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Cleaning up the Cooks River catchment: business, communities and councils working together

On 11th July, City of Canterbury Mayor Councillor Brian Robson and Ian Kiernan AO thank staff from cosmetics company LUSH for their work helping to clean up the Cooks River.

The Cooks River is a highly urbanised catchment located in the inner south western suburbs of Sydney, flowing 23 kilometres from Yagoona to Botany Bay. The LUSH factory overlooks the River in Canterbury, where employees developed concern for the waterway. Now, as the company moves locations, LUSH staff spend time in July partaking in clean up and bush care, as a parting gift to the Cooks River.

LUSH have kindly donated employees' time – a great example of corporate social responsibility. The group of around ten corporate volunteers are under the guidance and leadership of community groups along the Cooks River and its tributaries.

They begin at Rosedale Reserve where they receive training from members of the Cooks River Valley Association and Mudcrabs. The Cooks River Valley Association community group rehabilitates the River and fosters community spirit, and the Mudcrabs do regular rubbish collection bush restoration.

The next stop for the workers is the largest tributary of the River, Wolli Creek, where they work with the Wolli Creek Preservation Society. This community group preserves natural and cultural heritage of Wolli Creek and its surrounds, as well as undertaking much bush restoration work.

The volunteers conclude at Cup and Saucer Creek. Here they receive certificates of appreciation from Ian Kiernan AO, and Councillor Robson, Mayor of Canterbury and Chair of the Cooks River Alliance.

The Cooks River Alliance is a partnership of eight councils: Ashfield, Bankstown, Canterbury, City of Sydney, Hurstville, Marrickville, Rockdale, and Strathfield. Preventing and reducing litter is a major focus of the Alliance. The Alliance is a member of the Boomerang Alliance who campaign for the NSW Government to introduce a 10 cent refund scheme for drink bottles and containers.

Ian Kiernan AO is Chairman of Clean Up Australia and also promotes the refund scheme. Clean Up Australia has been working for over twenty years to clean up, fix and conserve our environment.

Cooks River Valley Association and Mudcrabs: crva.org.au
Wolli Creek Preservation Society: wollicreek.org.au
Cooks River Alliance: cooksriver.org.au
Clean Up Australia: cleanup.org.au/au/
Boomerang Alliance: boomerangalliance.org.au

Event details

Date: Friday 11 July 2014

Time: 10:30am

Place: end of Winston Ave in Earlwood (on the eastern side of Cup & Saucer Creek)

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