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PLANS FOR SADLIERS CROSSING RIVER GROUP

Plans are being developed for a Sadliers Crossing River Action Group following the success of yesterday's Clean Up Australia Day.

The Clean Up event, organised by local MP Rachel Nolan and Cr Andrew Antonioli was hailed a great success with around 20 volunteers filling a skip with rubbish and storm waste from local parks.

This is the second year Ms Nolan and Cr Antonioli have organised Clean Up Australia Day at Sadliers Crossing and Ms Nolan said a care group of volunteers who were keen to improve the local riverscape was now developing.

"The river at Sadliers Crossing has beautiful banks and a quiet, meandering flow. The parks and bush along the river are one of Ipswich's best kept secrets," Ms Nolan said.

"For years the river has been neglected and it's now time to turn that around so that the community can really enjoy the river.

"I have often said that in the long term I would like to see walking tracks all the way from the One Mile Bridge to Basin Pocket. Improving the river at Sadliers Crossing is a great place to start."

Cr Antonioli said that if re-elected he would initiate a first meeting of the Sadliers Crossing River Group with a view to starting work on the park near the Wulkuraka Railway Bridge.

"There are already some great Ipswich river groups at Merrell Street, Booval and Tiger Street, West Ipswich.

"We would start by talking to those groups about just what could be done to make the river at Sadliers Crossing a beautiful place for everyone."