

Executive Outcomes Report – February 2018

The Executive met in December 2017 and February 2018. The attendance at each meeting is outlined below.

13 December 2018	21 February 2018
Cr Peter Scaysbrook, GRCCC Chairperson	Cr Peter Scaysbrook, GRCCC Chairperson
Cr Geoff Shelton, GRCCC Vice Chairperson	Cr Geoff Shelton, GRCCC Vice Chairperson
Cr Ben Moroney, GRCCC Treasurer	Cr Ben Moroney, GRCCC Treasurer
Fiona Stock, Host Manager – Georges River Council (Apology)	Fiona Stock, Host Manager – Georges River Council
Beth Salt, GRCCC Program Manager	Beth Salt, GRCCC Program Manager
Lisa Smith, GRCCC Administration Officer	Lisa Smith, GRCCC Administration Officer

Matters progressed:

1. Program Review

Georges Riverkeeper held a workshop for council staff on Tuesday February 13th at the Georges River Sailing Club in Sans Souci. Cr Shelton welcomed the twenty-two people who were in attendance at the workshop where we discussed the past and future of the Georges Riverkeeper.

The morning session was dedicated to reviewing all 82 actions of the Management and Implementation Plan (M&I Plan). The M&I Plan was written in 2011 to focus the work of the GRCCC and took the government priorities and funding options into account. As it was a good document at the time it is now outdated, including grant projects that have already been successfully completed, partnering with organisations that no longer exist and actions that are outside of the scope of Georges Riverkeeper today. Each action and outcome/output from the M&I Plan along with the current status (established by the Georges Riverkeeper team and Alison Hanlon, the previous Georges River Council Host Manager) and the proposed future of that action was discussed and voted on by the group.

The afternoon session, the future of the Georges Riverkeeper session, was facilitated by Jo Kelly from People, Places & Partnerships and explored what the group wanted the Georges Riverkeeper to be doing in the future and shaping the Georges Riverkeeper 4-year Strategic Plan. Georges Riverkeeper also engaged a Graphic Scribe to draw the conversation of the afternoon session.

Feedback and evaluation forms were distributed and completed by the group where only positive feedback was received.



The tender for the Review of Councils' River Management Practices is out now, closing on 5th March 2018.

2. Business Name and logo Change

The Program Manager emailed the Executive asking them to vote on their preferred logo, out of the two most popular logos determined at the November Ordinary Committee Meeting.

The preferred logo was chosen and the graphic designer was asked to provide variations of the colour scheme and font. The Riverkeeper team decided on the preferred option – the strongest looking logo.

Our Business Name Georges Riverkeeper was registered in December 2017, and our entity name of GRCCC Inc remains unchanged.

3. Committee Meeting Procedures

It was noted at the previous meeting that Councillors were not always given the opportunity to speak with community members often dominating discussion. At future Committee Meetings it was agreed that questions are to be facilitated to ensure that voting Committee members are prioritised for the order of questions.

4. Finance

a) Lodgment of Financial Statements and Audited Report to NSW Fair Trading

The Georges Riverkeeper's Financial Statements and Audited Report have been lodged with NSW Fair Trading on 12 December 2017.

b) November 2017

The Program Manager provided financial reports as at 13 December and advised that there is increased expenditure under 8782 as river health water testing is being undertaken in line with seasonal sampling schedules. All expenditure is on track.

c) February 2018

- Biogrant funds have been returned to the Federal Government as requested.
- It looks like we are overspent in salary because the executive has approved the Administrative Officer increasing from 2 to 3 days per week and it is currently not reflected in the correct cost centre.

5. State Environmental Planning Policy (Environment) – Georges Riverkeeper Submission

The Program Manager prepared and submitted a response to the State Government's proposal to incorporate a number of State Environmental plans into one Plan. If you would like a copy of the submission please let us know and we would be happy to send you a copy.

6. Meeting Dates 2018

The Executive and Committee meeting dates have almost all been confirmed. They are listed below.



Executive Meetings Dates		Committee Meetings	
Date	Venue	Date	Venue
21-Feb-18	Georges River Council	22-Feb-18	Sutherland Shire Council
14-Mar-18		19-Apr-18	Fairfield City Council
11-Apr-18		21-Jun-18	Liverpool City Council
9-May-18		16-Aug-18	Bayside Council
13-Jun-18		15-Nov-18	TBC
11-Jul-18			
8-Aug-18			
12-Sep-18			
10-Oct-18			
14-Nov-18			

7. Conferences Georges Riverkeeper will be attending in 2018

The importance of attending, presenting, and networking at councils was discussed and Georges Riverkeeper have the full support of the Executive to attend the:

- Australian Mangrove and Saltmarsh Network Conference – April
- 9th Australian Stream Management Conference – August
- National Stormwater Conference – October
- International Riversymposium – October

The attendance of these conferences will be reflected in the upcoming budget proposal in June 2018.

8. Outcome of Habitat Action Grant Application

The Program Manager advised that the joint grant applied for was unsuccessful. CVA has a good track record for project delivery. Grant providers questioned the type of salt marsh required whether it was the best one for the sites and about pedestrian damage. They also referred to contributions in kind being requested for volunteers as well as requesting funding for the same service. This needs to be addressed by CVA before we will further participate in joint applications in future.

9. Western Sydney University – Students and River Health Monitoring

Georges Riverkeeper is starting to foster the relationship with WSU 3rd year students to do as their final year project. There was a specific student that wanted to do an illegal dumping project in the Liverpool City Council Local Government Area. Tony and Dave have started working with the student on the scope of the project which involves the CALD communities along Cabramatta Creek. Her Research Question is: ‘How do culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities use and engage with Cabramatta Creek?’

10. Legal Status of Rivers Seminar, River Basin Management Society Victoria

The Program Manager attended the Legal Status of River Seminar in Melbourne last week. The following points were discussed in depth:



- 4 rivers: Whanganui River NZ; Rio Atrato, Colombia; Ganges and Yamuna Rivers, India
- The Yarra River Protection Act 2017

11. Clean Up Australia Day (CUAD)

Georges Riverkeeper are partnering with Campbelltown City Council on Sunday 5th March at Airds for a CUAD event. We need volunteers!!! If interested talk to Mitch.

Georges Riverkeeper are also help Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Greater Sydney Local Land Service with their CUAD event on Friday 3rd March in Quibray Bay.

12. RFQ Georges Riverkeeper Website

A tender process for the Georges Riverkeeper Website has recently closed and tender documents are to be reviewed.

GRCCC Riverkeeper Report

- See attached report for specific information.

GRCCC River Health Coordinator Report

- See attached report for specific information.

