

1967: Battle For Nanny Goat Hill

In 1967, resident action thwarted plans by Brambles Industrial Services to level Nanny Goat Hill and use the rock for a new runway for Kingsford Smith Airport. Local residents fought a well-organised campaign with public meetings, petitions and attendance at Council meetings. ABC reporter, Frank Bennett, interviewed residents on top of Nanny Goat Hill for the TV program *This Day Tonight*. Eventually, Canterbury Council bowed to resident pressure and rejected Brambles plans.

“Everyone here doesn't want the hill to go. Why should it go?”

Resident comment

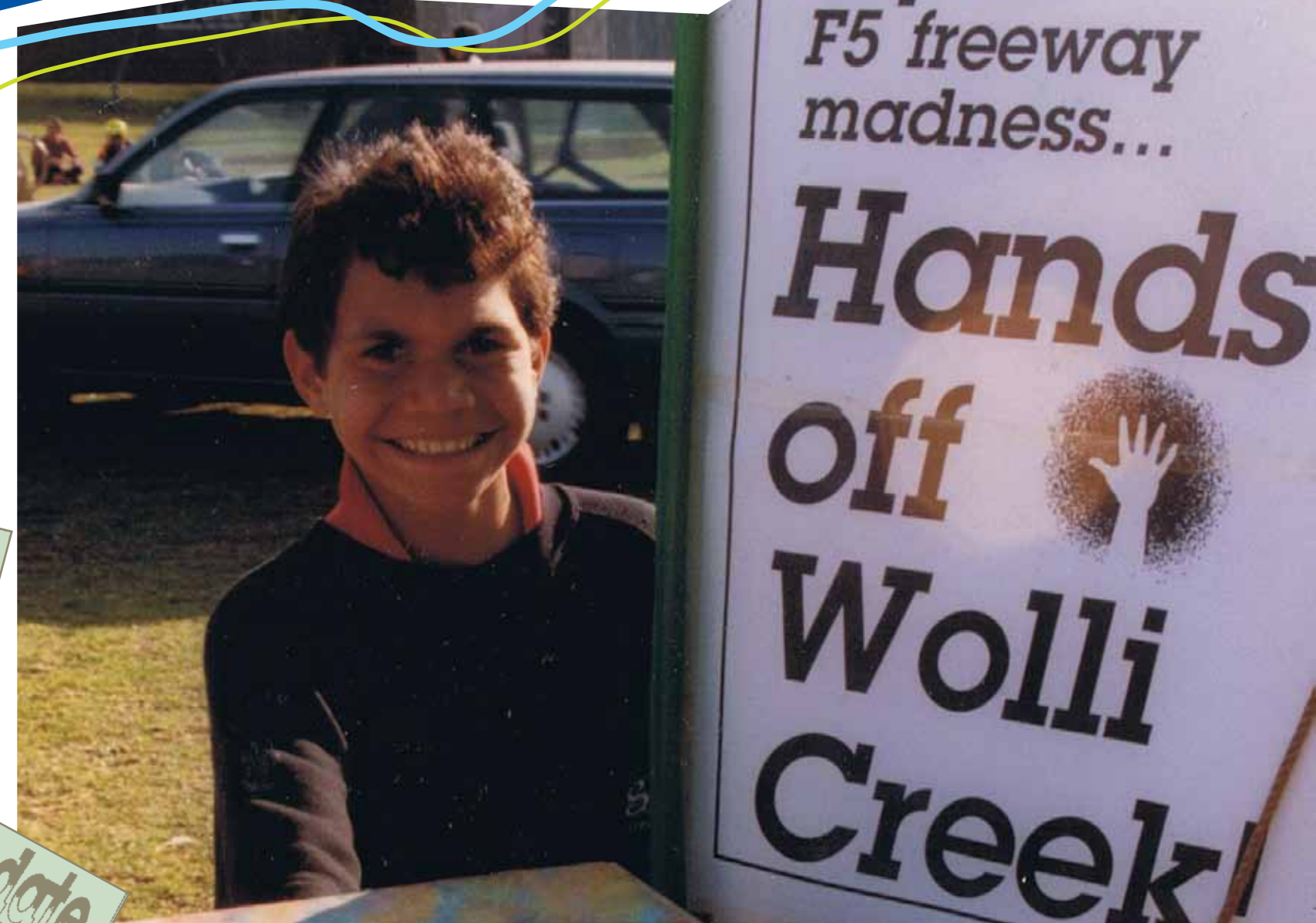
Resident action

Residents of the Wolli Creek Valley have a strong attachment to the area and have always been prepared to take collective action to preserve it.

1984: Hands off Wolli Creek

The **Wolli Creek Preservation Society (WCPS)** was formed in 1984 and in partnership with the local community began a major grass roots campaign.

As an alternative to freeways, WCPS promoted public transport and rail freight. This led to the formation of the Transport Action Group Against Motorways, known now as **Eco Transit Sydney**.



1979: No road recommendation

In 1948 the Department of Main Roads set aside a road reservation through the Wolli Creek Valley. Although the road was part of local planning, many residents thought it would never happen.

Premier Neville Wran in 1978, commissioned a major Inquiry into possible routes for a new freeway. Residents responded with submissions and appearances at the Inquiry. In 1979, after an in depth investigation, Commissioner David Kirby QC recommended no freeway be built through the Wolli Creek Valley.

Successive governments ignored the recommendation proceeding with plans for a road.

1998: A promise

In 1998 the NSW Government announced it would construct the M5 East motorway in a tunnel, and not as a surface road. It also promised that the Wolli Creek Valley would be declared a Regional Park.

By 2011 the government had still not kept its promise. WCPS mounted a community campaign calling on the government to keep its promise of transferring all 50 hectares of land to complete the Regional Park.

12 years is too long



Anti Stack Campaign, by Residents Against Pollution Stacks Photo RAPS Inc.