

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

**Tim Kendrick**



As we reflect on the 2024–2025 financial year, I am once again proud to acknowledge the ongoing strength and resilience of the Fitzroy Partnership for River Health. This year has brought with it a number of changes within our team, and I commend the Partnership for maintaining its momentum, professionalism, and focus on delivering credible, independent reporting on the health of our waterways. Despite this period of transition, the team has upheld the vision and reputation of the Partnership — an achievement that speaks volumes about their dedication and adaptability.

The Partnership's work in engaging our community has continued to flourish, with 26 community, school and citizen science events and activities delivered, educating more than 2,500 people about waterway health. This ongoing outreach and education are essential in building awareness and inspiring stewardship across the Fitzroy Basin. I am particularly pleased to see the growth in our citizen science and human dimensions programs, which highlight how shared knowledge and community involvement are central to sustainable water management.

Financially, the Partnership remains in a stable and responsible position, recording an income of \$905,313 and a modest surplus of \$4,220 for the 2024–2025 financial year. This demonstrates continued prudence in managing resources while ensuring our programs and partnerships deliver value across the region.

As Chair, I am immensely proud of how our partners, staff, and broader community continue to work together in pursuit of our shared goal: a healthy, resilient Fitzroy Basin. The challenges faced this year have only reinforced the strength of our collaborative model and the importance of the work we do.



Photo: Mark Schultz, Tim Kendrick, Josh McKee, Isabella McGuire

As my term as Chair comes to an end, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Management Committee for their unwavering support, strategic guidance, and commitment to the Partnership's vision. I also wish to acknowledge the Independent Science Panel for their expert advice and integrity, which continue to underpin the credibility and independence of our reporting. It has been an honour to serve as Chair of an organisation defined by such collaboration, expertise, and shared purpose.

Looking ahead, I am confident the Partnership is well-positioned to continue leading with science, collaboration, and transparency at its core. Together, we will build on this year's successes to ensure our rivers and waterways remain vibrant for generations to come.



**14TH**

**FITZROY BASIN  
ECOSYSTEM HEALTH INDEX  
REPORT CARD**  
RELEASED FOR 2023/2024

**SCIENCE**

**449,719**   
RESULTS ACROSS  
95 SITES



**OVERALL grade**  
**FOR FITZROY BASIN IN 2024/2025**  
(CONSISTENT WITH 2023/2024)



**+1**

**NEW  
SCIENCE  
COORDINATOR**

**RELEASE OF  
MARINE  
REPORT**



**2  
SCIENCE  
SYMPOSIUMS**



**14 years OF DATA**  
TO SHOW LONG TERM TRENDS  
FOR THE BASIN



**COMMUNITY  
& ENGAGEMENT**

**+1**

**NEW  
ENGAGEMENT  
COORDINATOR**



**26** **COMMUNITY,  
SCHOOL AND  
CITIZEN SCIENCE  
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**



**24  
PARTNERS  
(INCLUDING 9  
MAJOR PARTNERS)**

**educating  
MORE THAN  
2,500  
PEOPLE ABOUT  
WATERWAYS HEALTH**



**3  
STRATEGIC  
workshops**



**5TH EDITION  
RELEASE OF  
stewardship  
REPORT**



**increased  
CITIZEN SCIENCE  
+ HUMAN DIMENSIONS  
OUTCOMES**



**2024 - 2025  
achievements**

# 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

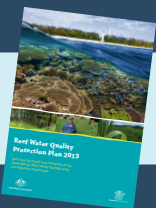
Our work aligns with Water Quality Action 23, to expand integrated water quality monitoring and report card programs in the Fitzroy Basin priority catchment.



## Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2013

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

Our reporting meets the requirements of the Queensland State of the Environment Indicators to measure the following six overarching Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets: good health and wellbeing, clean water and sanitation, responsible consumption and production, life below water, life on land and partnerships for the goals.



## 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.



We work closely with similar monitoring and reporting initiatives in South-East Queensland, Mackay, Gladstone, Townsville and the Wet Tropics.



## International Report Card Network

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



# FINANCIALS

Income	Expenditure	Surplus
\$905,313	\$901,093	\$4,220

# OUR PARTNERS

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



Australian Government



Queensland Government



## 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 2024 /2025 FPRH 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.



## Our team

At the heart of the Fitzroy Partnership for River Health is our dedicated Management Committee, Independent Science Panel, and staff, working together to provide a clearer picture of river health.

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tim Kendrick | Chair Anglo American  
Elyse Riethmuller | Deputy Chair FBA  
Patrice Brown | CQG Consulting  
Rachel D'Arcy | OGBR  
Matthew Eyles | DETSI  
Ashleigh Gonzalez | Origin Energy  
Vanessa Lyons | BHP Mitsubishi Alliance  
Jason Martin | Peabody  
Scott Nairn | Stanmore  
Leigh Stitz | QRC  
Lu Wang | Glencore

### INDEPENDENT SCIENCE PANEL

Associate Professor Eva Abal | Chair  
Dr Sue Vink  
Dr Roger Shaw  
Dr Barbara Robson  
Associate Professor Helen Stratton  
Associate Professor Nicole Flint  
Dr Stephen Lewis



Photos: Independent Science Panel Members

### STAFF

Josh McKee | Executive Officer (concluded June 2025)  
Isabella McGuire | Engagement Coordinator (joined April 2025)  
Mark Schultz | Science Coordinator (joined March 2025)  
Eva Duerkop | Project Officer (concluded December 2024)  
Myfina Healy | Project Officer (concluded February 2025)

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