

Community leader Chris Doyle acknowledged



Chris Doyle, a key leader in the area of community engagement and involvement in river improvement, and later broad scale catchment management, has been recognised for his contribution by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

Chris's involvement in natural resource management (NRM) dates back to the early 1980's when he was a member of the Mid Goulburn Catchment Coordinating Group, the first group to introduce an integrated catchment management plan. Since then, Chris has been a member of the Mid Goulburn River Management Board, the North Central Waterways Management Authority, and the Upper Goulburn Waterway Authority (UGWA) including a period as Deputy Chair under Ian Wood.

More recently Chris was member for the Upper Goulburn Implementation Committee (UG IC) from 1998 – 2008 including holding the position of Chair for 1998-2005 and 2006-2007. Chris is retiring from the amalgamated Broken Goulburn Implementation Committee (BG IC), which he has been a member from 2008-2010.

Chris has played an instrumental role in many of these committees with major roles during their transition phases. Chris has seen the transition between UGWA and UG IC along with the recent transition from UG IC to the larger BG IC.

The consistency of Chris's involvement has ensured that lessons learned were passed to the new committees and maintained continuous improvement in community engagement and catchment planning.

The Goulburn Broken CMA CEO, Chris Norman recognised the countless hours of work that Chris has contributed to the improvement of our catchment,

“Chris leaves a legacy of community good will, and a challenge for us all to maintain our community connection as we take on the impending challenge of institutional reform and the creation of the Northern Rivers Natural Resource & Catchment Authority. “

Chris's achievements and contributions were acknowledged at a Dinner held on 7 June 2010 at the Trawool Resort.



Photo credit: David Dore, Chairman Broken Goulburn Implementation Committee, Chris Doyle and Chris Norman, CEO Goulburn Broken CMA