

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



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



+1

NEW
SCIENCE
COORDINATOR

RELEASE OF
MARINE
REPORT



2
SCIENCE
SYMPOSIA

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



26
COMMUNITY,
SCHOOL AND
CITIZEN SCIENCE
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



+1
NEW
ENGAGEMENT
COORDINATOR

educating
MORE THAN
2,500
PEOPLE ABOUT
WATERWAYS HEALTH



3
STRATEGIC
WORKSHOPS



24
PARTNERS
(INCLUDING 9
MAJOR PARTNERS)



5TH EDITION
RELEASE OF
STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

increased
CITIZEN SCIENCE
+ HUMAN DIMENSIONS
OUTCOMES

2024 - 2025
achievements

SCIENCE

449,719
RESULTS ACROSS
95 SITES

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 protection, 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
\$905,313

Expenditure
\$901,093

Surplus
\$4,220

OUR PARTNERS

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



BHP Mitsubishi Alliance



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
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INDEPENDENT SCIENCE PANEL

Associate Professor Eva Abal | Chair
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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)
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