
Staff	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Hurstville					
Councillor		Х	Х	Х	
Staff		Х	Х		Х
Kogarah					
Councillor		Х		Х	
Staff	Х			Х	
Liverpool					
Councillor	Х	Х			Х
Staff	Х	Х	Х		Х
Rockdale					
Councillor					
Staff		Х		Х	Х
Sutherland					
Councillor	Х	Х	Х		Х
Staff	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Wollondilly					
Councillor					
Staff					

APPENDIX C

APPENDIX C **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 24 OCTOBER 2013**

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

Chairperson: Cr Naji Peter Najjar (Bankstown City Council) Vice Chairperson: Cr Peter Scaysbrook (Sutherland Shire Council) Public Officer / Treasurer: Cr Peter Ristevski (Liverpool City Council)

2013-14 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 2013-14 period. In particular, we would like to thank Hurstville Council Host Manager Alison Hanlon, Manager Environmental Sustainability who has provided valuable support and advice to the GRCCC. The GRCCC would also like to thank the financial accounts team including Mr Sikendar Bilal and Ms Rindayi Matienga for their regular support and advice, Ms Sana Geadah -Manager Contracts, Mr Rob Formica – Fleet Manager, the payroll, human resources and Information Technology team and all other staff and teams at Hurstville City Council for your assistance to the GRCCC and ongoing support.

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PARTICIPATING COUNCILS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Bankstown City Council

Cr Naji Peter Najjar, Member Mr James Carey, Manager Ms Robyn Young, Technical Officer Ms Rebecca Bell, Technical Officer Ms Emily Forrest, Team Leader Ms Vandana Ram, Bankstown Arts Centre Mr Trent Reed, Technical Officer

Ms Vila Gupta, Technical Officer

Campbelltown City Council

Cr George Greiss, Member Ms Renee Winsor, Manager Ms Alana Keane, Technical Officer Mr Andrew Atteweil. Technical Officer Mr Mitchell Johnson, Technical Officer Mr Michael Rhydderch, Technical Officer

Fairfield City Council

Cr Dai Le, Member Cr George Barcha, Member Mr Stuart Rodham, Manager Mr Erin Sellers, Manager Ms Nicole Thomas, Technical officer Mr Eddie Ferry, Technical Officer Mr Neil Ramsay, Technical Officer Mr Scott Reyes, Technical Officer Mr Tim Johnson, Technical Officer

Hurstville City Council

Cr Philip Sansom, Member Cr Michele Stevens, Member Cr Cr Rita Kastanias. Member Cr Con Hindi, Member Mr Rob Casey, Manager Ms Alison Hanlon, Manager Ms Samantha Watkins, Technical Officer Ms Mimy Wang, Technical Officer Ms Kathrvn Godfrev, Technical Officer Ms Heather Stolle, Technical Officer

Kogarah City Council

Cr Nick Katris. Member Mr Glen Moody, Manager Mr Tom Heath, Technical Officer

Liverpool City Council

Cr Peter Ristevski, Member Mr Arvind Lal, Manager Mr Joel Daniels. Technical Officer Mr Albert Galleta, Manager Mr Kevin Smith. Manager Ms Sonya Reyes, Manager

Rockdale City Council

Cr Joe Awada, Member Cr Andrew Tsounis. Member Mr David Dekel, Manager Ms Alexandra Vandine, Technical Officer Mr Adam Smith, Technical Officer Mr Colin Mable. Technical Officer

Sutherland Shire Council

Cr Peter Scaysbrook, Member Cr Tom Croucher, Member Mr Ian Drinnan, Manager Mr Gwyn Cleeves, Manager Mr Brendon Graham, Manager Mr Guy Amos, Manager Ms Beth Noel, Technical Officer Mr Paul Price, Bushcare Coordinator Ms Julie Nimmo, Technical Officer Ms Tegan Yasserie, Technical Officer Ms Shelly Read, Technical Officer

Wollondilly Shire Council

Cr Michael Banasik, Member Mr Brad Staggs, Manager Ms Alexandra Stengl, Technical Officer Ms Alex Burgess-Buxton, Technical Officer Mr Damien Stirling, Technical Officer

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National Parks & Wildlife Service

Mr Andres Bianchi Mr Barry Hodgson Ms Christine Hopkins Mr Jason Bishop Mr Kane Weeks

NSW Department of

Primary Industries Ms Carla Ganassin Mr Dan Cross Ms Kylie Russell

Parramatta River Catchment Group

Ms Leanne Hanvey Ms Sarah Clift

Oceanwatch Australia

Mr Simon Rowe Mr Michael Wooden

Sydney Water

Ms Liz Minor Ms Helena Orel Mr Jake Atkins Mr Daniel Cunningham Mr Rodney Kerr

NSW Corrective Services

Mr Bill Hopley Ms Donna Shaw Ms Lacey McMillan Ms Josie Davag Mr Richard Anwaya

Office of Environment and Heritage

Mr Daniel Wiecek Ms Jan Miller Mr Gus Pelosi Ms Rebecca Swanson

Cooks River Alliance

Mr Chris Hudson Ms Shefali Chakrabarty Ms Jasmine Payget

NSW Department of Education and Communities

Ms Tristen Vella – Georges River Environmental Education Centre

Ms Cris Hickey. OEH Company Mr Jos Kusters, Caltex

Environmental Alliance Environmental Alliance President

GRCCC Staff

Ms Svetlana Kotevska, GRCCC Program Manager Mr Tony Wales, Riverkeeper Coordinator Ms Claire Evans, River Health Coordinator Mr David Kuhn. Communications/ Engagement Coordinator

NSW Maritime Division Mr Graeme Dunlavie

Greater Sydney Local Land Services

Ms Karen Kennedy Mr Mike Keegan Ms Nerida Gill Ms Margaret Bottrell Ms Linda Dedovic Mr Koshy Varghese

GRCCC Presenters 2013-2014

Community Representatives

Ms Sharyn Cullis – Georges River Mr Peter Tralaggan - Georges River Ms Dawn Emerson – Past GRCCC

Mr Lew Solberg – Gandangara Aboriginal Land Council Mr Brian Shaw and Mr Charles Green -Botany Bay & Catchment Alliance Ms Signe Westerberg – Upper Georges **River Sustainability Initiative** Ms Melina Amerasinghe - Lower Georges River Sustainability Initiative Mr Kim Wagstaff and Ms Anne Wagstaff - Friends of Oatley

Mr Iain Fairbairn, Sydney Water Ms Judith Winder, Sydney Water Mr Darren Cash, Sydney Water Mr Grahame Burgess, NSW Health Mr Ian Hunt, Moorebank Intermodal

Mr Jeff Angel, Total Environment Centre

APPENDIX E

APPENDIX E GRCCC PROGRAM CLUSTER MEMBERS

GEORGES RIVER ESTUARY MANAGEMENT CLUSTER

Sutherland Shire Council Gwyn Cleeves Guy Amos

Joel Daniels

David Dekel

Erin Sellers

Liverpool City Council

Rockdale City Council

Fairfield City Council

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GRCCC RIVERKEEPER PROGRAM CASE STUDIES

BANKSTOWN LGA

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES TOTAL RUBBISH: 10,003 kgs TOTAL HOURS: 2322

- Alan Ashton Reserve, Picnic Point (270 kg) •
- Bill Delauney Reserve Wetlands, Revesby (482.5 kg)
- Bridge Street Reserve Mangroves, Padstow (580 kg) .
- Deepwater Forest & Mangroves, Milperra (705 kg) ٠
- . Deepwater Parkland Foreshore, Milperra (635 kg)
- . East Hills Reserve Foreshore, East Hills (720 kg)
- East Hills Reserve, Cook Crescent, East Hills (190 kg) .
- Garrison Point Reserve, Georges Hall (655 kg) .
- Gordon Parker Reserve, Milperra (495 kg)
- Gow Street, Padstow (330 kg) .
- Kelso Beach Foreshore, Milperra (410 kg) •
- Kelso Creek North, Milperra (115 kg) •
- Kentucky Reserve, Georges Hall (1070 kg) .
- Lambeth Street Reserve, Picnic Point (485 kg) .
- Little Salt Pan Creek, Padstow (135 kg) .
- Mirambeena Boom, Georges Hall (30 kg)
- Monash Reserve, East Hills (570 kg) .
- Salt Pan Reserve, Padstow (1095 kg) •
- Stuart St Reserve Mangroves, Padstow (450 kg)
- Vale of Ah, Milperra (200 kg)
- . Virginius Reserve Mangroves, Padstow (380 kg)

CAMPBELLTOWN LGA

Work concentrated on Bunbury Curran Creek, Spring Creek and Mansfield Creeks. RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES TOTAL RUBBISH: 15,453 kgs TOTAL HOURS: 2829

- Bow Bowing Creek, Airds Rd, Leumeah (2,880 kg) .
- Bow Bowing Creek GPT, Minto (2,480 kg)
- Cleopatra Reserve, Ambavale (355 kg)
- Fisher's Ghost Creek, Bradbury (350 kg) .
- Kyngmount Reserve, Minto (105 kg) ٠
- Lower Mansfield Creek, St Helens Park (670 kg) •
- Mansfield Creek GPT, St Helens Park (885 kg) •
- Mount Erin Road, Blair Athol (535 kg) .
- Park Central, Campbelltown (2,055 kg) .
- Pembroke Park, Minto (310 kg)
- Rose Park, Minto (752.5 kg) .
- St Andrews Park, St Andrews (490 kg) .
- ٠ St Helens Park GPT (2,980 kg)
- Tree Gully Reserve, Blair Athol (605 kg)

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FAIRFIELD LGA

Work concentrated on the Chipping Norton Lake, Cabramatta Creek and Prospect Creek catchments.

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES TOTAL RUBBISH: 14,633 kgs TOTAL HOURS: 2839

- Allambie Road Reserve, Edensor Park (635 kg)
- Artie Street, Caramar (15 kg) •
- Baragoola Crescent, West Fairfield (810 kg) •
- Blackford Street, Fairfield East (515 kg)
- Chiflev Street, Smithfield (345 kg)
- Christie Street Wetlands, Prairiewood (465 kg) •
- Clarevale Wetlands, Edensor Park (650 kg) .
- Cutler Road, Foreshore, Lansvale (2,385 kg)
- Devenish Street, Greenfield Park (305 kg)
- Floyd bay Foreshore, Lansvale (1,110 kg) •
- Hanson Street, Fairfield East (270 kg) •
- Hassall Street, Wetherill Park (565 kg)
- Herston Road Ponds, St Johns Park (285 kg)
- Horton Street & Hamel Road, Mt Pritchard (765 kg)
- Howard Park, Lansvale (635 kg)
- Joe Broad Reserve, Mt Pritchard (270 kg)
- Landon Street, Fairfield East (300 kg) •
- Malta Street, Fairfield East (247.5 kg)
- Market Street, Smithfield (335 kg) •
- Parkes Reserve, Canley Vale (180 kg) •
- Parklea Parade, Canley Vale (570 kg) .
- Prince Park, Canley Vale (520 kg)
- Prout Park, Mt Pritchard (105 kg)
- Rhondda Street, Smithfield (170 kg) •
- Rosford Street Reserve, Smithfield (1,105 kg) •
- Shearer Park, Lansvale (715 kg) •
- Sherwin Park, Canley Vale (55 kg) .
- Smithfield Road, Bonnyrigg (305 kg)

HURSTVILLE LGA

Work concentrated on the Lime Kiln Bay and Salt Pan Creek areas. RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES TOTAL RUBBISH: 4,480 kgs TOTAL HOURS: 1766

- Basil Street Reserve, Riverwood (430 kg) •
- Blackbutt Ave, Lugarno (812 kg) •
- Coleridge Road, Riverwood (428 kg)
- Cypress Drive, Lugarno (698 kg) •
- Harvey Dixon Reserve, Peakhurst (760 kg) •
- Lime Kiln Bay, Peakhurst Heights (322 kg) •
- Salt Pan Creek Bridge, Peakhurst (633 kg) •
- William Road, Riverwood (398 kg)

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KOGARAH LGA

Work concentrated on public foreshore areas and the mangrove forest at Oatley Bay.

RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES TOTAL RUBBISH: 2,545 KGS TOTAL HOURS: 1,600

- Claydon Reserve, Sans Souci (858 kg) •
- Connells Point Reserve, Connells Point (60 kg) •
- Donnelly Park, Kyle Bay (75kg) .
- . Dover Park, Blakehurst (112 kg)
- Kogarah Bay Foreshore, Kogarah Bay (375 kg)
- Kyle Bay Foreshore, Kyle Bay (45 kg)
- Neverfail bay, Oatley (142 kg) •
- Oatley Bay Boat Ramp, Hurstville Grove (105 kg) •
- Oatley Bay Pleasure Grounds, Oatley (127.5 kg)
- Poulton Park Mangrove Walk, Connells Point (353 kg) •
- Sans Souci Park, Sans Souci (292 kg) .

LIVERPOOL LGA

Work concentrated on the Chipping Norton Lakes and Cabramatta Creek catchment. RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES TOTAL RUBBISH: 13,008 KGS TOTAL HOURS: 2,656

- Angle Park, Chipping Norton (1,150 kg) .
- Bedwell Park, West Hoxton (475 kg) •
- Black Muscat Park, Chipping Norton (615 kg) .
- Brickmaker's Creek, Liverpool (730 kg) •
- Cecil Hills Lakes, Cecil Hills (530 kg) •
- Clinches Pond, Moorebank (450 kg)
- Davy Robinson Park, Chipping Norton (157 kg) .
- Freeman Oval and Boom, Warwick Farm (305 kg)
- Haigh Park, Moorebank (1,480 kg)
- Hammondville Mangroves (495 kg) •
- Harvard Reserve, Prestons (480 kg) .
- Heron Park, Chipping Norton (1,195 kg) •
- Homestead Park, Chipping Norton (1,765 kg) .
- Hoxton Park Reserve, Hoxton Park (1,195 kg) .
- Kelso Crescent, Moorebank (635 kg) .
- Mawson Drive, Cartwright (45 kg)
- Maxwells Creek, Hill Road Lurnea (165 kg) •
- Maxwells Creek, Lyn Parade Prestons (135 kg) •
- McMillan Park, Chipping Norton (615 kg) •
- Quota Park, Chipping Norton (390 kg) •

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ROCKDALE LGA

Work concentrated on Botany Bay foreshores and Scarborough Ponds System RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES TOTAL RUBBISH: 4,853 KGS TOTAL HOURS: 1,784

- Bestic St to Henson St, Brighton Le Sands (360 kg) •
- Bicentennial Park, Rockdale (815 kg)
- Burlington St Riparian Area, Monterey (177 kg) •
- Captain Cook Bridge, Sans Souci (735 kg) •
- Dolls Point Foreshore, Dolls Point (180 kg) •
- Kyeemagh Beach, Kyeemagh (762 kg) •
- Monterey St Riparian Area, Monterey (180 kg) •
- President Ave to Bath Street, Monterey (367.5 kg) •
- President Ave to Brighton Baths, Brighton Le Sands (210 kg) •
- Riverside Drive & Scott Park, Sandringham (450 kg)
- Tonbridge Creek, Ramsgate (615 kg) •

Bush regeneration works at Tonbridge Creek, Ramsgate focused on the removal of lantana and green cestrum. In total 2,135 m² was worked. Before and After pictures below.



SUTHERLAND LGA

Work concentrated on the bays and inlets of the lower river. RUBBISH COLLECTION WORK SITES TOTAL RUBBISH: 5,305 KGS TOTAL HOURS: 1,523

- Balboa Street, Kurnell (220 kg) •
- Bonna Point, Kurnell (792.5 kg) •
- Gwawley Oval, Taren Point (170 kg) •
- Heritage Oyster Farm, Taren Point (185 kg) •
- Mangrove Boardwalk, Woolooware (167.5 kg) •
- Marton Park, Kurnell (145 kg) •
- Port Hacking Road Reserve, Sylvania Waters (407.5 kg) •
- Production Road, Taren Point (247.5 kg) •
- . Silver Beach, Kurnell (690 kg)
- Solander Playing Field Mangroves, Woolooware (192.5 kg) •
- Taren Point Reserve, Taren Point (127.5 kg) •
- Tasman Street, Kurnell (1470 kg) •
- Woolooware Bay Cycleway, Caringbah (490 kg)













