

Leaders gather to celebrate Parramatta River progress and future vision

Senior leaders from the Parramatta River Catchment Group's (PRCG) member and partner organisations came together last week for an Executive Briefing to celebrate past achievements and learn about the group's future direction.

PRCG Chairperson Councillor Penny Pedersen reflected on a decade of strong partnerships that helped achieve the goal of opening three new swim sites on the Parramatta River by 2025.

PRCG Coordinator Alexi Gilchrist outlined key strategic priorities to address emerging challenges such as urban development and climate change, including strengthening collaboration, improving planning and investment, and supporting an ecologically sustainable and liveable catchment that is better connected to its waterways.

Keynote speaker, Committee for Sydney CEO Eamon Waterford, spoke about building a more resilient and sustainable city with waterways and green spaces central to future planning.

Councillor Pedersen said the briefing was an opportunity to recognise member contributions and renew a shared vision for the river.

"The PRCG's mission to make the Parramatta River swimmable again is widely recognised as an ambitious but successful initiative, uniting local and state government and the community through a shared vision to care for the river and invest in its future," she said.

PRCG member organisations will soon sign an updated Memorandum of Understanding, reaffirming their continued commitment to improving the health of the Parramatta River and securing its role as Sydney's ecological and cultural heart.

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About the PRCG

The PRCG is an alliance of local and state government organisations and community groups that are working together to improve the health of the Parramatta River and its tributaries. Members include: Blacktown City Council, Burwood Council, City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council, City of Canada Bay Council, City of Parramatta Council, City of Ryde Council, Cumberland Council, Hunter's Hill Council, Inner West Council, Strathfield Municipal Council, Sydney Water, and NSW Environment Protection Authority. For more information, visit: ourlivingriver.com.au.

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