

## Media release

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### Parramatta River Masterplan recognised at Greater Sydney Planning Awards



The Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) was thrilled to be recognised at the Greater Sydney Planning Awards, held last week. The PRCG was awarded a Certificate of Commendation in the 'Great Community Collaboration' category for their Parramatta River Masterplan titled, 'Duba, Budu, Barra: Ten Steps to a Living River – The Parramatta River Masterplan'. The award was accepted by Clr Mark Drury – PRCG Chair, Phillip Birtles – Urban Water and Waterways Manager, Sydney Water, Joanne Taranto – Parramatta River Riverkeeper, and Nadia Young – PRCG Communications Officer.

The PRCG was one of 11 finalists that also included PRCG member council, City of Canterbury Bankstown, which took out the top award for their combined projects, 'CBC 2028' and the 'Community Voice Panel.' Congratulations also go to another PRCG member council, Blacktown City Council, which received a commendation for the 'Angus Creek Stormwater Harvesting Scheme'.

Launched in October 2018, the Masterplan details the actions needed to make the Parramatta River swimmable again by 2025, based on scientific studies and community consultation. It is the result of many years of work by more than 35 partner agencies, including the 11 Parramatta River catchment councils, Sydney Water, Department of Planning & Environment, NSW Environment Protection Authority, and local community groups.

PRCG Chair, Clr Mark Drury, said that the award was a fitting recognition for the considerable amount of passion, commitment and effort that has gone into developing the Masterplan.

"The Parramatta River Masterplan is the culmination of years of collaboration with our many partners and the community and we thank the thousands of people and organisations who have been involved with its development," Clr Drury said.

"Sydney deserves a world-class river which is why the Masterplan has been developed. The implementation of this ten-step plan will deliver the changes needed to make the Parramatta River swimmable again and secure its future for generations to come."

*Image caption: (from left) Phillip Birtles, Joanne Taranto, Mark Drury, Lucy Turnbull and Nadia Young.*

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