

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Tim Kendrick



As we reflect on the 2023-2024 year, I am proud to share the remarkable progress and achievements of the Fitzroy Partnership for River Health. This reporting year has been one of significant milestones and collaborative efforts, all aimed at enhancing the health and sustainability of our precious river systems.

Our collective commitment to rigorous monitoring and transparent reporting has once again demonstrated the power of partnership. The data collected and analyzed over the past year has provided invaluable insights into the state of our waterways, guiding our actions and informing our strategies.

A highlight of this reporting year, and something that brings me great faith in the importance of the work we do, has been the stories, direct from our partners, of water stewardship in our 2024 Annual Water Stewardship Report. The successful implementation of initiatives aimed at improving water resource management, water quality and ecosystem health across the basin is truly exciting. These initiatives, driven by the dedication and expertise of our partners, have all contributed to the measured improvements in water and ecosystem indicators we see and report on right across the basin.

Adaptability to change is important for an organisation such as ours and in 2024 we saw a change in leadership with our Executive Officer Leigh Stitz, who handed the reigns to Josh McKee, after 5 years with the partnership to pursue opportunities in Brisbane, conveniently with one of our valued partners. Josh joins the Partnership with a very strong background in finance and business management and has jumped right into understanding our partnership model, strategic and operational plans and meeting with partners.

Josh joining the team marked the first major change to the partnership's core team structure in several years which I feel is a hallmark of the stability in our partnership group and the inherent value that those linked to our organisation see in the work we undertake.



Our membership base remained strong and involved in 2023-2024 with 24 members. Josh has already seized the opportunity to engage with potential partners across multiple sectors outside our current membership base. Our financial position remains strong and aligned with the 3-year strategic financial plan.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our partners, stakeholders, and community members who have contributed to our shared vision. Your unwavering support and active participation are the cornerstones of our success. Together, we have made significant strides towards a healthier and more resilient river system.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to building on this momentum. Our focus will continue to be on innovative solutions, robust science, and community engagement. By working together, we can ensure that the Fitzroy Basin remains a vibrant and thriving ecosystem for generations to come.

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2023 - 2024
achievements



FINANCIALS

Income
\$1,023,039

Expenditure
\$1,099,375

Loss
-\$76,335*

*Income from 2023/24 memberships was deferred to the 2024/25 financial year, therefore providing a plausible reason for the loss.

OUR PARTNERS

We recognise our partners as being the change that is needed for Fitzroy Basin's water future;



Our commitment to FITZROY FIRST NATIONS

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 pledge our commitment as an advocate for increased Traditional Owner engagement and incorporation of cultural values in water management practices in the Fitzroy Basin. During 2023-24 we contributed financially and via staff resourcing to a range of First Nations meetings, workshops and research outcomes across the region. We acknowledge the struggles and efforts of Elders and representatives of the 17 First Nations through the years and will continue our commitment to relationship building and understanding across the Fitzroy Basin.

