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Scholarship on offer to support study into waterway health

Water is our most precious resource, without it we cannot exist. Humans, ecosystems, industry, and agriculture – we all rely on water.

Fitzroy Partnership for River Health are offering the annual HeART of the Basin Scholarship through CQUniversity to increase our research efforts and knowledge of the Fitzroy basin's waterway health.

Fitzroy Partnership for River Health Executive Officer Nathan Johnston said by supporting scientific research we can help drive positive change now and into the future.

"The Fitzroy Partnership produces annual report cards on ecosystem health, drinking water and stock use in the Fitzroy Basin," Mr Johnston said.

"The \$2,000 HeART of the Basin Scholarship, now in its third year, contributes to research expenses and aligns to our aim to create a more complete picture of river health for the Fitzroy Basin. It also celebrates the contribution of inaugural Fitzroy Partnership for River Health Science Panel Chair, Professor Barry Hart.

"The scholarship is open to CQUniversity research students studying Honours, Masters by Research or PhD to progress their learnings in a research topic related to improving waterway health in the Fitzroy Basin.

"Previously funded scholarship research has included the development of a toolbox for fish health assessment and off-stream stock watering research to protect riparian areas and improve water quality.

"Applications close 5 November 2018. More information and application forms are available at riverhealth.org.au," he said.

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 it was formed.

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