

Media Release

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Parramatta River Catchment Group to be hosted by Inner West Council

The Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) will relocate to Inner West Council in July 2024, where it will operate for the next five years.

Members councils nominate to host the PRCG for a five-year term and provide administrative and technical support. City of Canada Bay Council has hosted the PRCG since 2019.

The move occurs during a significant year for the PRCG, marking the 10th anniversary of the Our Living River mission to make the Parramatta River swimmable again. Launched in 2014, the mission set an ambitious goal to improve the health of the river and its catchment to enable swimming at selected sites by the year 2025. It also aimed to conserve important ecological areas and increase habitat for wildlife.

PRCG Chair, Councillor Mark Drury, said that the success of the project to date is a result of the close collaboration between the PRCG's member councils, state government agencies, and community groups to improve the health of Sydney's most iconic river.

"It is an exciting time for the PRCG with the opening of two new swim sites at Putney Park, Putney and Bedlam Bay, Gladesville in the next six months and two more planned over the next few years at Callan Park, Lilyfield and Mort Bay, Balmain," Cr Drury said.

"We are progressing two key catchment-wide projects to improve compliance and management of stormwater assets and mapping of creeks and streams to identify priority sites for restoration works. We'll also soon commence work on planning our next masterplan that will focus on climate change mitigation and strengthening connection to Country."

"We would especially like to thank the City of Canada Bay for hosting the PRCG over the last five years and all our member agencies for their continued commitment and support."

The PRCG will continue the 10th anniversary celebrations with its annual Riverfest being held once again from 21 September (World Clean Up Day) to 29 September (World Rivers Day).

Visit <https://www.ourlivingriver.com.au/riverfest> for more information.

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