

Waterways Report Card Network

Workshop Agenda

20-22 MARCH 2017

*Wet Tropics and Gondwana Rainforest Rooms
Level 3, 400 George Street, Brisbane*

Agenda Items:

Time	Item	How it will work	
Monday 20th March 2017			
1830	Dinner + Informal Meet & Greet	We catch up over a meal and drink. (Public).	
Tuesday 21st March 2017			
0800	Welcome	We say G'day and let you know where the loo's can be found	Nathan Johnston
0830	Report Cards – what are they good for?	<p>Before we delve into the bowels of report card minutia, let's spend some time exploring why we do what we do.</p> <p>This session will reflect on the potential value and influence of environmental report cards. The presenter will draw upon success and learnings of established report cards as well other materials such as the recent Wentworth group report on water accounts.</p>	Di Tarte Charlie Morgan
0900	It's the principal of the matter	<p>This session is devoted to brushing up on the principals to consider and apply when initiating reporting programs and designing waterway report cards</p> <p>The presenter will reflect upon their knowledge and experience as well as resources like <i>Integrating and Applying Science: A handbook for effective coastal ecosystem assessment</i> and the <i>Aquatic Ecosystems Toolkit</i></p>	Heath Kelsey (Video) Mike Ronan, and Glen Scholz (TBC)
0930	Speed reporting	<p>Every report card initiative represented at the workshop gets up to 5 minutes and up to 3 slides to introduce their awesome work.</p> <p>Yep, it's a tough gig but that's all we have time for! Be warned that the facilitator will have a bell</p> <p>If several people are attending from your initiative, please negotiate who will deliver the presentation</p>	<p>A nominee from each reporting initiative represented at the workshop will be invited to present.</p> <p>You – or your colleague!</p>
1030	Morning Tea		
1100	Speed reporting - continued	<p>Speakers - TBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitzroy Partnership – Nathan Johnston • Darwin Harbour – Simon Townsend • SEQ Healthy Waterways – Paul Maxwell • Gladstone Healthy Harbours – Mark Schulz • WA Estuary Report Card - Frances D'Souza • Northern NSW - Sara Mika • Great Barrier Reef - Greg Greene • Lake Eyre Basin - Glen Scholz • Wet Tropics – Suzanne Jenkins • Mackay HRRP – Charlie Morgan • NSW Estuary Health Reporting - Peter Scanes • Victoria–Regan East & others 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tasmania Wallis, Myall & Karuah Mid Coast NSW – Prue Tucker Nigel Willoughby – SA NRM Report Cards Murray Darling Basin – Justine Smith SA surface water status reports - Dan Penny SA Aquatic Ecosystem Condition Reports - Clive Jenkins Others 	
1300	Lunch		
1400	Cultural reporting and engagement	<p>How does one go about measuring and reporting the #People#Waterways#Happiness Nexus?</p> <p>Two case studies (Lake Eyre Basin and Gladstone) will be presented to get you thinking about what might work in your neck of the woods.</p>	<p>Glen Scholz</p> <p>Uthpala Pinto</p>
1500	Steering the 'stewardship' – what is best practice in assessment and reporting on management effectiveness	<p>The recently prepared Network document that covers stewardship approaches will be used as a reference as we explore how each initiative tackles stewardship reporting and what is considered to be the elements of a best practice approach.</p> <p>We will also take a look at some international best practice approaches and applications outside the environmental reporting perspective</p>	Greg Greene
1600	Afternoon Tea		
1630	Merry little stroll	We will to the bus terminal!!	
1700	RiverCrawl Local Report Card case study, tour, dinner.	We will be learning about the health of Brisbane River and initiatives being delivered by Healthy Land and Water.	Paul Maxwell
2030	Close		

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Wednesday 22nd March 2017			
0600	Riverside walk/run	Optional social event catering for all ability levels. Meet at designated hotel Lobby (Ibis Brisbane).	For those who were sensible at dinner the night before Nathan Johnston
0800	Welcome	Review and introduce day ahead	Lyndal Hansen
0830	Report card onions Can we deliver tiered report cards without too many tears?	<p>Case studies followed by facilitated discussion.</p> <p>Explore the potential for nesting report cards with emphasis on the mix of initiatives represented in the room as the case in point</p>	<p>Murray Darling Justine Smith</p> <p>Great Barrier Reef Carl Mitchell</p> <p>Facilitator: Glen Scholz</p>
0930	Report card BMI Report card thresholds, weightings and normalisation criteria	<p>A show and tell session. Break into small groups and discuss</p> <p>a.) Formulas & mathematics</p> <p>b.) Human process for selection (rationale)</p> <p>Report back to wider group, with a view to consolidating findings after the workshop and using this as the basis for</p>	<p>Introductory Presentation Nicole Flint</p> <p>Attendees will be encouraged to bring along threshold, weighting and normalisation criteria relevant to their initiative where this applies. Please start to think about</p>

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		development of a compendium of existing approaches	your materials relevant to this session Facilitators: Nathan Johnston & Nicole Flint
1030	Morning tea		
1100	Report cards beyond the abacus	Exploring how technology can help improve quality and efficiency of report card development Break into small groups and discuss what might work in your particular situation.	Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data and what it might mean to the future of report carding Luke Ukkola Automated waterway health assessment and reporting Nathan Johnston Small group session Attendees should start to think about their particular initiative and where technology may support efficiency of reporting or other activity Facilitator Luke Ukkola
1200	Partnering and collaboration Why can't everyone just think like me?	Role play with 'thinking hats' and sector hats. Time for personal reflection and observation on what this might mean for your particular initiative and mix of investor, partner or sponsor arrangements	Facilitator: Tanya James, Collaboration for Impact Associate
1300	Lunch		
1400	Get my message?	A session to get you thinking about your report card from a marketing and promotion perspective. You will then use this as inspiration to have a crack at designing a revised or new product for your initiative	Interactive session and practical exercise exploring marketing, human behaviour and graphic design elements of report cards Including application of the learnings to a live item. Please start to think about the item you will work on for the session Facilitator: Lyndal Hansen
1600	Beyond the workshop and beyond report cards...	Reflection of the workshop. Introduction for the major topic of discussion for the next Network teleconference. This topic is how report cards can be used for: a) decision making and guiding on ground action b) community engagement outcomes	Reflection & Beyond reporting discussion starter Prue Tucker
1630	Close. People travel home. Informal dinner at Julius Pizzeria (TBC) arranged on the day for those overnighing in Brisbane		

The National Report Card Network is an informal forum where representatives from waterway report card initiatives meet to:

- Raise awareness of the various initiatives
- Exchange knowledge and ideas
- Learn from each other
- Explore opportunities for collaboration to deliver organisational goals and operational efficiencies