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Bursaries on offer to care for creeks

Applications are now open for the Fitzroy Partnership for River Health's 2018 Care for Creeks Bursary.

Fitzroy Partnership for River Health Executive Officer Nathan Johnston is calling on schools and community groups across the Fitzroy Basin to apply now.

"The Partnership produces annual report cards on the health of Fitzroy Basin waterways and our Care for Creeks Bursary offers up to \$1,000 of equipment and training to help schools and community groups test the health of their local waterways," Mr Johnston said.

"The bursary prize includes a waterway monitoring kit containing a salinity meter, turbidity tube, pH test strips, water bug and fish sampling equipment, resources and guides.

"Winners of the bursary will also receive a personal training session on how to use the equipment and conduct community monitoring of local waterways.

"Data collected can then be entered into the *MyWater* community portal developed by the Partnership.

By entering data into this portal, results will be generated using a grading based approach which allows the community to compare the grade received for their local waterway to the annual report card grades for each catchment throughout the Fitzroy Basin," he said.

"The Partnership's main aim is to provide a more complete picture of river health for the Fitzroy Basin and this is an opportunity for the community to be involved in realising this goal, particularly our younger generation.

Entries close on Friday 21 September 2018, application forms can be found online at riverhealth.org.au

The Fitzroy Partnership for River Health includes members from government, agriculture, resources, industry, research and community and has released seven waterway health report cards since formation.

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Fitzroy Partnership for River Health – Major Partners: Fitzroy Basin Association (host organisation), Queensland Government, BHP, Peabody Energy, Anglo American, Glencore and Australian Government.

Partners: Origin Energy, Santos, Jellinbah Resources, Rockhampton Regional Council, Idemitsu, New Hope Coal, Central Highlands Regional Council, Cotton Australia, CQG Consulting, CQUniversity, Queensland Resources Council, Stanmore IP Coal, Gladstone Area Water Board, Middlemount South, Coronado Curragh and Fitzroy Australia Resources.

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