

Guest Speaker



Kevin Crameri

*The Mayor
Penrith City Council*

Cr Kevin Crameri OAM has served Penrith City for nearly 22 years, having first been elected to Council in 1974. He served as Mayor in 1996-97 and Deputy Mayor in 1988-89, and was re-elected as Mayor in September 2009.

Kevin has lived in the local area since he was 6 and is involved in many local committees and groups, including as Deputy Captain of the Llandilo brigade of the Rural Fire Service and a patron of the Nepean Historical Society. He earned his Order of Australia medal (OAM) in 1999 for his service to local government and the community. As Mayor, Kevin is particularly committed to good communication with the community and making the City as sustainable and attractive as possible as a place to live, work, visit and invest in.

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David Bradbury

Federal Member of Lindsay

David was elected as the Federal Member for Lindsay in 2007. David grew up in Western Sydney and lives in Claremont Meadows, in the heart of the Lindsay electorate, with his wife Kylie and four young children. David is a graduate of the University of Sydney, holding an Arts Degree and an Honours Degree in Law. He has also undertaken postgraduate studies in taxation law. Prior to his election to Federal Parliament, David was a Senior Associate practising in taxation law with the corporate law firm Blake Dawson.

David is the chair of the Caucus Economics Committee and is a member of the House of Representatives Economics Committee, the House of Representatives Communications Committee and the Joint Public Accounts and Audit Committee. Having served as a councillor on Penrith City Council for nine years, David has twice been elected Mayor of the City of Penrith.

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Tony Capon

Area of Interest

Sustainability and population health.

Systems understanding of urban environments and health

Professor Tony Capon is a public health physician with expertise in environmental health and infectious diseases. He graduated in medicine at the University of Queensland, 1983. His PhD at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, 1989, was followed by post-doctoral work at the Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin. He was director of public health with Sydney West Area Health Service during 1991-2006. Tony has held prestigious National Health and Medical Research Council (Australia) and World Health Organization Fellowships. He is a frequent consultant to industry and government, and is currently serving on the Boards of Nature & Society Forum (as Chair) and the International Society for Urban Health.

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Peter Malcolm

Area of Interest

Sustainability and population health.

Systems understanding of urban environments and health

Peter Malcolm is currently employed by NSW Department of Industry and Investment, Peter has more than 20 years experience working with Horticultural Industries both in Australia and overseas.

Peter has to his credit more than a hundred horticultural publications ranging from refereed scientific papers and international conference papers to extension articles for growers.

He, along with his colleague Riad Fahd, have recently completed a major HAL funded study of the Sydney vegetable industry titled 'Ground truthing of the Sydney Vegetable Industry in 2008'

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Maree Abood

Water Planning & Policy Development

Maree Abood is the A/Director of the Office of the Hawkesbury-Nepean. She has extensive experience in water planning particularly in the Hawkesbury-Nepean River and Shoalhaven River systems. Maree has a water science and biology background with extensive experience in water policy development, integrated water planning and assessment, environmental flows and water sharing within the NSW Government. Her work experience also includes education in the areas of environmental science and geography at secondary schools and universities as well as corporate business and human resource management experience.

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Colin Berryman

Area of Interest

Communication, partnership development, research and policy analysis, focusing on social issues most relevant to local government

Colin Berryman has worked with NGOs and local government for the past 22 years. He is currently with the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils as Program Coordinator: Natural and Built Environment. This position supports WSROC Member Councils in advocacy and developing policy and procedures. WSROC recognises the need for greater integration of local government work across the areas of environmental and social sustainability.



Basant Maheshwari

Area of Interest

*Urban and rural irrigation practice,
water management and environmental hydrology*

Basant Maheshwari's research has involved tackling water management issues at local and catchment scales and integration of social, cultural, economic and policy aspects for integrated water resources management. He has been the research leader for urban irrigation in the CRC for Irrigation Futures, including the WISER project. He was involved in several project dealing with urban irrigation and water cycle management.

During the last five years, Basant has worked on projects that build stakeholder engagement, form partnerships and result in changes to water management practice. His efforts in infiltration measurement have resulted in a simple, automated soil infiltrometer, which is currently being patented. He has been on Editorial Board/Associate Editor of four international, peer reviewed journals.