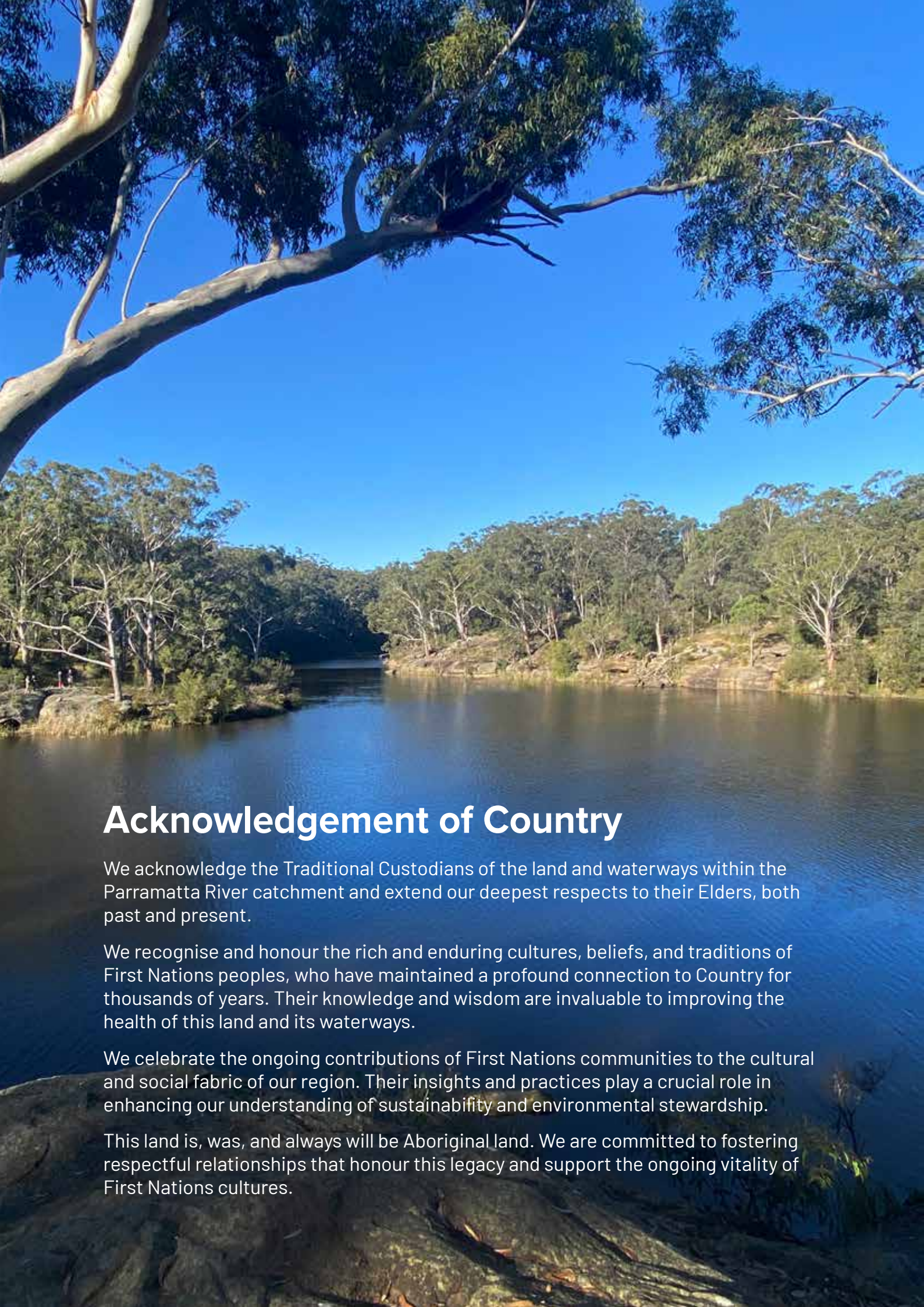


PARRAMATTA RIVER CATCHMENT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026



Parramatta River
Catchment Group



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waterways within the Parramatta River catchment and extend our deepest respects to their Elders, both past and present.

We recognise and honour the rich and enduring cultures, beliefs, and traditions of First Nations peoples, who have maintained a profound connection to Country for thousands of years. Their knowledge and wisdom are invaluable to improving the health of this land and its waterways.

We celebrate the ongoing contributions of First Nations communities to the cultural and social fabric of our region. Their insights and practices play a crucial role in enhancing our understanding of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

This land is, was, and always will be Aboriginal land. We are committed to fostering respectful relationships that honour this legacy and support the ongoing vitality of First Nations cultures.

Parramatta River Catchment Group

Established in 2008, the Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) is a member-based alliance that brings together councils, state government organisations, and community groups to improve the health of the Parramatta River and its catchment. Recognising that waterway challenges cross geographic and jurisdictional boundaries, the PRCG provides regional leadership, coordination, and a platform for shared decision-making.

The flagship *Our Living River* initiative sets a long-term vision to restore the Parramatta River to a swimmable condition, guiding investment and collaborative action. Key priorities include

reducing stormwater pollution, protecting biodiversity, improving climate resilience, advancing water sensitive urban design, and strengthening community connection to waterways.

The PRCG also advocates for policies and planning that support healthier waterways, promotes the integration of First Nations knowledge into catchment management, and encourages community stewardship. By aligning regional priorities and expertise, the PRCG delivers lasting environmental, social, and economic benefits across the Parramatta River catchment.

FINANCIAL MEMBERS



ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND OTHER KEY CONTRIBUTORS



A Word from our Chairperson



This year has been one of significant progress for the Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG), made possible through the continued collaboration of our member organisations, partner agencies, community groups, and volunteers. Together, we have delivered initiatives that improve water quality, restore the natural environment, and strengthen our community's connection with the Parramatta River.

A major milestone was the opening of Bedlam Bay in November, the third swim site delivered under the Parramatta River Masterplan, following Bayview Park Baths and Putney Beach. Planning and monitoring also progressed at Callan Park, Mort Bay, and Cockatoo Island, creating more opportunities for the community to safely enjoy the river in the future.

Significant progress was made across several key projects. The Bank Naturalisation and Planning of Priority Corridors Project advanced detailed designs for priority restoration sites, while the Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Uplift Project brought together council officers to improve stormwater management in private developments. Our Stormwater Compliance and Education Program continued building council capability and promoting consistent stormwater practices, while the Parramatta River Litter Prevention Roadmap established a coordinated approach to preventing litter before it reaches our waterways.

This year also marked the beginning of celebrations for the 10th anniversary of *Get the Site Right*. Since its establishment by the PRCG in 2016, the program has grown to include more than 20 councils and organisations across NSW, promoting best-practice erosion and sediment control to protect our waterways.

Community engagement remains central to our work. Riverfest 2025 was our biggest festival yet, with more than 25 events across the catchment. I was pleased to attend several events, including the FITA (Fraternity in Truth Association) clean-up at Kissing Point Park with

Clean Up Australia Chair Pip Kiernan. It is also a fitting opportunity to acknowledge the passing of Austin Kim OAM, who, together with his wife Catherine, founded FITA and inspired many years of community service protecting the Parramatta River.

This year we completed the 2018-25 Masterplan Review Report, updated our Terms of Reference, continued developing our new Strategic Plan, and published the PRCG Prospectus and Parramatta River Recreational Water Quality Report in partnership with Sydney Water. We also shared our expertise at industry forums including FRANC.25, the International River Symposium, and the Sydney Rivers Community Forum.



We farewelled Riverkeeper Camila Driberg, welcomed Marion Huxley, and thank Gabriella Jennings from Inner West Council for her secondment supporting Riverfest and other key projects. We also welcomed Will Savage as Environmental Support Officer.

My sincere thanks to the PRCG Secretariat, our member organisations, partners, and supporters for their dedication and collaboration. I look forward to working together as we continue creating a healthier, more liveable, and resilient Parramatta River catchment.

Councillor Penny Pedersen
Chairperson
Parramatta River Catchment Group

2025-26 AT A GLANCE



PRCG Secretariat
welcomes new team
members Marion Huxley
and Will Savage.



Bedlam Bay swim site
officially opened on
28 November 2025.



PRCG celebrates
10 years of the Get the
Site Right program.



Cr Penny Pedersen
re-elected as Chairperson
and Cr Kerrie Fergusson
as Vice Chairperson.



PRCG members
collaborate on the
development of the
new Strategic Plan.



Biggest Riverfest to
date, with 25+ events
across the Parramatta
River catchment.



Development of
Parramatta River
Catchment Group Litter
Prevention Roadmap.



Key Projects, Campaigns, and Events

Bank Naturalisation and Planning of Priority Corridors Project

The Bank Naturalisation and Planning of Priority Corridors Project made significant progress during the year, advancing from concept planning to detailed design for priority riverbank restoration sites across the catchment.

Extensive site investigations, technical assessments, and consultation with member councils and the community refined concept designs and identified opportunities and constraints across six priority locations.

Following project prioritisation, Grantham Creek, Hawthorne Canal, Duck River, and Tarban Creek were identified for detailed design and implementation within the available funding. Detailed designs progressed for Tarban Creek and Duck River, while approvals and consultation continued for Hawthorne Canal. Archer Creek and Vineyard Creek were identified as future high-priority projects should additional funding become available.

To support delivery, the project received an extension to March 2027, allowing additional time to complete detailed designs, approvals, and implementation planning. Memorandums of Understanding with participating councils also progressed, providing a strong foundation for the next phase of works.

Stormwater Compliance and Education Program

The Stormwater Compliance and Education Program continued to strengthen stormwater management across the Parramatta River catchment by improving compliance, building council capability, and promoting consistent best practice.

Water Sensitive Urban Design Uplift Project

Supported by a four-year, \$800,000 NSW Government grant, the program progressed the Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Uplift Project, bringing together planners, engineers, compliance officers, and other practitioners to address gaps in private stormwater asset management. Workshops, technical sessions, and practical guidance were developed to improve planning, assessment, compliance, and long-term maintenance of WSUD assets.

The program has laid the foundations for a coordinated catchment-wide WSUD compliance pilot that supports councils to establish robust WSUD compliance programs and advances stormwater education initiatives.

Images: (Above) WSUD Uplift Project workshop; (Right) March 2026 Get the Site Right Blitz Day site inspection.

This will inform Stage 2 of the project, which will develop educational resources for the private sector on the importance of WSUD and its ongoing management.

Litter Prevention Roadmap

The PRCG completed its first catchment-wide Litter Prevention Roadmap, providing a coordinated strategy to reduce litter entering the Parramatta River and its tributaries. Developed with member councils and key partners, the five-year roadmap aligns with the Greater Sydney Harbour Litter Prevention Strategy and identifies priority hotspots,

measurable targets, and collaborative actions focused on prevention rather than clean-up.

The project established a dedicated Litter Working Group, completed baseline assessments and cost-of-litter studies, and secured letters of support for the next implementation phase.

An application for \$435,000 in NSW Government funding was submitted to deliver the Roadmap, including establishing a dedicated Litter Prevention Officer and improved data collection across the catchment.

Get the Site Right Program

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Get the Site Right, which continues to promote best-practice erosion and sediment control across NSW. Coordinated by the PRCG, with support from Cooks River Alliance, Georges Riverkeeper, Sydney Coastal Councils Group, and the NSW Environment Protection Authority, the program brings together councils, industry, and the community to improve compliance on building and construction sites through education, inspections, and enforcement.

During 2025–26, the campaign continued to deliver targeted compliance blitzes across NSW. The August 2025 Blitz Week inspected 618 construction sites across 12 local government areas, recording an average compliance rate of 46% and issuing \$344,388 in fines.

This was followed by the March 2026 month-long blitz, during which 784 construction sites were inspected across seven metropolitan and regional local government areas. While overall compliance reached 79%, compliance across Sydney metropolitan councils was just 44%, demonstrating that more work is needed to improve erosion and sediment control on construction sites in rapidly growing urban areas. Across all participating councils, inspections resulted in \$157,500 in fines.



To mark the program's 10-year milestone, the PRCG Secretariat initiated a discussion paper advocating stronger government leadership on sediment pollution, informed by lessons from the past decade. It also began planning an Erosion and Sediment Control Forum, bringing together government, industry, and environmental organisations to explore emerging challenges and opportunities to improve compliance.

The campaign also expanded its national profile through conference presentations and technical forums. Now recognised as a leading collaborative initiative, Get the Site Right continues to demonstrate the value of partnership in reducing sediment pollution and protecting the health of our waterways.



Learning through collaboration

The PRCG is continuing its partnership with the University of NSW and Inner West Council on a landscape architecture project exploring sites undergoing change across Sydney, including urban river swimming locations.

As part of the UNSW Landscape Architecture Program, first-year students develop concept designs for the proposed Mort Bay swim site at Birchgrove. Responding to a real-world design brief, students consider landscape character, cultural and environmental values, accessibility, and community needs.

The collaboration provides students with valuable practical experience while generating innovative ideas and fresh perspectives to help inform the future of sites undergoing transformation.

Catchments Collective

Established in 2025, the Catchments Collective brings together Sydney Water, the Cooks River Alliance, Georges Riverkeeper, Parramatta River Catchment Group, and Sydney Coastal Councils Group to tackle issues affecting Sydney's waterways.

Meeting every three months, the group works together to share knowledge, coordinate projects, and seek alignment on policy, governance and investment opportunities that

improve waterway health across the city. By working collaboratively, members can achieve better outcomes than they could on their own.

During the year, the Collective discussed a range of issues, including the Get the Site Right initiative, Coastal Management Programs (CMPs), water quality monitoring and best-practice waterway governance. Members of the group also attended the Sydney Rivers Community Forum, where they shared their expertise on current challenges and opportunities for improving waterway health.



Images: (Top) UNSW Landscape Architecture students visit the proposed Mort Bay swim site at Birchgrove; (Above) Representatives from the Catchments Collective meet to discuss shared waterway priorities.



PRCG Executive Briefing

In March 2026, the PRCG hosted an Executive Briefing for senior representatives from member and partner organisations to celebrate the progress in revitalising the Parramatta River and outline the organisation's future direction.

The briefing marked the achievement of the Parramatta River Masterplan's goal of delivering three new swim sites by 2025, recognising the collaboration that has driven improvements in river health. Attendees also received an update on the development of the PRCG's new Strategic Plan, which will guide future priorities and strengthen regional leadership in integrated catchment management.

Keynote speaker Eamon Waterford, Chief Executive Officer of the Committee for Sydney, highlighted the importance of well-planned urban growth in creating more liveable, resilient cities, and healthier waterways.



Images: 1. PRCG Executive Briefing delegates beside the Parramatta River at Rhodes; 2. Paul Plowman (Executive General Manager - Water and Environment Services, Sydney Water), Peter Gainsford (General Manager, Inner West Council), Leanne Niblock (Waterway Coordination Manager, Sydney Water); 3. Cr Penny Pedersen (PRCG Chair), Kandace Lindeberg (Director Development and Regulation, City of Ryde), Wayne Rylands (Chief Executive Officer, City of Ryde), Kathryn Roberts (Director, Marketing, Communications and Visitor Experience, Harbour Trust); 4. Eamon Waterford (Chief Executive Officer, Committee for Sydney).



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Bedlam Bay official opening

The opening of Bedlam Bay in Gladesville marked a major milestone in the Parramatta River Catchment Group's (PRCG) vision to return swimming to the Parramatta River.

The site was officially launched by the NSW Minister for Water, the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC, and Hunters Hill Council Mayor Zac Miles, who both recognised the PRCG's ongoing work to improve river health and reconnect the community with its waterways.

Delivered by Hunters Hill Council with support from the NSW Government, Bedlam Bay is

the third new swim site under the PRCG's Parramatta River Masterplan, following the reopening of Bayview Park Baths in 2022 and Putney Beach earlier in 2025. Together, these achievements fulfil the Masterplan's goal of opening three new swim sites by 2025, demonstrating the success of a coordinated, catchment-wide approach to improving water quality for the river.

A popular destination for walking, boating, and recreation, Bedlam Bay now offers residents another opportunity to safely enjoy the river.

Sydney Water's RiverWatch® program has monitored water quality at the site since 2020 and developed a predictive water quality model that provides real-time swimming advice through the Urban Plunge® website and the PRCG's interactive map on the Our Living River website. Regular water quality monitoring continues in accordance with national recreational water guidelines.

Hunters Hill Council is planning further upgrades to amenities and pathways at Bedlam Bay to improve accessibility and visitor safety.

Images: 1. PRCG member organisation representatives celebrate the opening of Bedlam Bay; 2. Guests gather on the beach for the official opening ceremony; 3. NSW Minister for Water, the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC, with Mayor Zac Miles; 4. Mayor Miles officially opens the new swim site; 5. Minister Jackson and Mayor Miles unveil the commemorative plaque; 6. Mayor Miles with scouts from the 1st Boronia Scout Group; 7. Local residents enjoy the new swim site; 8. PRCG Chair Cr Penny Pedersen with Minister Jackson. (Images by Ann-Marie Calilhanna).



Parramatta River Masterplan Update

Step 1: Get Swimming

The PRCG continued to support member councils to improve the safety, accessibility, and enjoyment of existing river swim sites. According to the 2025 National Coastal Safety Report, Lake Parramatta welcomed 74,002 visitors during the swimming season, making it one of NSW's most popular inland swimming destinations.

The City of Canada Bay completed a new amenities building with showers at Bayview Park and progressed a masterplan for Cabarita Park to guide improvements to facilities, access and visitor experience over the next decade.

Step 2: Keep Watch

Sydney Water's RiverWatch program continued routine water quality monitoring at existing and proposed swim sites, providing real-time information through the Urban Plunge platform to help the community make informed decisions about when it is safe to swim.

During the year, the City of Parramatta installed a smart water quality buoy, 'Sunny', at Lake Parramatta. The buoy continuously monitors

water temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen, while the data collected is also helping Sydney Water develop a freshwater predictive model to improve monitoring of lakes and other freshwater bodies.

In December 2025, the PRCG and Sydney Water published the *Parramatta River Recreational Water Quality Report*, highlighting improvements in water quality, advances in recreational water monitoring, and the collaborative efforts helping restore the river for swimming.

Step 3: Create New Swimming Spots

Bedlam Bay was officially opened in November 2025, completing the Parramatta River Masterplan's goal of opening three new swim sites by 2025. The site includes a sandy beach, netted swimming area, and planned upgrades to improve accessibility and visitor experience. (See report on page 10).

At Callan Park, the development application was approved and detailed design has progressed, with construction set to commence in July 2026 ahead of a planned summer 2026–27 opening.

Sydney Water and Inner West Council continued investigating two potential swim site locations at Mort Bay through water quality monitoring and feasibility assessments. The PRCG also continued its partnership with the University of NSW and Inner West Council on a landscape architecture project based at Mort Bay, where students explore innovative concepts for a future urban river swim site (see report on page 8).

At Cockatoo Island, project management and procurement progressed, while ongoing water quality monitoring continued to inform planning for a potential swim site.



Step 4: Standardise the Standards

Building on Blacktown City Council's successful Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Compliance Program, Stage 1 of the PRCG WSUD Uplift Project brought together more than 70 planners, engineers, compliance officers, and water management practitioners to share best practice in planning, compliance, and the long-term management of privately owned stormwater assets.

The project identified opportunities for a more consistent regional approach to WSUD planning, education, compliance, and asset management, helping provide clearer requirements for property owners and developers.

Images: (Top left) Proposed swim site under investigation at Mort Bay, Birchgrove; (Above) 'Sunny' Buoy – Lake Parramatta's smart water quality monitoring device.

The final report will guide a future pilot project, advocacy, and education initiatives. The need for action was established by a 2022 PRCG audit, which found that 14% of private stormwater assets were missing and only 20% were being maintained.

Step 5: Reduce Stormwater Runoff

The Stormwater Subcommittee played a key role in supporting the Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Uplift Project, identifying key stakeholders and improving communication and collaboration within their organisations to build capacity for better stormwater planning, compliance, asset management, and data collection outcomes.

The PRCG completed its first Parramatta River Litter Prevention Roadmap, establishing a five-year strategy coordinating litter reduction activities across the catchment. Co-designed with member and partner organisations, the roadmap expands upon the Greater Sydney Harbour Litter Prevention Strategy and underpins future funding, data collection, and litter prevention initiatives.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- 12 member organisations
- 25+ partner and affiliate organisations
- 28 community and stakeholder events attended/hosted
- 7 media releases
- 17 media articles/interviews
- Our Living River social media platforms: 3,700+ followers; 47 average posts per month; 7% average engagement rate per post.
- Our Living River newsletter: 740 subscribers; 37% average open rate; 7% average click-through rate.
- Our Living River website: 1,667 average users per month, 3,250 average page views per month.



Get the Site Right celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2026, continuing to improve erosion and sediment control through education, inspections, and compliance.

Building on a decade of experience, the PRCG is preparing a discussion paper advocating for stronger government leadership to reduce sediment pollution. Celebrations will culminate in the Erosion and Sediment Control Forum in October 2026, bringing government and industry together to share best practice and build capability (see report on page 7).

Step 6: Improve Overflows

Sydney Water completed its 2020–2025 source control program, including repairs to manholes and emergency relief structures, relining 7.8 km of wastewater relief pipes and rectifying illegal sewer connections.

Final modelling estimated the program reduced wet weather overflows across Sydney Water's network by approximately 4.7 gigalitres annually, including around 191 megalitres each year within the Parramatta River catchment.

Sydney Water also continued planning to identify future works that will further reduce the impact of wastewater overflows in the catchment following its IPART price determination in October 2025.

Step 7: Involve the Community

Community participation remained central to the PRCG's work. Riverfest 2025 was the largest festival to date, featuring a record number of events celebrating the Parramatta River and its tributaries (see report on page 16).

The Our Living River website interactive map was updated with amenity filters and a dedicated First Nations layer to help the community explore the river more easily.

The Parramatta River and Waterways Network (PRAWN) continued to connect community and environmental groups across the catchment, building knowledge, collaboration, and capacity through meetings and site visits focused on First Nations-led catchment management, biodiversity, litter prevention, citizen science and habitat restoration. Partnerships were also strengthened with organisations including Murama Healing Space, the Hawkesbury-Nepean Waterkeeper Alliance, and OzFish.

Images (clockwise from top): PRCG and Blacktown City Council representatives at the Our Living River installation during the Murama Healing Space event at Newington Armory; PRCG member and partner organisation representatives at the Sustainable Cities Summit 2025; Delegates at the Sydney Rivers Community Forum.



Step 8: Bring in Nature

The Bank Naturalisation and Planning of Priority Corridors Project progressed detailed designs for riverbank restoration at Grantham Creek, Hawthorne Canal, Duck River, and Tarban Creek, improving riparian vegetation, habitat connectivity, bank stability, and biodiversity (see report on page 6).

Following the success of the Bank Naturalisation project, the PRCG is seeking to re-establish the Biodiversity and Education Subcommittee. To support this, a survey of members was undertaken to understand member needs and identify gaps and priority projects for the subcommittee. A member roadshow is being planned to gather further feedback and ideas.

One opportunity identified for the Biodiversity and Education subcommittee is the establishment of a catchment-wide artificial habitat audit and monitoring initiative, building on a project established by Inner West Council in partnership with Macquarie University. For information about the project and other Riverkeeper and Landcare activities, see report on page 18.

Step 9: Report Back Regularly

The PRCG continued to communicate progress against the Parramatta River Masterplan through regular reporting, publications, and digital updates. The Our Living River Dashboard was updated quarterly. Significant publications completed during the year included the 2018–25 Masterplan Review Report, PRCG Prospectus, and Parramatta River Recreational Water Quality Report.

In April 2026, the PRCG relaunched *The Current* to keep member organisations informed about key projects and activities. The *Our Living River* newsletter and social media pages, and regular media coverage continued to share information on key projects and events and encourage community involvement.

Step 10: Create Clear Leadership

During the year, work progressed on the new PRCG Strategic Plan, informed by online surveys and a workshop with Full Group member organisations. The Memorandum of Understanding was also updated to strengthen the partnership and support future collaboration.

In March 2026, the PRCG hosted an Executive Briefing to update senior representatives from member organisations on recent achievements and the organisation's future strategic direction.



The PRCG continued to advocate for stronger leadership on sediment pollution, recreational water quality, and wastewater investment, presenting at Franc.25 and the Sydney Rivers Community Forum, and participating in the Sustainable Cities Summit 2025, Western Sydney Rivers Symposium, and Murama Youth Summit.

The PRCG also strengthened its involvement in the international Swimmable Cities movement, progressing plans for a Swimmable Cities Forum in late 2026. Development of a Coastal Management Program for the Parramatta and Lane Cove River catchments also progressed, with the City of Parramatta coordinating the funding application submitted in June 2026 as Project Delivery Partner.



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Riverfest 2025

This year's Riverfest was the largest one held to date, with more than 25 events celebrating the Parramatta River and its tributaries. Running from 20–28 September, from World Clean-Up Day to World Rivers Day, the festival featured a diverse program hosted by councils, environmental organisations, and community groups and inspiring people of all ages to connect with and care for their local waterways.

Activities included guided wetland tours, environmental education sessions, bike tune-ups, community clean-ups, bird walks, carp fishing, and other family-friendly experiences that highlighted the catchment's natural and cultural values.

The PRCG kicked off Riverfest with a joint Wistaria Gardens/Riverfest event at Parramatta Park, in partnership with Greater Sydney Parklands. Other highlights included a tour of the Living Seawall at Rozelle led by The Harbour School Sydney, and PRCG Chair Cr Penny Pedersen joining Clean Up Australia Chair Pip Kiernan and volunteers from the Fraternity in Truth Association (FITA) for a community clean-up at Kissing Point Park.

A special screening of *I Am the River, the River Is Me* offered a powerful First Nations perspective on caring for Country, while Western Sydney University's *The Painted River Project*, led by Dr Leo Robba and supported by Dr Ian Wright's mobile science laboratory, brought art and science together to inspire the community to imagine a cleaner, healthier Parramatta River.

The PRCG sincerely thanks all those who helped make Riverfest 2025 such a success.

Images: 1. *The Painted River Project*; 2. Ryde Dragon Boat Club Open Day; 3. PRCG Chair Cr Penny Pedersen with members of FITA; 4. Dr Ian Wright with students studying water samples at Putney Beach; 5. Participants explore the Living Sea Wall Tiles at Rozelle; 6. Small Bird Habitat talk at Gladeville; 7. Spring Clean for the Shorebirds at Bayview Park, Concord; 8. Close-up of the Living Seawall Tiles; 9. Documentary screening at the Riverside Theatre, Parramatta.



Landcare/Riverkeeper Program

Greater Sydney Landcare and Bushcare Gathering

The PRCG attended the 2026 Greater Sydney Landcare and Bushcare Gathering on 7 May, joining more than 70 representatives from councils, environmental groups, and community organisations across the region. The day focused on innovation in Landcare and Bushcare, covering topics such as climate adaptation, volunteer sustainability, and funding, and was a valuable chance to connect PRCG with the wider network.

Streamwatch Program

A new partnership with The Harbour School Sydney has expanded the PRCG's Streamwatch program into school-based environmental education, giving students hands-on experience in monitoring local water quality.

Council Biodiversity Survey

A stakeholder survey of member councils across the catchment gathered qualitative feedback on biodiversity priorities. Responses were strongly positive, with councils including Canada Bay, Hunters Hill, and Inner West praising the PRCG's support and collaboration. Councils identified development, population growth, and limited resources as the main pressures on biodiversity, while highlighting opportunities to improve corridor connectivity, restore habitat, and strengthen recognition of biodiversity, despite ongoing funding and land ownership constraints.



Nestbox Program

The PRCG is supporting opportunities to improve habitat for native wildlife by exploring the expansion of artificial hollows across the Parramatta River catchment. Following Inner West Council's Artificial Hollows project with Macquarie University, the Riverkeeper attended an audit workshop to better understand the initiative and its potential application across the catchment. The PRCG has also identified a University of NSW PhD student to map artificial habitat and analyse nest box data to help assess habitat outcomes.

Images: (from top) Delegates at the 2026 Greater Sydney Landcare and Bushcare Gathering (image courtesy of Greater Sydney Landcare); Example of an artificial hollow at Gumbramorra Wetland, Mackey Park (image courtesy of Inner West Council).

PRCG Financial Report (2025-26)

INCOME		\$
Carryover funds 2024-2025 FY		216,276
PRCG Full Group membership fees 2025-26 FY		359,604
Landcare Enabling Program		63,604
Total Income		\$639,484

EXPENSES			\$
Parramatta River Catchment Group	Salaries and on-costs		312,158
	Materials and services		36,172
Riverkeeper Program	Salaries and on-costs		77,266
	Materials and services		502
	Riverfest		3,230
Total Expenses			\$429,328

NET OPERATING RESULT		\$210,156
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Parramatta Riverbank Naturalisation project grant (2023-26) *		\$
Income		951,344
Expenditure		132,754
Balance		\$818,590

Stormwater Compliance and Education program grant (2023-27)**		\$
Income		666,285
Expenses		265,883
Balance		\$400,402

Small Allocation Grant – Monitoring River Health in Two Rivers Country		\$
Income		25,000
Expenses		9,461
Balance		\$ 15,539

EPA Waste and Sustainable Materials (WASM) Grant – Stream 2		\$
Income		80,000
Expenses		62,000
Balance		\$18,000

*Total amount for Parramatta Riverbank Naturalisation project grant over three years is \$1,000,000.
**Total amount for Stormwater Compliance and Education program grant over four years is \$800,000.



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