

Cooks River Sustainability Initiative

The Cooks River Sustainability Initiative is about communities, businesses and councils working together in a new way for long term improvement of the Cooks River catchment



Partnership

The Cooks River Sustainability Initiative is a partnership between eight councils within the Cooks River Catchment which are Ashfield, Bankstown, Canterbury, City of Sydney, Hurstville, Marrickville, Rockdale and Strathfield Councils.

The goals of the Initiative are to:

- ≈ Improve the quality of water that flows to the Cooks River
- ≈ Create new relationships within and between councils and the community that will provide ongoing long term benefits for the Cooks River
- ≈ Develop a Vision and Action Plan for six local subcatchments

The Cooks River catchment (area outlined in black) is approximately 100km² and is made up of many smaller subcatchments.



The Cooks River Sustainability Initiative is currently working on six subcatchments, named Ashbury, EC1East, Munn Street, Rookwood Road, Strathfield South and Upper Wollie Creek. Do you live in one of these subcatchments? See circles on the map to the left.

Why is this Initiative unique?

The Cooks River Sustainability Initiative acknowledges and builds on previous work and studies completed by other government agencies and community groups. It is however, taking a new approach to improving the long term health of the Cooks River. This includes:

- ≈ Planning at a neighbourhood or subcatchment scale, working in partnership with local people to ensure solutions represent local ideas, knowledge and values;
- ≈ Undertaking detailed social, physical and organisational research to ensure that the solutions and strategies developed are right for the subcatchment and its community.

How is this Initiative being funded?

The Initiative is funded from 2007 to 2010 through the NSW Environmental Trust's Urban Sustainability Program.

How can I get involved?

If you live within one of the six subcatchments mentioned above you will receive a Community Water Survey from your council in the mail. Please fill in the survey as it provides us with valuable information. You can also take part in community forums to develop a Vision and Action Plan for your subcatchment, and be part of the ongoing implementation of the Action Plan.



Contact the team

Contact one of our Environmental Project Officers on 9748 9645 or visit our website www.ourriver.com.au to receive information and news about upcoming forums and other Cooks River related activities in your area.



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eight councils with one vision for a healthy cooks river

