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A meeting of the Parramatta River Catchment Group was held last Thursday 14 May 2009. The Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) is a regional organisation of local councils, state agencies and community representatives whose aim is to work together to improve the health of the Parramatta River catchment.

The PRCG includes council representatives from Ashfield, Auburn, Bankstown, Blacktown, Canada Bay, Holroyd, Hunters Hill, Leichhardt, Parramatta, Ryde and Strathfield, as well as representatives from relevant state government departments and authorities, and representatives from indigenous and environmental community groups.

Members of the PRCG currently meet two to three times a year to discuss issues and opportunities relevant to improving the natural environment within the Parramatta River catchment.

The PRCG undertakes regional, collaborative projects that assist in addressing one or more issues affecting the local environment, for example, stormwater pollution, increasing biodiversity corridors or environmental education initiatives.

At the Thursday meeting the Group considered the future direction of the organisation and the overall vision for the catchment. The Group also discussed the progress of several regional projects currently underway, including a multi-million dollar project focussed on Water Sensitive Urban Design in 7 local councils across the catchment. Details of the PRCG's *Urban Nature Photography Competition* were also discussed including the Awards Ceremony which will be held at Brush Farm House Gallery on World Environment Day, Friday 5 June 2009.

Further details of the Group can be found on their new website www.parramattariver.org.au.

Photo: PRCG members present at the meeting on 14 May 2009.

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