

Media Release

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Rare Opportunity as Chullora Wetlands Opens for a Day

The industrial estate at Chullora is the unlikely home to the beautiful Chullora Wetlands. The few people who visit this hidden watery gem are delighted to find it in such an unexpected place.

The constructed wetlands are fed by stormwater from the very top of the Cooks River catchment. This water is cleaned as it meanders through the reeds and shallow water ponds, and then continues on its way towards Botany Bay. The wetlands provide much-needed habitat for water birds and other wildlife.

Managed by Sydney Water, the wetland is usually locked for safety reasons.

If you've ever wanted to see these wonderful Wetlands, join us on Saturday 29 November, when the gates will be unlocked to allow rare access.

Cooks River Alliance, Bankstown City Council, and Sydney Water are jointly hosting this free event to encourage residents to find out more about the upper section of the Cooks River.

Dan Cunningham, Sydney Water, will be there to talk about the ecosystem, its construction, and the role of the South West Environment Centre in the creation of the wetlands. Cherie Blackburn, Bankstown City Council, will provide perspectives on major changes to landuse, history, and how the water use has changed from pre-European times to now.

If you come, you'll find out about rain gardens, wetlands, and ways in which residents, businesses and local governments can help the Cooks River be cleaner and healthier.

There are only 100 places – for more details and to RSVP please visit:
<http://chullorawetlands.eventbrite.com.au>

Event details

Date: Saturday 29 November 2014

Time: 9am – 12 noon

Place: Chullora Wetlands, Muir Road, Chullora

Parking on site is limited to those with mobility issues. We recommend parking on Muir Rd, and walking into the site. The entrance to the wetlands is between VW complex and the TAFE on Muir Road. It has a sign 'Freshwater Creek Wetlands' and will have a sign for the event.

- Free event
- Goes ahead rain or shine
- Children are welcome but must be in the care of a responsible adult. Children's activities provided for 4+ years
- Please wear sturdy closed-in shoes, a hat, and bring a water bottle

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