

# Water Management Forum

Towards a better water future for the Fitzroy Basin Wednesday 13 September - Thursday 14 September 2023

Water Management Forum, Wednesday 13 September 2023 11.00am - 4.30pm The Capricornian, 17 Esmond Street

11.00am	Early lunch
12.00pm	<b>Introduction from Chair</b> Tim Kendrick
12.05pm	Welcome to Country
12.20pm	<b>Welcome to the Central Highlands</b> Cr Kerry Hayes, Mayor of Central Highlands Regional Council
12.35pm	Session 1: Setting the scene: Land use impacts in the Fitzroy region  Presentations concluding with a panel session and Q&A  Stephen Lewis, James Cook University: Land Use Changes 1860-2021  Shawn Darr, Dept of Environment & Science, Paddock to Reef Program: Sediment Sources
1.45pm	Afternoon Tea
2.15pm	Session 2: Balancing environmental values and economic responsibility: Stewardship in the Fitzroy Basin Presentations concluding with a panel session and Q&A Chris Cosgrove, Sustenance Asia; sustainability consultant to Australian cotton industry Scott Nairn, Manager Sustainability & Approvals, Stanmore: Responsible Water Management Michael Hewson, CQUniversity - Biodiversity, Climate Change & River Environmental Policy
3.30pm	Session 3: Collaboration and innovation Panel Session - Working together towards a better water future Q&A
4.30pm	Forum Close
4.30-6pm	Continuing the Conversation with canapes and drinks under the Arbour

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for more program details....



Wednesday 13 September 2023 Program continued....

### Working Together Networking Dinner 7 pm until late, The Capricornian, 17 Esmond St Dress: Business attire

## Thursday 14 September 2023 Cotton Industry Tour

Join our partner Cotton Australia on a bus tour and learn and see the workings of the local cotton industry, from planting, picking and beyond to water management practices underway. Morning tea included.

8.15 for 8.30am departure, until 12pm.

Meeting at Emerald Maraboon Motor Inn, 5 Esmond Street and returning to same location.

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