

Cooks River Valley Association Achievements 2009/10

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- CRVA Community Forum - May 2010 drew over 300 people to hear Associate Professor Mark Taylor (Macquarie Uni) outline "Why rehabilitate an Urban River?" The Sydney Metro Catchment Management Authority (Phil Birtles) also reported on the progress of the many projects underway as part of the Cooks River Urban Water Initiative and Gayle Adams outlined the results of 2 years of water testing in the Cooks River. A panel of local politicians including Hon Anthony Albanese (Member for Grayndler), Hon Carmel Tebbutt (Deputy Premier & Member for Marrickville), Hon Linda Burney (Member for Canterbury), Robert Furolo (Member for Lakemba & Mayor of Canterbury City Council), Sylvia Hale (Greens MHR) and others took questions from the audience on issues related to the Cooks River.
- The great work of Gayle Adams with the expanding water quality monitoring programs and development of CooksEye pollution reporting process. Gayle has initiated valuable initiatives with the Dept Health, Sydney Water, Catchment Management Authority and several Local Councils.
- Ongoing work with the *Mudcrabs – Cooks River Eco-volunteers* to improve the health of the Cooks River. This involved the removal of more than 500 bags of litter from the foreshores and the planting and maintenance of over 1000 plants at 4 bush reconstruction sites along the river (Rosedale Reserve, Foord Ave, Ewen Park & Richardson Reserve).
- Continued partnership with Canterbury Council and the development of a new partnership agreement with Marrickville Council to support environmental work along the Cooks River.
- Representation on the Marrickville Council's Cooks River Committee and Canterbury Council's Environment & Sustainability Committee.
- Representation on the Steering Committee of the Cooks River Urban Water Initiative, a federally funded project managed by the CMA developing wetlands and managing stormwater run-off in the Cooks River & Wolli Creek Valley.