



Annual Report 2007

Volunteers



Natural Resource Management

2007 Queensland Landcare Awards Winners

(6) AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT COASTCARE AWARD

First Place - Sarina Landcare and Catchment Management Association

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) helped develop the 'Sarina Shire Beaches Management Guidelines for Coastal Zones'. SLCMA ensures sustainable on-ground outcomes by dealing with the cause of environmental problems rather than the symptoms.

Second Place - Cooloola Coastcare Association

Cooloola Coastcare Association is a group of volunteers and supporters dedicated to valuing, enhancing and protecting the Cooloola coastal and marine natural environments.

Third Place - Moreton Bay Coastcare

Moreton Bay Coastcare is monitoring saltmarsh ecosystems at Hays Inlet to understand and quantify the damage caused by long-term four-wheel drive and dirt bike access. A saltmarsh rehabilitation program has commenced on the impacted site.

(7) RURAL PRESS LANDCARE PRIMARY PRODUCER AWARD

First Place - David Hunter

David Hunter runs an A-grade, organically certified banana farm near Calen. David implements sustainable farming practices such as inter-row planting and revegetation. As a member of Mackay Landcare, he has a longstanding interest in landcare.

Second Place - Geoff Fearnside

Geoff Fearnside has been a leader of the landcare movement in the Injune district for nearly 40 years. The Fearnside family's 28,600ha property 'Wallaroo' integrates natural systems with sustainable timber and cycad harvesting and beef cattle production.

Third Place - Patrick and Ellen Leahy

The Leahy family runs four banana farms covering 90ha in the Tully region of Far North Queensland. The farms have an environmental management system, covering land, soil, water, biodiversity, waste, air/noise and energy management.

(8) WESTPAC LANDCARE EDUCATION AWARD

First Place - Crows Nest State School

Crows Nest students participate in a school landcare program. Students identify environmental issues and implement strategies to solve or improve local problems. Students have taken ownership of the projects and have impressed locals with their maturity and dedication.

Second Place - Mount Gravatt High

Mount Gravatt High's Sustainable Learning Program is a trans-curricular approach towards sustainable education. 11% of former students have gone on to tertiary environmental studies.

Third Place - Trinity Anglican College

16 senior students from Trinity Anglican School's environmental group undertook a practical revegetation/restoration/rehabilitation project in the Cairns Central Swamp.



(9) ALCAN LANDCARE INDIGENOUS AWARD

First Place - David Thompson

David Thompson works with Desert Channels Queensland's Indigenous community across 33% of Queensland. David strives to provide opportunities to build links and partnerships between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

Second Place - Girringun Aboriginal Corporation

The Traditional Use Marine Resources Agreement is a self-regulatory agreement that sets out management of natural resources in a marine environment. The Cardwell Indigenous Ranger Unit is the mechanism for carrying out cultural obligations and contemporary land management practices.

(10) AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LANDCARE NRM REGION AWARD

First Place - terrain NRM

On March 20, 2006, the Wet Tropics region of Far North Queensland was struck by category-5 Cyclone Larry. Larry destroyed crops and flattened forests. It also destroyed the offices of Terrain NRM. Terrain swung into action behind the cyclone to assist natural resource managers and affected communities to respond to the disaster.

Second Place - Desert Channels Queensland

Desert Channels Queensland has continued the support and on-ground works extended through its landcare network. Projects include strategic weed control, community field days, education and awareness books on native plants and large-scale fencing.

Third Place - SEQ Catchments

SEQ Catchments, together with its government and community partners - including Landcare, Coastcare and catchment management groups - has funded, coordinated and is implementing 180 projects to manage and preserve the biodiversity, land, air, water, coastal and marine resources of South-East Queensland.

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Chair's Report

ESMA ARMSTRONG OAM

It is with pleasure that I report on the activities of Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) for 2006/2007.

The past year has seen QWaLC refine its roles as the peak body for natural resource management (NRM) volunteers in Queensland. This refinement has resulted in a marked increase in the quality and pertinence of our services. QWaLC's key roles of advocacy, representation, networking, promotion and insurance administration will form the basis of all our future activities. QWaLC is committed to achieving real outcomes for the volunteer NRM sector.

In January, the QWaLC board completed governance training with Michael Goldsworthy from Australian Strategic Services Pty Ltd. The governance workshop trained the board in our roles and responsibilities within QWaLC. The board is now much more informed on how it will approach the strategic issues of the organisation.

During the governance training workshop a subcommittee was formed to finalise QWaLC's policies and procedures and strategic plan.

Thanks to the committee and Executive Officer Vickie Webb for their focused and dedicated work on these documents.

The governance training also covered the composition of the QWaLC board. This was particularly relevant, as the 2007 board elections opened on 18th June. The Condamine, Northern and Southern Gulfs, Queensland Murray Darling, South-East Queensland, South-West and Far North Queensland board positions will be elected in the next financial year.

Thank you to the two previous ministers for Natural Resources and Water for funding and supporting QWaLC. I look forward to continuing QWaLC's productive relationship with the Department of Natural Resources and Water with the current minister, the Honourable Craig Wallace MP.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Armstrong".

Executive Officer's Report

VICKIE WEBB

It has been my privilege to have commenced as the executive officer of QWaLC in October 2006. In that time the organisation has taken huge steps in refining our five key roles of advocacy, representation, networking, promotion and insurance administration.

One of the major initiatives undertaken by QWaLC was an independent and comprehensive survey of members and regional bodies in March 2007 to determine our future direction. This was a warts-and-all survey that gave members an opportunity to express how they felt the organisation had performed over the last three years and what changes they would like to see in the future. The survey was mailed to 272 community NRM groups and 42 individuals. A participation rate of 25.3% was achieved.

Thank you to those members who realised that by contributing your opinion on the role of your peak body, you're making QWaLC truly representative of the needs of the volunteer NRM sector. We will be making changes based on the results of the survey to provide our members with an even better service.

In collaboration with Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA), QWaLC was successful in obtaining funding from Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund to assist with risk management training for volunteer

NRM groups. CVA's 'In Safe Hands' manual and a training DVD will be delivered to 90 groups within the southern half of the state. Two training workshops will be delivered in Rockhampton and Bundaberg later in the year.

QWaLC has participated in many meetings and consultations and sits on numerous committees representing the interests of the NRM volunteer sector in Queensland. These are outlined later in this report. One of these is a group that is involved in discussions in relation to the implementation of NHT3.

We have launched a new website, so it will be easier for all members to access information. If you have not visited our new website (www.qwalc.org.au) I encourage you to do so.

In the year ahead we'll achieve several long-term projects, such as the presentation of the 2007 QLD Landcare Awards and the 2008 National Landcare Awards process.

The next 12 months will see a consolidation of the changes already undertaken by QWaLC, and the delivery of a targeted service to our members.

Survey Results

Prompt and helpful assistance.

I have found QWaLC useful for all the insurance issues. DNR did not respond to any of my emails. QWaLC has helped us find the relevant contacts when issues arise plus it is good to have someone supportive to speak to when the going gets tough.

In March, QWaLC commissioned an independent survey entitled 'Membership Perspectives on Setting the Future Directions of QWaLC'. The survey results informed QWaLC's definition of five core roles and has been the impetus in creating long-term initiatives to provide a better service to our members.

The survey results indicated that 82% of our members recognise our role of insurance administration. 78% knew of our role in representing the NRM volunteer sector, and 75% of our networking role in maintaining a central database of groups in Queensland.

The majority of members had contacted QWaLC for assistance in the past. Most of these enquiries were in relation to insurance issues, and to seek other assistance regarding:

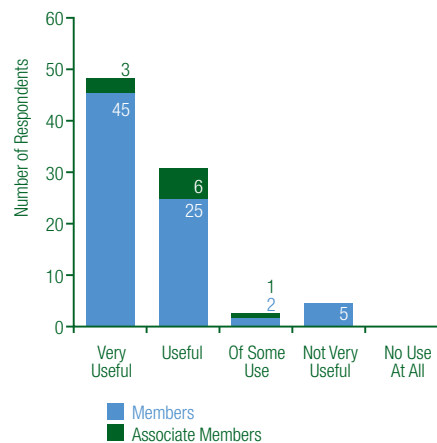
- Landcare Awards nominations
- Updating groups' contact details
- Information and advice on state NRM policy and programs
- Information and advice on registration of their group
- Information and advice on resolving group conflict
- Contact details for their regional QWaLC board member.

Considered all aspects of the request and did follow up.

QWaLC previously had admin and staffing issues. Now good people are in place service delivery has improved.

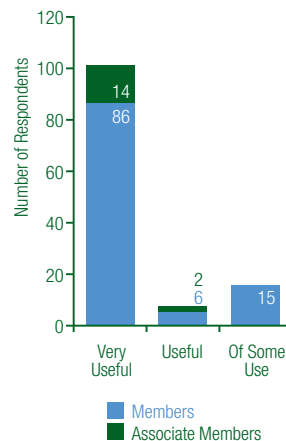
It addressed my enquiry regarding insurance specifically and completely.

RESPONDENT SATISFACTION WITH ASSISTANCE

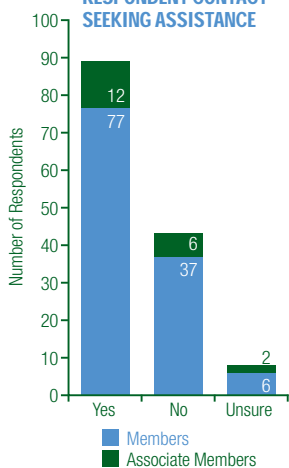


In relation to the continuation of QWaLC beyond 2007, 81% of respondents indicated that they would like to see the organisation continue. This was further reinforced in response to a question in relation to future direction, which asked if QWaLC should no longer operate, with 75% either strongly disagreeing or disagreeing with the statement.

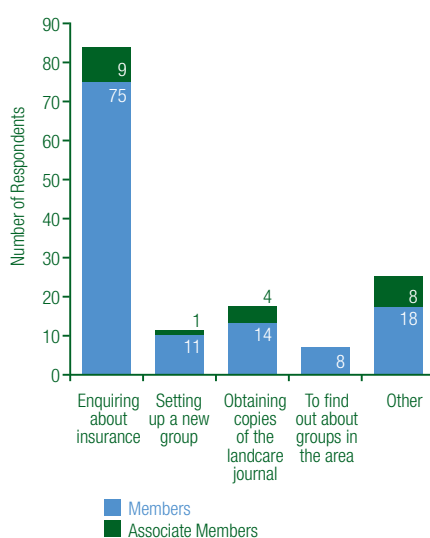
RESPONDENT DESIRE FOR CONTINUATION OF QWALC



RESPONDENT CONTACT SEEKING ASSISTANCE



NATURE OF ASSISTANCE SOUGHT



There was a high level of satisfaction with the assistance received by participants, with 90% indicating the assistance was either very useful or useful.

Representation

QWaLC represents the Queensland volunteer NRM sector to federal, state and local government, regional bodies, industry and anywhere issues arise that will impact on NRM volunteers.



Land for Wildlife Queensland

QWaLC sits on this steering committee along with representatives from:

- Greening Australia
- Department of Natural Resources and Water
- Local Government Association of QLD
- Brisbane City Council
- Environmental Protection Agency

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary, non-binding program that encourages and supports land-holders to provide habitat for native plants and animals on their property. QWaLC's understanding of NRM volunteers is an important contribution to this committee, as the program is extended through a voluntary commitment on the part of both assessors and property owners.



Inaugural Queensland Coastal Conference 2007

Shifting Sands

This committee consists of representatives from:

- Burnett Mary Regional Group
- Australian Government Natural Resource Management Team
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
- South-East Queensland Catchments
- Gold Coast City Council
- Health and Environment Regional Organisation of Councils

The Queensland Coastal Conference is being held in response to a lack of a centralised body for coastal research in Queensland. QWaLC is involved in this conference as it addresses the needs of community NRM groups in 10 of the 14 NRM regions in Queensland.

Queensland Coastal Information Website (CoastInfo)

In 2006, representatives from federal, state and local government and non-government organisations realised a shared interest in understanding and addressing the difficulties coastal planners and managers in Queensland experience in accessing and using coastal information. These representatives decided to form a steering committee to undertake the task of addressing communication and information gaps in the coastal management and planning arena. As QWaLC represents community NRM groups across all 10 coastal regions of Queensland, we recognise the importance of bridging this information gap.

Queensland Landcare Conference

The Queensland Landcare Conference brings together representatives from community NRM groups and professional natural resource managers. QWaLC provides a \$40,000 funding float for these conferences as a means of encouraging smaller NRM groups to host the event. QWaLC calls for nominations to host the conference and convenes a panel that selects the community NRM group that will be the next host.



Envirofund

QWaLC's Executive Officer and a number of our board members are members of Envirofund adjudication panels. These panels included representatives from:

- CSIRO
- Agricultural organisations, such as Canegrowers
- Indigenous organisations, such as land councils
- Regional bodies
- Tourism bodies
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
- Torres Strait Regional Authority



Waterwatch Queensland

QWaLC has continued its partnership with Waterwatch Queensland. Waterwatch Queensland is committed to providing community NRM groups with the resources for water monitoring. QWaLC is assisting with this goal by providing information to our members on the resources and support that Waterwatch Queensland offers. QWaLC's members benefit from Waterwatch Queensland's program, making it an important partnership at the state-wide level.

Representation continued



Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Groups Collective

QWaLC signed a memorandum of understanding with the Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Groups Collective in June, 2007. The memorandum instigates a strategic relationship between the two organisations. Developed over the last two years, it provides the background to a future operational relationship.



Government of South Australia

Natural Resources Management Council

Government of South Australia's NRM Volunteer Committee

QWaLC is liaising with the executive officer of the NRM Volunteer Committee to develop a strategic relationship. QWaLC and the NRM Volunteer Committee have similar roles as state-wide representatives of the NRM volunteer sector. The NRM Volunteer Committee works to ensure state-wide consistency in the support of NRM volunteers. It has a role to influence, to provide strategic direction in the NRM volunteer arena, and to explore and support mechanisms best carried out at a state rather than regional level. QWaLC will be meeting with the NRM Volunteer Committee to further develop a strategic relationship.

Advocacy

QWaLC is an independent voice for the needs of volunteer NRM groups. QWaLC represents our members on government committees in order to contribute to government policy on land and water management issues.

This year QWaLC has presented to the Australian Government's Department of Environment and Water Resources issues affecting Cape York NRM groups. This action occurred as a result of Cape York and Torres Strait Islands (TSI) board member Ian Adcock informing the QWaLC board of the on-ground situation in Cape York. Without a dedicated NRM regional body, Cape York and TSI groups are less likely to be sponsored to attend conferences, workshops, meetings and training days across Queensland. QWaLC raised this issue with DEW in the hope of creating more awareness of Cape York groups' increasing disenfranchisement from other Queensland regions. QWaLC is reviewing its own budget in order to allocate more conference sponsorships for Cape York and TSI groups.

The chair and executive officer of QWaLC advocate on behalf of NRM volunteers to the state government on state and national issues. In March they attended a meeting to discuss future funding for regional arrangements, post-NHT2. The aim of the meeting was to assist DNRW in the development of the bilateral agreement with the Commonwealth.

During the consultation process QWaLC advocated the needs of NRM volunteers to:

- Department of Natural Resources and Water
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries
- Department of Communities
- Premier's Department
- Treasury
- Commerce Queensland
- Queensland Resources Council
- Queensland Tourism Industry Council
- Sunfish
- Urban Development Institute of Australia
- Queensland Conservation Council
- WWF
- Queensland Farmers' Federation
- AgForce
- Queensland Industry Working Group
- Regional Groups Collective

Networking

QWaLC provides an extensive NRM network across urban and rural Queensland. This network encompasses over 300 community NRM groups, consisting of more than 16,000 volunteers. Due to interest in our membership services, QWaLC's individual membership has increased by 62.5% over the past year as more NRM volunteers and professionals join our network.

QWaLC's network provides a means of communication between members and industry, government and non-government parties. This network is used by organisations such as:

- AgForward
- Landcare Queensland
- Land for Wildlife Queensland
- Waterwatch Queensland
- Department of Natural Resources and Water
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Burnett Mary Regional Group

Network Information Packs

QWaLC's network is utilised as a means of information dissemination, a vital service considering the decentralised and transitional nature of volunteer NRM groups. QWaLC members receive a quarterly information pack. The pack includes a free copy of the quarterly 'Australian Landcare Magazine'. Other organisations such as regional bodies and industry groups also include information pertinent to our members. QWaLC recognises how important this information is to our groups, particularly where Internet services are unreliable.

Our June mail-out alone included the following:

- 'Australian Landcare Magazine'
- AgForward newsletter
- AgForward workshops information
- Queensland Coastal Conference flyer
- Land for Wildlife information brochure
- Landcare Queensland information.

Without this service most NRM groups would not receive any information regarding NRM in Queensland.

Networking Events

This year QWaLC introduced networking events in order to further facilitate the exchange of information between our members and NRM organisations. A meet-and-greet afternoon tea was held during the January board meeting. The event was a great success, attended by:

- Community NRM groups
- QWaLC board members and staff
- Department of Natural Resources and Water
- Landcare Queensland
- CSIRO
- AgForce
- AgForward
- Queensland Farmers' Federation



*Peter Davidson (Coomera River Catchment Group)
and Jane Bell (Vera Street Community Garden).*

- Landcare Australia
- Australian Landcare Council
- Queensland Conservation Council
- SEQ Catchments
- Brisbane City Council
- Regional Groups Collective

The event created more communication between groups, and resulted in groups following up after the event and sharing knowledge regarding projects and volunteer management. The success of QWaLC's meet-and-greet afternoon tea has resulted in several enquiries regarding future events.

Network Extension

QWaLC has begun a new initiative with the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA). This innovative relationship has developed as a result of the opportunity for both community NRM groups and travellers. QWaLC and CMCA will be working together to inform both membership groups of CMCA rallies and QWaLC groups' NRM projects. This initiative will increase the access of NRM groups to episodic volunteers, and CMCA travellers to local NRM experiences. This is a new and exciting application of QWaLC's NRM network.

Resource Library

QWaLC has also developed a resource library for members. QWaLC's partners, such as Waterwatch Queensland, provide copies of their resources for QWaLC to loan to members. The library contains resources such as the 'Community Estuarine Monitoring Manual' that are otherwise only available for sale. Members contact QWaLC to borrow a resource, and return it when they have made use of it. The library is an important tool for members with limited resources.

Networking continued

Website

In order to further facilitate communication between our members, QWaLC launched a new website in March. The website is a vital communication tool between QWaLC and members, with regularly updated news articles and event listings ensuring that in spite of changing email and postal addresses, QWaLC members are always informed of NRM issues.

As part of the website, QWaLC is developing a membership intranet that will enable networking between members and provide a place for members to promote their own projects.



Home Page

QWaLC's home page is regularly updated with links to our highest-priority information. This has included the 2007 Queensland Landcare Award pages and the QWaLC board election pages. The home page includes photos of members at work to reflect the wide range of activities that NRM groups undertake.



Find a Group

The Find a Group page is a vital tool in increasing groups' access to volunteers. Many groups contact QWaLC with questions pertaining to volunteer recruitment, and QWaLC receives numerous enquiries from members of the public interested in volunteering with their local group. The Find a Group service is an important resource in increasing NRM volunteer numbers and expanding the sector's labour capacity.

After three months, 88 groups have provided written consent for QWaLC to list their contact details on www.qwalc.org.au. These contact details enable potential volunteers to contact groups directly.



About Us

QWaLC's About Us page gives information on the role, profile and board of the organisation. This details how QWaLC as the peak body for NRM volunteers can help groups, and find out how QWaLC is working to the benefit of NRM volunteers. This page introduces our 11 board members, covering all of Queensland's NRM regions, and lists their contact details so that groups can approach them directly. This section of www.qwalc.org.au includes a General FAQs page that lists answers to commonly asked questions about the organisation.



Insurance

The Insurance page outlines the public, personal and association liability insurance that QWaLC administers on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources and Water. QWaLC fields dozens of enquiries a week regarding insurance, and the development of this page has been crucial in members having access to the information they need. An Insurance FAQs page complements this section.

Promotion

QWaLC is proud to promote the achievements of NRM volunteers. By raising awareness of the contribution that NRM volunteers make to Queensland, we are ensuring that the sector is an important consideration when environmental funding decisions are made.



Queensland Landcare Awards

QWaLC coordinates the prestigious Queensland Landcare Awards, held every two years. The Queensland Landcare Awards are a highlight of Australia's environmental calendar. Now in their 16th year, these Awards recognise the achievements of those dedicated people who give their time to caring for our precious land and water resources. Landcare Australia Limited delegates the running of these Awards to QWaLC because of our longstanding relationship with Queensland NRM volunteers.

The Landcare Awards consist of 10 categories:

- National Landcare Programme Individual Landcarer Award
- Murray-Darling Basin Commission Rivercare Award
- Landcare Australia Nature Conservation Award
- Alcoa Landcare Community Group Award
- Leighton Holdings Local Government Landcare Partnerships Award
- Australian Government Coastcare Award
- Rural Press Landcare Primary Producer Award
- Westpac Landcare Education Award
- Alcan Landcare Indigenous Award
- Australian Government Landcare NRM Region Award

Each Award is promoted to its target audience through collaboration with relevant organisations. As a result of such precise promotion, QWaLC is expecting a record number of Award entries in 2007. The goal of this promotion has been to generate entries of such a high calibre that Queensland will win an unprecedented number of National Landcare Awards in 2008.

In order to generate quality entries, QWaLC included a Tips page on its website. This page includes an example entry. Copies of the Awards' entry form and brochure are also available for download from the QWaLC website.

This year the gala dinner will be held during the Queensland Landcare Conference. Invitees include Governor Quentin Bryce, Premier Peter Beattie and Minister for Natural Resources and Water and Minister Assisting the Premier in North Queensland Craig Wallace.

National Landcare Awards

Winners of Queensland Landcare Awards are considered for National Landcare Awards. The National Landcare Awards are held in alternate years to the State and Territory Landcare Awards. QWaLC coordinates Queensland winners throughout the National Awards process.

In October, 2006, Queensland's Johnstone Shire Council was announced as the winner of the 2006 SITA Local Government Landcare Partnerships Award. Congratulations to Johnstone Shire Council and all the 2005 Queensland Landcare Awards winners who were considered for a National Award.

'Australian Landcare Magazine'

Every year QWaLC mails out 3,000 copies of the 'Australian Landcare Magazine' to our members, landcare facilitators, regional bodies and other individuals and organisations who have requested a copy. Readership of the 'Australian Landcare Magazine' equates to around 6,000 individuals. QWaLC's distribution of the 'Australian Landcare Magazine' accounts for 2.5% of its total national distribution.

QWaLC provides this service as it helps community NRM groups stay connected with the wider landcare community. The 'Magazine' promotes the work of landcarers across Australia. The 'Australian Landcare Magazine' is an important resource for our members, and QWaLC's provision of this resource saves the Queensland NRM volunteer sector over \$21,000 a year on 'Australian Landcare Magazine' subscriptions, not including QWaLC's postal costs.



National Volunteer Week

QWaLC is a partner in Volunteering Australia's National Volunteer Week, an event that promotes the contribution of volunteers in Australia. This year, QWaLC promoted the event through media releases, displaying promotional posters, distribution of promotional material and the creation of a dedicated webpage.

Insurance

QWaLC administers three insurance policies on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources and Water. This involves a considerable commitment, including:

- Responding to hundreds of email and phone insurance enquiries. This can include contacting groups, DNRW or the insurance broker for specific information. It also requires following up with members to ensure that they received the information they needed.
- Processing registrations for insurance. This is a detailed process involving distributing, accepting and compiling applications, sending copies to the various assessment panels, getting the applications returned and then having the policies distributed to the new groups.
- Ensuring a fair process. Groups can be rejected for insurance coverage. QWaLC advocates on behalf of these groups to make sure that the assessors' decision is fully informed. In the past eight months QWaLC has negotiated a reversal of the assessors' initial decision to result in three previously rejected groups being covered by insurance.

In 2007 alone, 12 new volunteer NRM groups have registered with QWaLC. These groups consist of almost 600 NRM volunteers.

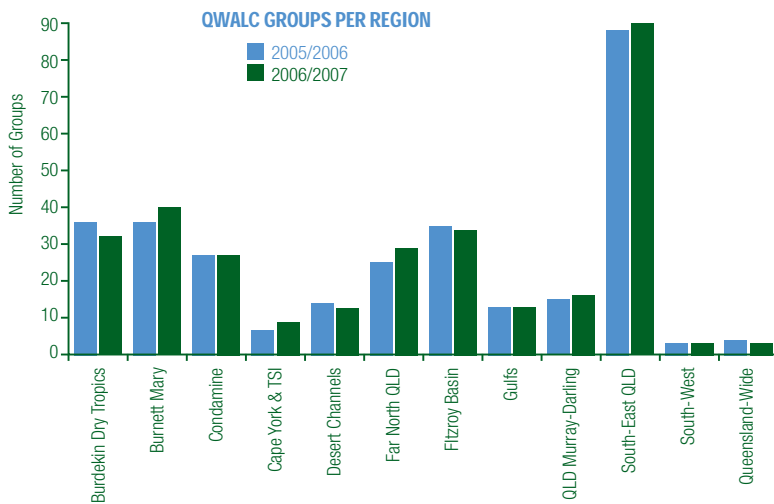


Risk-Management Training

Through two-way communication with NRM groups, QWaLC has perceived a need for groups to have risk-management training in order to upskill volunteers for insurance purposes. In partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA), QWaLC obtained funding from the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund to carry out risk-management training across four of Queensland's NRM regions.

- This training will encompass:
- 90 community NRM groups
- Approximately 5,500 NRM volunteers
- 34% of Queensland's NRM volunteers
- All QWaLC member groups in the Desert Channels, South-West, Fitzroy Basin and Burnett Mary regions.

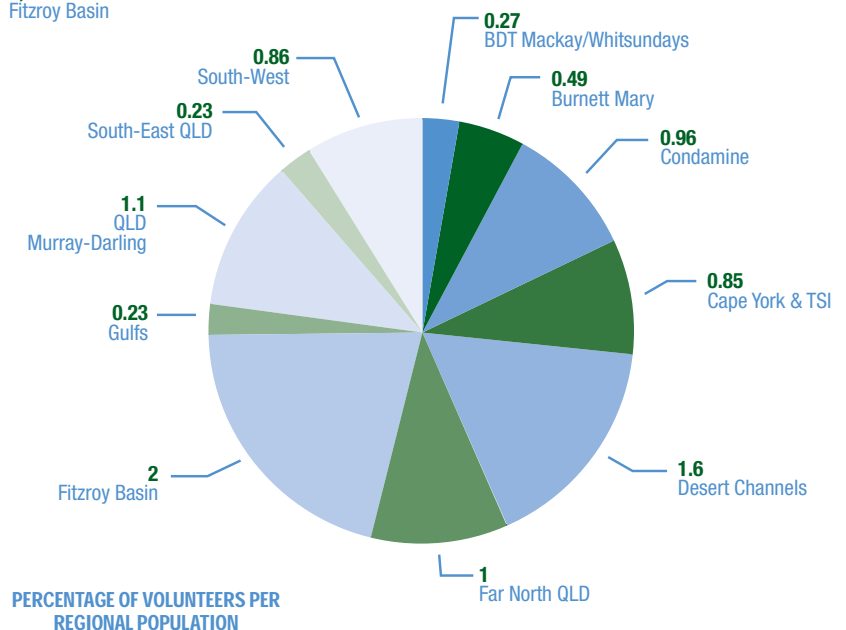
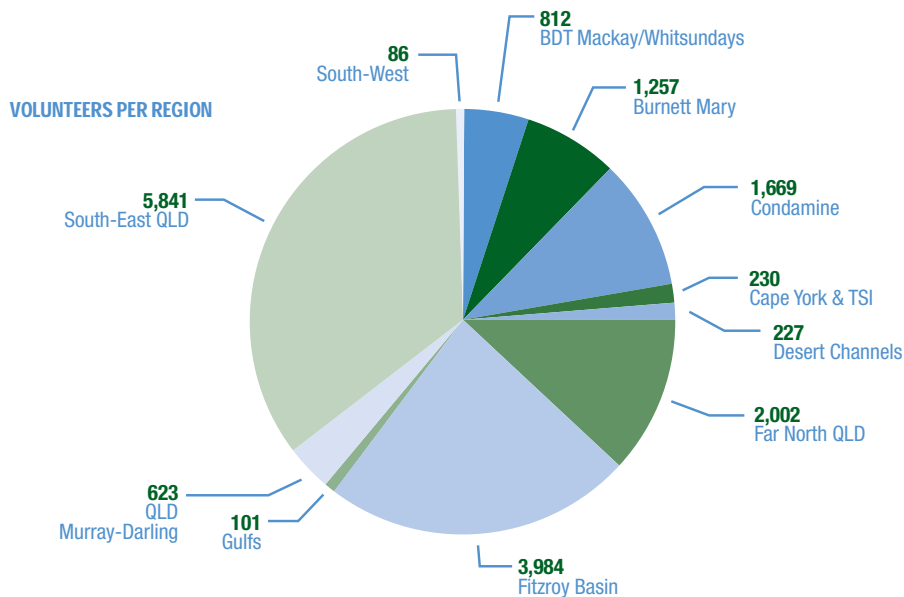
The risk-management training program is CVA's 'In Safe Hands' toolkit. This comprises a manual incorporating an occupational health and safety policy, safety management and guidance notes, risk assessment information and format, induction for volunteers and a set of pro-forma documents to address all aspects at the worksite. The manuals are supported by training workshops in using the 'In Safe Hands' management system. CVA also provides a follow-up safety support system that includes safety updates, awareness emails and a help desk for specific safety issues.



Membership

Facts and Figures

Over the past year QWALC membership has remained relatively steady as new groups join and established groups disband. However, the overall number of individual volunteers has increased as groups grow. QWALC has also experienced a 37% increase in its individual membership as more volunteers sign up to receive QWALC information packs, including free copies of the 'Landcare Magazine'.



Regional Reports

Burdekin Dry Tropics/ Mackay Whitsunday



Jim Meteyard

*QWaLC Board Member Representing Burdekin Dry Tropics/Mackay Whitsunday.
Ph. 07 4782 9002*

In both regions NRM groups have continued their work. Strong leadership of groups supported by good on-ground project officers has been the key in maintaining group activity. The drought has had a detrimental effect on NRM activities in the rangelands. The urban areas have been affected to a lesser extent.

The project officers at Burdekin Dry Tropics have been doing excellent work in the region. Welcome to Mark Stoneman, BDT's new chair. Mackay/Whitsundays has also been working hard with NRM groups. Jane Eales will be missed when she leaves MWNRM. Thank you to Jane for all her efforts.

Burnett Mary

Lin Fairlie

*QWaLC Board Member Representing the Burnett Mary.
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NRM groups in the Burnett-Mary region have continued working hard to conserve their local environments. The Traveston Dam remains a contentious issue, with many groups actively involved in informing the Queensland Government of the environmental issues surrounding the development.

Group activity has remained steady, however Agnes Water Landcare Group registered with QWaLC this year. Agnes Water has been operating for many years and now have their activities insured as a QWaLC member.

Groups are concerned about the National Landcare Programme funding as the delivery of funds has been delayed and many projects are now behind schedule. The amount of paperwork required for even small grants is also taking groups' time away from on-ground works.

Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG) is highly approachable as the regional body. BMRG have been responsible for many learning opportunities, including the Farmland to Fraser Forum, which was a huge success. BMRG also ran a NRM Awards process in January, which was a boon for local groups. Finalists in the BMRG Awards will be entered into the 2007 Queensland Landcare Awards. Sue Sargent and Cheryl List have been busy organising the Inaugural Queensland Coastal Conference to be held from 17-19 September 2007.

Cape York and Torres Strait



Ian Adcock

*QWaLC Board Member Representing Cape York and the Torres Strait.
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Torres Straits Regional Authority (TSRA) has at last received recognition as a NRM regional body. Marianne Helling is the coordinator. NRM groups on the Islands are enthusiastically rolling out National Landcare Programme (NLP) projects.

Peninsula Landcare Committee are in their second year of funded projects through the NLP. Coordinator Sandy Lloyd has done a remarkable job keeping up with the devolved grants and organising the GLM program.

Wendy Seabrook, who coordinated the 'Building a Landcare Ethic' on Cape York, has left the organisation. Wendy did great work in organising workshops all over Cape York. Welcome to her replacement, Jileana Baensch.

Catchment groups continue to struggle. Hugh Edwards, coordinator of Weipa Catchment Coordinating Group (WCCG), is working hard to keep up the vital work of the WCCG.

Annan-Endeavour Catchment Group is doing work for the Cape York Marine Advisory Group (CYMAG). CYMAG Environmental has become a registered group with QWaLC. Wattle Hills Landcare Group is also doing good work with little resources.

The Mitchell River Watershed Management Group has continued its excellent work. Coordinator Fiona Barron and Project Officer Deb Eastop are kept busy assisting Envirofund applicants and encouraging grants in the region. They are also collaborating with the Weeds and Feral Animal Project, run by the Cook Shire to combat Bellyache Bush (*Jatropha gossypifolia*) along the Palmer River. Operational funding comes from the Northern Gulf RIS Community Engagement Project.

Cape York Development Association is now the service provider to roll out the Regional Investment Strategy for Cape York. The general consensus around the Cape is that CYPDA could be the group to do the community consultation and come up with a regional board of management.

To sum up, the TSRA are doing fine and can only get better. Cape York will always struggle, while the communities and NRM groups have no say in their NRM future. Leadership is badly needed to guide them along.

Condamine



*Dr Diana Beal
QWaLC Board Member Representing the Condamine.*

The Condamine groups are working reasonably well with the regional body, which is in the process of consulting widely about future directions for the regional plan. Sometimes, funding appears to be forwarded a little more slowly than desired. One issue stems from disparity of language between various NRM groups which makes reporting unnecessarily more difficult than it need be. Some groups feel strongly about the need to have funds distributed directly from Canberra rather than being channeled through the regional bodies. Improving the links between landcarers and industry lobby groups would be an advantage.

Desert Channels



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The past year has been very dry and through necessity people tend to put NRM issues aside. They are very aware of what needs to be done, but the biggest problem in Desert Channels, and all areas in Western Queensland, is lack of resources. There are just not enough people to carry out the tasks required. The staff and facilitators do a very good job, but are pushed to cover all the areas they would like to. Land-holders are finding it increasingly hard to find even casual labour, let alone skilled labour.

Although there are NRM groups in the region, most tasks are carried out by private individuals. Most projects are long-term and may take years to finalise. These projects include eradicating prickly acacia, controlling cactus, and managing feral animals. These projects require constant attention and when they lapse a lot of good work is lost.

There is a need for individuals and groups to realise the importance of registering and being covered by insurance, and to have access to information and assistance. Landcare is gradually losing its 'green and tree-hugging' image that it originally had out here, and the success of some projects is starting to bear fruit.

Regional Reports continued

Far North Queensland



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The aftermath of Cyclone Larry has been handled well by NRM groups in Far North Queensland. Many groups have returned to their original projects and work is progressing well. New groups have continued to register with QWaLC, with three registering in the past three months alone. Welcome to Low Isles Preservation Society, Mission Beach Seabed Watch and Trinity Inlet Catchment Group. Malanda and Upper Johnston Catchment Landcare Group also renewed their registration and insurance coverage with QWaLC so that they can continue their long-standing and highly valued work.

Far North Queensland NRM have changed their name to 'terrain Natural Resource Management' (sic), and have an eye-catching new logo to match. The regional body has continued working with groups to collaborate on projects and distribute funding.

Fitzroy Basin



Sandy Paton
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There is a general feeling that the NRM groups need to reassess their positions and status within the regional NRM process. While the regional process has provided enormous benefit to individual landowners and some powerful tools for community use, there is great frustration with funding opportunities within the volunteer NRM community. It is now very difficult to access funds for part-time employment to follow projects through, but there is an increased requirement for monitoring and for alignment with the regional strategies.

There is a continual attrition of NRM groups due to lack of funding and support for specific projects, even though some groups have people who are keen to be involved. Groups that have had a number of projects rejected by the NRM body or NLP have had to work through Community Grants. Those without coordinators employed by obliging sub-regional groups may only find out what is happening in the NRM field in their regions through the newspaper or after it happens – making QWaLC's information dissemination all the more vital in the region.

It is becoming apparent that volunteer NRM groups need to take a more proactive approach to communication within the regional process and also with each other, and to that end the groups are holding an informal meeting day in early August.

Queensland Murray-Darling Basin



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Queensland Murray-Darling Basin NRM groups have continued their activities throughout the year.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee, the regional body, has held community consultations this year to form a new catchment management plan. The hugely successful 'Discovering Landcare Forum' will also be held from 28th to 29th August 2007. QWaLC was a major sponsor for the 2006 event, which was a great success, and this year is shaping up to be even better.

Southern and Northern Gulfs

By Mark Van Ryt
QWaLC Board Member Representing the Southern and Northern Gulfs.

Most natural resource management groups in the region are dormant. Both urban and rural groups have a low level of engagement and activity.

Many groups have the expectation that the regional bodies should be doing more to engage and coordinate funding applications. There are some rural groups that are active. They are willing to help themselves and are happy with the support given to them.

The Mt Isa Fish Stocking Group is very active doing community-based recreational fishing projects. They have a partial focus on sustainable NRM outcomes, mainly in the area of monitoring and raising awareness.

South-East Queensland



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NRM groups have continued to work hard to promote and conserve the environmental assets of South-East Queensland. The volunteer NRM sector in South-East Queensland consists of a balance of urban and rural groups, representing the wider demographics of the region. Whereas most residents in the region have been lowering their water usage in line with severe water restrictions, SEQ groups have been busy preparing creek and river banks for when water levels return – minimising the possibility for soil erosion and weed growth.

Willing individuals continue to work together and form new NRM groups. In the past three months alone five SEQ groups have become registered with QWaLC, representing 260 NRM volunteers. The regional body, SEQ Catchments, has provided numerous workshops and opportunities to groups in the region.

South-West Queensland

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NRM groups in the South-West have been hampered by drought and a disparate population. NRM volunteers have been working hard to counteract the spread of weeds and ferals. They've done a fantastic job with limited resources. However, new groups are forming. Thanks to South-West NRM for encouraging and facilitating new groups.

Regional Membership

Burdekin Dry Tropics/Mackay Whitsunday

Balfes Creek Catchment Care Group
Belyando Crossing Landcare Group
Blackjack Weed Group
Burdekin Dry Tropics Board
Burdekin Fish Restocking Association Inc.
Burdekin-Bowen Integrated Floodplain Management Advisory Committee
Cape Campaspe Landcare Group
Charters Towers & District Landcare Group
Coastal Dry Tropics Landcare Inc.
Dalrymple Landcare Committee Inc.
Friends of St Helens Beach Environment
Hann Creek Landcare Group
Haughton River Catchment Coordination Committee
Headwaters Landcare Group
Herveys Range Landcare Group
Keelbottom Landcare Group
Lower Burdekin Landcare Association
Lower Cape River Landcare Group
Lynd Landcare Group Inc.
Magnetic Island Nature Care Association
Mingela North Landcare Group
Mt Leyshon Landcare Group
OUCH Volunteers
Pentland Landcare Group
Pioneer Catchments and Landcare Group
Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Inc.
Seventy Mile Range Landcare Group
St Helens Bush and Beach Association
Three Rivers Landcare Group
Upper Cape Landcare Group
Upper Haughton Landcare Group
Whitsunday Catchment Landcare

Burnett Mary

Agnes Water Landcare Group Inc
Auburn River Landcare Group
Baffle Creek Catchment Management Group Inc.
Boyne Landcare Group

Brooweena Landcare Group
Bundaberg & District Urban Landcare Association Inc.
Burnett Catchment Care Association
Central Burnett Land Management Advisory Group Inc.
Djaku-Nde & Jangerie Jangerie Aboriginal Corporation
Fraser Island Defenders Organisation
Friends of the Burrum River System Group
Gaeta & District Progress & Landcare Association
Gayndah Landcare Group Inc.
Gympie & District Landcare Group
Isis Landcare Group Inc.
Kenilworth & District Landcare Group
Kingaroy Landcare Group
Kolan Shire Landcare Association
Lower Mary River Landcare & Catchment
Mary River Catchment Coordinating Association Inc.
Miriam Vale Rural Science and Landcare Society Inc.
Nanango & District Landcare Groups
Noosa & District Landcare Group
North Burnett Landcare Group Inc.
Residents of Coonarr Beach
Smalls Creek Landcare Group Inc.
South Burnett Landcare Project Committee
South East Burnett Landcare Group
St Johns Creek Landcare Action Group
Tiara and District Landcare Group
Upper Boyne Landcare Association
Woongarra Coast Monitoring and Education Project

Cape York and Torres Strait

Annan Endeavour Catchment Management Group
Cape Protects Group
Cape York Development Association
CYMAG Environmental
Mitchell River Watershed Management Group Inc.
Peninsula Pastoralist Landcare Committee
Peninsula Pastoralist Landcare Committee
Wattle Hills Landcare Group
Weipa Catchment Coordinating Group

Condamine

Allora Landcare Group Inc.
 Aubigny Catchment Group
 Brigalow Jimbour Floodplain Group Inc.
 Cambooya Landcare Association Inc.
 Central Downs Landcare Group Inc.
 Chinchilla District Landcare Group Inc.
 Clifton Landcare Group
 Condamine Catchment Management Association Inc.
 Condamine Catchment NRM Corporation (Condamine Alliance)
 Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group Inc.
 Dalby Wambo Landcare Group
 Friends of Escarpment Parks
 Friends of Myall Creek
 Kumbarilla & Districts Landcare Group
 Lagoon Creek Landcare Group
 Leyburn & District Progress Association Inc.
 Millmerran Landcare Group Inc.
 Moola Creek Landcare Group
 North East Downs Landcare Group
 Oakey Urban Landcare Group
 Pittsworth & District Landcare Association Inc.
 Quinalow Landcare Group
 South Myall Creek Catchment Landcare Group Inc.
 Square Top Action Group
 Toowoomba and Regional Environmental Council
 Toowoomba Landcare Group
 Yamsion Rangemore Landcare Group

Desert Channels

Aramac Landcare Group
 Blue Bush Landcare
 Channel Landcare
 Desert Channels Queensland
 Desert Uplands Build Up & Development Strategy Committee
 Diamantina Headwaters Landcare
 Ilfracombe Landcare Group
 Longreach Landcare Group Inc.
 Towerhill & Torrens Creek Catchment Landcare Group Inc.
 Upper Landsborough Catchment Landcare Group Inc.

Western River Landcare
 Williams Valley Landcare
 Wokingam Landcare Group Inc.

Far North Queensland

Aboriginal Rainforest Council Inc.
 Barron River Integrated Catchment Management Association
 Cairns & Far North Environment Centre
 Cairns Urban Landcare Inc.
 Cardwell Shire Catchment Association
 FNQ NRM Ltd
 Frog Decline Reversal Project Inc.
 Herbert River Catchment Group Inc.
 Hinchinbrook Landcare Group Inc.
 Japoon/Mena Creek Landcare Group
 Johnstone Ecological Society Inc
 Johnstone Region Landcare Group Inc.
 Johnstone River Catchment Management Association
 Johnstone Shire Revegetation Volunteers
 Kuranda Envirocare Inc.
 Low Isles Preservation Society
 Malanda & Upper Johnstone Catchment Landcare Group
 Mission Beach Seabed Watch Inc
 Mt Fox District Landcare Group
 Mt Garnet & District Landcare Group Inc.
 Mulgrave Landcare & Catchment Group
 North Johnstone & Lake Eacham Landcare Association Inc.
 Russell Landcare and Catchment Group
 Tolga Bat Rescue and Research Inc.
 Tree Kangaroo & Mammal Group Inc.
 Trees for the Evelyn and Atherton Tableland Inc. (TREAT)
 Trinity Inlet Catchment Association Inc

Fitzroy Basin

Alpha/Jericho Landcare Committee
 Baralaba Landcare Inc.
 Bauhinia Landcare Group
 Bogantungan Reserve Committee
 Callide Valley Landcare Group
 Calliope Soil Conservation Association

Regional Membership continued

Capricorn Coast Landcare Group Inc.
Central Highlands Natural Resource Management Group
Central Queensland Forest Association Inc.
Clermont District Landcare Association Inc.
Comet Sustainable Farming Association
Dawson Catchment Coordinating Association
Duarina Central Districts Landcare
Envirolink
Fitzroy Basin Association
Fitzroy Basin Elder Committee Inc.
Fitzroy River & Coastal Catchment Inc.
Gemfields Landcare Group
Gracemere & Districts Landcare
Lake Maraboon Landcare Group Inc.
Mackenzie River Big Bend Landcare
Marlborough District Landcare
Mimosa Catchment Landcare Group Inc.
Morinish Landcare Group
Nebo Broadsound Landcare Group Inc.
Peak Downs Landcare Committee
Port Curtis Catchment Working Group
Tannum Boyne Coastcare
Taroom Shire Landcare Inc.
The Caves District Landcare Association
Theodore Landcare Group
Waterwatch
Wowan Dululu Landcare Group
Wycarbah & District Landcare Group Inc

Queensland Murray-Darling Basin

Border Rivers Catchment Management Association
Dirranbandi Landcare Group Inc.
Granite Borders Landcare Committee
Inglewood Shire Landcare Inc.
Maranoa Balonne Catchment Management Association Inc.
Maranoa Regional Landcare Association
Mitchell & District Landcare Association
Murilla Landcare Group Inc.
Nindigully Landcare Group Inc.
Queensland Murray Darling Committee

Roma Community Garden Group
Tara & District Landcare Group
Upper Dawson Landcare Group
Waggamba Landcare Group Inc.
Warroo Balonne Region Landcare Inc.
Warroo Shire Landcare Group

South-East Queensland

Atkinson/Buaraba Catchment Landcare Group
Australian Freshwater Turtle Conservation & Research Association
Barung Landcare Association Inc.
Bat Care Brisbane
Bayside Creeks Catchment Group
Beaudesert Landcare Group Inc.
Beechmont Landcare
Bellthorpe Progress Association Inc.
Biggera & District Landcare
Boonah & District Landcare Inc.
Bremer Catchment Association Inc
Brisbane Valley-Kilcoy Landcare Group
Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee
Caboolture Region ICM Group
Communities for Sustainable Futures-McPherson Range Group Inc.
Coolool District Coast Care Group
Coomera River Catchment Group
Crows Nest Creek Catchment Group
Currimundi Catchment Care Group
Dayboro District Landcare Group
Elanora Wetlands Bushcare Group
Emu Creek Catchment Landcare Group Inc.
Eprapah Creek Catchment Landcare Association Inc.
FEAT Blackbutt/Benarkin
Forest Farmers Association Qld Inc
Friends of CREEC Association Inc.
Friends of Currumbin
Friends of Federation Walk Inc.
Friends of Lagoon Creek Group Inc.
Friends of Oxley Common Inc.
Friends of Stradbroke Island
Gold Coast & Hinterland Environment Council Assoc. Inc

Gold Coast Catchment Association
 Helidon Hills/Murphys Creek Landcare Group Inc.
 Lockyer Catchment Association
 Lockyer Valley Landcare Inc
 Loders Creek Catchment Association Inc
 Loders Creek ICM Community Association
 Logan & Albert Conservation Association
 Logan & Albert Rivers Catchment Association Inc.
 Manduka Community Settlement Co-op
 Maroochy Landcare Group Inc.
 Maroochy Mooloolah Catchment Coordinating Association Inc.
 Maroochy Waterwatch Inc.
 Men of the Trees
 Moggill Creek Catchment Management Group Inc.
 Mooloolah River Waterwatch & Landcare
 Moreton Bay Coastcare
 Moreton Bay Environmental Alliance
 Mt Nebo/Mt Glorious Environmental Protection Association
 Mudgeeraba Catchment Management Group
 Night Eyes Association Inc.
 Noosa Integrated Catchment Association
 Norman Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee (N4C) Inc.
 North East Landcare & Catchment Management Group
 North Pumicestone Waterwatch
 NRMSEQ
 Numinbah Valley Landcare Group
 Oxley Creek Catchment Association Inc.
 Oxley Creek Environment Group
 Peregrine Beach Community Association
 Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group Inc.
 Pine Rivers Catchment Association
 Pullen Pullen Catchments Group
 Pumicestone Region Catchment Coordination Association Inc.
 Redcliffe Environmental Forum
 Richmond Birdwing Recovery Network
 Rosalie North Landcare Group Inc.
 Save Our Waterways Now (SOWN)
 Scenic Rim Farm Foresters
 SEQ Catchments (Ipswich)

Six Mile, Woogaroo & Goodna Creeks Catchments Group
 South East Queensland Catchments Ltd
 South Stradbroke Island Landcare Group
 Springbrook Catchment Management Landcare Group Inc.
 Stanley River Action Group
 Stumer Creek Catchment Care Committee
 Sunshine Coast Environment Council Inc.
 Sunshine Coast Groundwater Investigation Group
 Sustainable Ecotourism Noosa Association
 Tallebudgera Catchment Care Group
 Tamborine Mountain Landcare Inc.
 The Hut Environmental and Community Association Inc.
 The Web Incorporated, Brisbane Region Environment Council
 Tooway Creek Catchment Care
 Upper Brisbane Region Catchment Network
 Vera Street Community Garden Inc.
 West Moreton Landcare group Inc.
 Yarraman Creek Environment Group

Southern and Northern Gulfs

Barkly Landcare
 Camooweal Landcare Association
 Carpentaria Landcare Group
 Cloncurry Landcare Group
 Fairlight Creek Landcare
 Hughenden Landcare
 Irvinebank Landcare Group
 Jamarr Envirogroup
 McKinlay Shire Landcare Group
 Mt Isa Fish Stocking Group Inc
 Mt Isa Landcare
 Northern Gulf Resource Management Group
 Richmond Landcare Group Inc.

South-West

South West NRM Ltd

State-Wide

Queensland Litter Prevention Alliance
 Queensland Mycological Society Inc.

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
INCOME	225,000	200,000
Grants	6,928	7,436
Interest	-	24,264
Sponsorships	-	930
Other income		
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	231,928	232,630
 EXPENSES		
Employment expenses	115,142	92,032
Office expenses	63,285	59,769
Conference registrations	10,289	17,103
Depreciation	1,396	991
Sponsorship / Promotion	10,195	19,754
Governance training	13,737	-
Risk project expenses	21,136	-
Survey expenses	15,000	-
Other expenses	-	899
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	250,180	190,548
Operating profit	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(18,252)	42,082
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE INCOME TAX	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(18,252)	42,082
Income tax expense	-	-
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) AFTER INCOME TAX	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(18,252)	42,082

BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	141,480	201,745
Sundry receivables	460	3,344
Conference loan receivable	39,600	-
	181,540	205,089
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant and equipment	5,852	4,182
Less Accumulated depreciation	(3,122)	(1,726)
	2,730	2,456
TOTAL ASSETS	184,270	207,545
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Conference loan refundable	39,600	39,600
Sundry creditors and accruals	2,499	7,522
TOTAL LIABILITIES	42,099	47,122
NET ASSETS	142,171	160,423
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
Accumulated surplus	142,171	160,423
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	142,171	160,423

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
	Inflows / (Outflows)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from members and customers (GST inclusive)	207,900	298,301
Payments to suppliers (GST inclusive)	(276,307)	(231,792)
Interest received	9,812	4,092
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	(58,595)	70,601
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payment for plant and equipment	(1,670)	(1,975)
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	(1,670)	(1,975)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	(60,265)	68,626
Cash at the beginning of the year	201,745	133,119
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Cash at the end of the year	141,480	201,745
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2007 Queensland Landcare Awards Winners



(1) NATIONAL LANDCARE PROGRAMME INDIVIDUAL LANDCARER AWARD

First Place - Jeff Campbell

Jeff Campbell is a great advocate of the work that can be achieved through involvement in landcare. He improves his agricultural enterprise through best-practice NRM.

Second Place - Robert Wallace

Bob Wallace has served Landcare in Crows Nest Shire and the Emu Creek catchment for nearly 20 years. Bob is a founding member of Emu Creek Catchment Landcare.

Third Place - John Armbruster

John Armbruster has been a member of Glengallen Land Management Committee/Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group for almost 20 years, and is the secretary of the Warwick branch of the Society for Growing Australian Plants.

(2) MURRAY-DARLING BASIN COMMISSION RIVERCARE AWARD

First Place - Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee

The Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee's River Health Improvement Program implements sustainable management and rehabilitation works in priority fluvial landscapes throughout the Mary Catchment.

Second Place - Maroochy Catchment Centre

The Maroochy Catchment Centre (MCC) has a strong and active volunteer ethic. Projects aim to improve water quality and biodiversity. This year MCC collaborated on over 50 projects with other community groups, government and industry.

Third Place - Glenda Pickersgill

Glenda Pickersgill has made a significant contribution to the conservation and rehabilitation of the Mary River, including protecting Mary River turtle nesting sites and Queensland lungfish habitat, preserving water quality and reducing salination.

(3) LANDCARE AUSTRALIA NATURE CONSERVATION AWARD

First Place - Tom and Sue Shephard

Tom and Sue Shephard, from Artemis Station on Cape York, are involved with Golden-Shouldered Parrot conservation. Their work involves identifying the grass and herb species essential to the parrot's survival, and monitoring parrots, grasses and habitat.

Second Place - Bush Heritage Australia

Bush Heritage Australia's Carnarvon Station Reserve, Ethabuka Reserve and Cravens Peak Reserve cover 505,300ha. With detailed management plans, Bush Heritage creates partnerships with external stakeholders to protect biodiversity at the landscape scale.

Third Place - Cooloola City Farm

Cooloola City Farm is committed to the preservation of native species of the area through education, research and propagation. It is involved with identification of coastal flora, seed collection, and propagation techniques for a wide range of species.

(4) ALCOA LANDCARE COMMUNITY GROUP AWARD

First Place - Noosa and District Landcare Group

Noosa and District Landcare Group (NDLG) is a non-profit, community-based organisation with 300 members and over 100 volunteers. NDLG has enabled the broader community to understand the environmental impacts of rural and urban land use.

Second Place - Mitchell and District Landcare Association

The Mitchell and District Landcare Association consists of land-holders and community members who are passionate about improving long-term sustainability and viability of public and private land within the Booringa Shire.

Third Place - Dalrymple Landcare Committee

The Dalrymple Landcare Committee involves over 60% of land-holders in the Dalrymple Shire. On-ground outcomes include: 2,350km of fencing; 280 new off-stream water points; 8,500km of scalded land rehabilitation and over \$5M spent on weed control.

(5) LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LOCAL GOVERNMENT LANDCARE PARTNERSHIPS AWARD

First Place - Crows Nest Shire Council

Crows Nest Shire Council has embraced sustainable NRM principles and practices across all aspects of their operation. The Council's actions are guided by a NRM Strategy.

Second Place - Ipswich City Council

Ipswich City Council's (ICC) Conservation Partnerships Programs incorporates its Voluntary Conservation Agreements and Land for Wildlife programs. ICC now has 96 legally binding conservation agreements that account for over 7,000ha of land.

Third Place - Townsville City Council and Thuringowa City Council

The Community Environment Fund unites business, local government and the community on projects that improve habitats, create recreational areas, provide job training and minimise the visual impact of sponsor Powerlink's electricity infrastructure.

State and National Linkages



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