

Cup & Saucer Creek Wetland Annual Report for Mudcrabs 2013-14

Cup & Saucer Creek Wetland is located at the end of Berna St, Canterbury in Heynes Reserve. The Wetland was constructed as a partnership project with Sydney Water, Sydney Metro Catchment Management Authority and the City of Canterbury.

The Wetland is made up of a series of 4 ponds which have been designed to remove sediments and pollutants from the water. The first pond captures the sediment, which has to be manually removed by council every so often. The next three ponds have been planted with water plants that help take up unwanted nutrients and pollutants from the water so when it flows back into the Cooks River the water quality has been improved.

The land around the wetland has been densely planted with over 27,000 plants and 40 different native species local to Canterbury. The Wetland has not only improved water quality entering the Cooks River but has also become an important local habitat for birds, frogs, lizards and turtles. The wetland also includes an outdoor education facility and interpretive signage for the local community.



In 2013-14 the Wetland has been maintained by the Mudcrabs and community volunteers. There have been 4 working bees with 34 volunteers contributing 68 hours of work. The work carried out has been weeding and the removal of casuarinas, which self-seed in the wetland.

In May 2014 a small hive of native bees was installed here. Thanks to the help of Samantha and Michael who volunteered to paint the hive stand and assist with its installation.

Council also removed part of a casuarina that split during a storm. Most of the trunk has been left on site to provide habitat.

Sediment had also built up in the first pond, which was threatening to block the inlet pipe. Council contracted Total Earth Care (the contractor who built the wetland) who removed the sediment. The path to the first pond is now a little trampled, but it should come back again soon.

Sediment in Pond 1



Adjusting water levels in the ponds

