

Our Cooks River Catchment



Working together
for a healthy
Cooks River catchment

What you can do



Visit the Cooks River,
to explore the many great
creeks around the catchment.



Put your rubbish in the bin
and pick up after pets, so it
doesn't end up in the River.



Get involved in a local
community group to help
care for our River.



Keep your gutters free of
leaves, and safely dispose of
oils and chemicals. Rain
carries pollution to the River.



Plant locally native species
in your garden, to increase
habitat for plants and animals.



Build a raingarden or install
a rainwater tank, to minimise
the rain water that runs off
your property to the River.

Visit cooksriver.org.au to find out more
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Our Cooks River
begins in Yagoona,
and flows through the
inner south west of
Sydney to Botany Bay.

Close to the source
of the River, you can
visit raingardens,
which treat stormwater
and protect the
downstream River.

At Dulwich Hill,
the GreenWay
connects Cooks River
to Iron Cove and
Sydney Harbour.

A shared walking and
cycling path follows the full
length of the River from
Homebush to Botany Bay.
The path offers beautiful
scenery with many parks
and destinations to visit
along the way.

Land in the Cooks River
catchment has a large
amount of hard and paved
surfaces, such as roofs,
roads and footpaths.
This means that water
can't soak in, and can
cause pollutants to wash
into the River.

A stormwater harvesting
system at Sydney Park
in St Peters captures,
treats and reuses water
to deliver a sustainable
water supply to the park,
and potentially beyond to
surrounding suburbs.

Along its course,
the River is joined
by seven creeks.

The upper section of the
River, before Punchbowl
Road in Belfield/Croydon
Park, is freshwater. The
mid and lower sections
of the River, as well as
some of the lower creeks,
are tidal saltwater.

Much of the
upper River and
creeks have been
modified into
underground
channels.

The River Canoe Club
offers guided tours,
making sure people
interact safely with the
River. The River's health
is currently not good
enough for fishing
or swimming.

The borders of
the Cooks River
catchment run
along the highest
ridges of the
surrounding hills.

The Cooks River collects
rainwater from across the
Cooks River catchment.
Rainwater runs off the land,
down drains and creeks,
and into the River.

There are precious
pockets of bushland
around Wolli and
Bardwell creeks.
The corridor of
vegetation along
Wolli Creek is home
to a variety of birds
and flying foxes.

Landing Lights
Wetland, in Banksia,
contains some of the
last remaining saline
wetlands on the
Cooks River.

Sydney Airport was
constructed in the
1950s, and the river
mouth was relocated
about a kilometre
and a half to
the west.

Towra Point Nature
Reserve, on the southern
shore of Botany Bay, is a
wetland of international
importance. This wetland
is affected by the health
of Botany Bay.

The Cooks River enters
the ocean at Botany Bay.
Protecting the River
helps protect
Botany Bay and Sydney's
Southern beaches.