



**Parramatta River
Catchment Group**



**LET'S MAKE OUR RIVER
SWIMMABLE AGAIN BY
2025**

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Riverfest 2025: Celebrating our river through community and collaboration

The Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) is inviting the community to come together for **Riverfest 2025** – the region's flagship celebration of the Parramatta River, its creeks, and surrounding environment.

Running from **Saturday 20 September (World Clean Up Day) to Sunday 28 September (World Rivers Day)**, this year's festival features a vibrant mix of activities, from foreshore clean-ups and guided nature walks to creative art projects and kids' trivia. The program offers fun and engaging ways to connect with the river while making a positive difference to its health.

Riverfest is made possible through the collaboration of local councils, community groups, state government agencies, and dedicated volunteers working together to protect and restore the Parramatta River catchment.

PRCG Chair Councillor Penny Pedersen said Riverfest is a testament to the power of partnerships in achieving environmental change.

"Thanks to the dedication of our partners and the community, we're on track to achieve our mission of opening three swim sites on the Parramatta River by 2025, with the launch of Bedlam Bay in Gladesville later this year," Cr Pedersen said.

"Riverfest is a chance to celebrate these achievements and inspire even more people to get involved in caring for our waterways."

Highlights of the 2025 program include:

- **World Clean Up Day** events across the catchment (20 Sept)
- **Wetlands Guided Walk at Mason Park Wetlands**, Homebush (20 Sept)
- **Wistaria Gardens Spring Celebration** at Parramatta Park (20-21 Sept)
- **Spring Clean for the Godwits** at Halliday Park, Five Dock (21 Sept)
- **Small Bird Habitat Walk and Talk** at Bedlam Bay (23 Sept)
- **World Rivers Day** celebrations at Bedlam Bay and Wentworth Point (28 Sept)

More events will be added in the coming weeks.

For the full program and event details, visit: ourlivingriver.com.au/riverfest

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