

Highlights from the Chair

This year, our Report Card launch was delivered online for the first time and we are now working towards our 10th anniversary Report Card launch. We are building on the strong foundations of our organisation to deliver new and exciting products, including a new webpage, increasing community engagement and working more closely with our Partner organisations. There has never been a better time to be involved in the Fitzroy Partnership for River Health.



Daniel Yates,
Idemitsu,
Chair FPRH

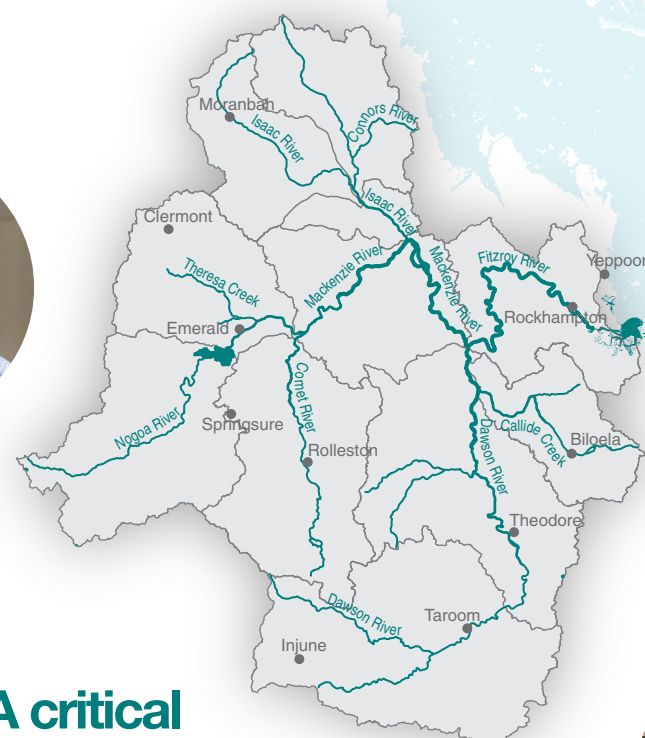
As the longest running regional waterway partnership in Queensland we were proud to be involved in a project led by the Office of the Great Barrier Reef and Darwinian Consulting during 2020 evaluating the success of the five regional reef partnerships. Following that process, Fitzroy Partnership for River Health was ranked highest overall in the 2020 'What's Our Grade' Evaluation Report, receiving a B+ ranking, with high scores achieved for cohesive staff, credible science and relevance to stakeholders.

Over the past twelve months, the Partnership held a Strategic Planning workshop to review our current progress and finalise a plan for building on current products and projects. We have reviewed and finalised our Operating Rules, charter and have signed a two-year agreement for Fitzroy Basin Association to host the Partnership.

Our Independent Science Panel, chaired by Associate Professor Eva Abal, has continued to guide the science to ensure accuracy and independence of results. The ISP regularly reviews the Partnership's Program Design to ensure it remains relevant and fit for purpose and is planning towards a 10-year review of data trends.

Fitzroy Partnership for River Health is a true partnership – a collaboration between organisations from government, industry, research and community that continues to strengthen each year, committed to the health of waterways in the Fitzroy Basin.

I acknowledge each of our Partners for their ongoing commitment and support in providing independent waterway reporting for the Fitzroy Basin, one of Australia's most significant catchments, draining to the Great Barrier Reef.



A critical region

At over 142 600 km² the Fitzroy Basin is the second largest eastern draining basin in Australia and the largest river system flowing to Australia's east coast and the Great Barrier Reef. The Fitzroy Region is Queensland's highest commodity region; an economic powerhouse incorporating significant agriculture, mining, industry and urban centres.

A strong and enduring partnership

Fitzroy Partnership for River Health was formed in 2012 to lead independent monitoring of the waterways in the Fitzroy Basin. The partnership commenced with 15 founding members and has grown to include a strong and committed group of 22 partner members in 2019-20. This membership incorporates government, industry, research and community organisations, who all have an interest in the health of waterways across the Fitzroy Basin.

Statement of Income and Expenditure Fitzroy Partnership for River Health

2019-2020 (GST Ex)

Total income	\$656,382
Total expenditure	\$495,503

Our achievements

9 Annual Report Cards released



Approximately **\$15 million**

of in-kind data contributed by partners



over **200**

citizen science data samples added to our unique MyWater community portal



5 million rows of data amassed

for Fitzroy Basin waterway health dataset



11 media stories on average per year

featuring our report card launch and waterway health on local TV, radio, print and online news 2015-2020



Focus of

5 post graduate study projects

including social science in cross sector partnerships, water chemistry and community monitoring platforms



\$8000

awarded to 3 scholarship recipients for waterway health research



Identified as an **internationally significant**

example of shared water stewardship in the mining sector by the International Council on Mining and Minerals



2019-20

7 major partners + 15 partners = **22** partnership members



2 days



partnering with the Queensland Chief Scientist's 2019 National Science Week initiative, engaging over

2000 people

3000 report cards

distributed to stakeholders and community



307 sites sampled for report card across

40,000 kilometres of Fitzroy Basin waterways

40,000

81 social media posts promoting partnership activities

81

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61 macroinvertebrate samples characterised, contributing to ecosystem health grade

61



562,000 data samples within 40 datasets processed for our suite of report cards

562,000

10 Community and school groups events and activities educating more than

500 people about waterway health

500



Partnership linkages

Fitzroy Partnership for River Health is relevant to a range of regional plans and policies and our reporting links at the local, regional, State and National level. Some of these include:

Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan

Under Water Quality Action 23, to expand integrated water quality monitoring and report card programs in the Fitzroy Basin priority catchment.



Reef Water Quality Report Card

Our report card is aligned to the GBR report card and utilises relevant data from monitoring programs within the Region.



Water Quality Improvement Plan

The Partnership utilises the environmental condition information from the WQIP to ensure consistency for management priorities, environmental values and ecologically relevant targets.



We align our monitoring, management and research strategies with **CQSS2030 – Fitzroy Basin Association's Central Queensland Sustainability Strategy 2030** to provide a joint strategic direction for ongoing planning, practice and change.



International Report Card Network

The Partnership founded and continues to contribute as a member of this network of report card practitioners.



We work closely with similar **monitoring and reporting initiatives** in South-East Queensland, Mackay, Gladstone, Townsville and Cairns.



Major Partners



Partners



Who we are

Management Committee



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Idemitsu



Adam Christison
Origin Energy



Elyse Riethmuller
FBA



Jessie Eremenco
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Nigel Burnett
Cotton Australia



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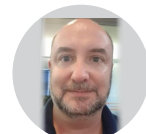
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(Deputy Chair)
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RRC



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QRC



Tim Kendrick
Peabody



Patrice Brown
CQG Consulting



Sam Tarlinton
DNRME



Tania Kennedy
Kestrel

Independent Science Panel



Assoc Prof Eva Abal
(Chair)



Dr Roger
Shaw



Dr Barbara
Robson



Dr Nicole
Flint



Assoc Prof
Sue Vink



Dr John
Platten



Assoc Prof Helen
Stratton



Catherine
Jones

Staff



Dr Leigh Stitz



Kash Walker



Samantha Hall



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waters within the Fitzroy Basin where we conduct our reporting and pay our respects to them, their cultures and Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the custodians of the Barada Barna, Widi, Jangga, Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala, Gaangalu Nation People, Darumbal, Woppaburra, First Nations Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribeland Bunda People, Wulli Wulli, Wadja, Iman, Western Kangoulu, Kanolu, Bidjara, Brown River People, Karingbal and Clermont-Belyando Area People.

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