



2005/2006 Annual Report

QWALC ANNUAL REPORT 2005 - 2006

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Chair's Report



It gives me pleasure to report as chair of Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) for the reporting year 2005/2006.

QWaLC held quarterly general meetings with full attendance of the board members and QWaLC partners. Teleconferences were arranged with the board of management between meetings. Executive meetings by teleconference were held as the need arose.

In April, Executive Officer Brenda Walhain tendered her resignation. After six months of advertising, interviewing, selecting and engaging, a part-time executive officer has been employed. Thanks to the selection panel and executive for their support during the transition. Communication Officer Tess McGlone took on the role of acting executive officer for the interim period.

QWaLC partners Bobby Brazil (Chairman of the Australian Landcare Council [ALC] and Chairman of Land and Water Australia), Kirk Smith (Queensland representative on the ALC) and Paul Marshall (Queensland representative of Landcare Australia Limited) attended our board meetings to keep us informed of issues that affect sustainable land and water management, and partnerships with volunteers.

QWaLC has continued to administer the public liability, association and personal accident insurance for natural resource management (NRM) volunteer groups in Queensland on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources and Water. This service is provided to 16,000 NRM volunteers and over 300 NRM groups for free. QWaLC manages the application process for groups. This involves receiving and responding to applications, representing individual groups throughout the process and mediating registrations between the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and NRM community groups. Throughout the year QWaLC responded to hundreds of telephone and email enquiries from NRM groups regarding their insurance coverage. 10 new NRM groups were successfully registered this year, and many more entered the process.

QWaLC's communication responsibilities have continued to grow as our membership body increases. In addition to administering the insurance, QWaLC supported NRM volunteers with regular emails, phone calls and correspondence, a newsletter – 'QWaLC Talk' – and by distributing the 'Australian Landcare' journal. The dissemination of vital information to NRM groups throughout Queensland will continue to be a key priority for QWaLC.

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I have represented QWALC by attending workshops, forums and other events. Acting Executive Officer Tess McGlone has similarly represented QWALC. QWALC utilises these opportunities to meet representatives from our groups face to face.



The Hon. Henry Palaszczuk and QWALC Chair Esma Armstrong.

The Minister for Natural Resources, Mines, the Honourable Henry Palaszczuk, attended QWALC meetings and has been very supportive of our role. On 15th March Minister Palaszczuk presented QWALC with \$200,000 funding at a function at Oxley Creek Common. The event was hosted by Oxley Creek Catchment Association.

A meeting with Dr Evelyne Meiers, General Manager, Community Partnerships, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, focused on the importance of human resources and the role of QWALC in the future. QWALC appreciates the time both the Minister and Dr Meiers have dedicated to QWALC and NRM volunteers.

This year also saw QWALC coordinate a delegation of Queensland Landcare Award winners to the National awards; assist with the management of Community Awareness Grants and work with the Queensland Landcare Foundation (QLF) to organise aspects of the State Landcare Conference. QWALC will coordinate the 2007 State Landcare Awards.

QWALC board members have provided effective relationships with stakeholders at local, regional and state level. I extend my sincere thanks to the board of management for their continued support throughout the year.

Thanks to Treasurer Dr Diana Beal for her experience, dedication and patience in keeping the bookkeeping on track. Thanks to Vice-Chair Sandy Paton for her support and continued perseverance in attending to governance matters for the board.

Many thanks to Tess McGlone who stepped in to the acting executive officer position for an unlimited time with the skills and professionalism expected of the position. The executive, directors and members of QWALC would agree that the positive operations of QWALC are due to the capabilities and dedication of Tess McGlone.

Last but not least is to extend thanks and appreciation to DNR&W for their continued support to the NRM volunteers of Queensland through QWALC.

Esma Armstrong

Executive Officer's Report

Brenda Walhain as EO 1 July 2005 – 5 May 2006.

Tess McGlone EO 7 May 2006 – 30 June 2006



Executive Officers Tess McGlone and Brenda Walhain.

The administration of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines' insurance for NRM groups has continued to be a core responsibility for QWaLC. QWaLC represented over 300 groups and 16,000 volunteers in reducing the insurance excess from \$10,000 to \$1,000. This is a prime example of how QWaLC represents groups at all levels of the decision-making process.

Volunteer group registrations have continued to grow with 10 groups registered during this period and several others entering into the registration process. This year QWaLC expanded its representation of NRM volunteers by creating associate memberships open to individuals. Associate members receive all of QWaLC's information personally, therefore making them more aware of NRM in Queensland, and able to input state information to the local level. QWaLC has gained valuable input from its associate members, and as a result has dramatically increased its representation of NRM volunteers.

This year saw QWaLC work closely with other statewide groups to further establish their partnerships within Queensland. QWaLC has developed an excellent relationship with Waterwatch Queensland, an organisation that delivers strategic monitoring, technical and education services to increase awareness and understanding of water quality issues and improve the health of our waterways and catchments through collaborative partnerships. Through Waterwatch Queensland, QWaLC contributed vital insurance advice to the 'Health and Safety Guidelines for Community-Based Waterway Monitoring'. We look forward to working closely with Waterwatch Queensland in the future.

In September, QWaLC commenced development of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Groups Collective (RGC). The MOU aims to improve how both groups promote and support NRM

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volunteers and NRM bodies. QWaLC will continue this relationship throughout 2006/2007.

In February, QWaLC signed a collaborative relationship agreement with the Queensland Landcare Foundation (QLF). The agreement outlines how QWaLC's provision of support to NRM volunteers and QLF's fundraising capacities can further promote landcare groups in Queensland.

QWaLC also designed a project with Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) to deliver risk-management training to on-ground community volunteers. Funding for this project is being sourced.

The Honourable Henry Palaszczuk, Minister for Natural Resources and Water, presented QWaLC with \$200,000 funding. The Minister's appearance and funding confirmed the importance of QWaLC in supporting the vital work of NRM volunteers in Queensland. QWaLC Chair Esma Armstrong had a number of meetings with the Minister.

QWaLC's board was finalised in December, 2005. The board includes representatives from across Queensland. Board members were appointed following an election process.

The 2005 Landcare Awards were successfully delivered during the State Landcare Conference. QWaLC is busy preparing for the 2006 Awards, which will further promote the achievements of NRM groups. QWaLC is also assisting the QLF in preparing aspects of the 2006 State Landcare Conference.

*“Sustainable NRM is a holistic long-term process and requires the security of long-term funding and the flexibility to deliver on a range of issues and actions.”
QWaLC in The Keogh Review.*



“Smaller groups are the ones that have been most dramatically impacted upon by the move to regional arrangements.” QWaLC in The Keogh Review.

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A submission was prepared by QWaLC for the Keogh Review. Sections of this submission were highlighted throughout the publication. QWaLC was one of the bodies directly consulted by the Review. QWaLC also contributed to the Blueprint for the Bush.

QWaLC's financials this year included:

- 30 June books amended and prepared for audit.
- Current year's books meet Treasurer's scrutiny.
- Finalisation and signing of QWaLC's 2006 funding schedule.
- End of financial year requirements resulting in audited statements.
- Submission of funding application to Gambling Community Benefit Fund to deliver risk management manual and training to registered groups across Queensland.
- Writing QWaLC's 2005 funding schedule report.

Other Projects

During the period of Acting Executive Officer, I also took on the responsibility of sitting on the State Steering Committee for the Land for Wildlife Program and the Steering Committee for the Development of the Queensland Coasts Information Resource. Both Land for Wildlife and the new Coastal Handbook will directly involve many of our member volunteers, so I have been happy to be involved with these two groups.

QWaLC Future Directions 2006/2007

In 2006/2007 QWaLC will be focusing on:

1. Representing NRM groups across all levels of the decision-making process.
2. Raising awareness of the NRM volunteer sector.
3. Providing access to our networks and linkages between NRM groups.
4. Continuing the registration of NRM groups.
5. Administering public liability, association and personal accident insurance to NRM groups.
6. Collaborating with the Department of Natural Resources and Water.
7. Delivering the State Landcare 2006 Awards.

Tess McGlone
Acting Executive Officer.

Communication Officer's Report

From 1 July 2005 to 4 May 2006, QWaLC employed a part-time communication officer (Tess McGlone).

The focus of the communication activities at this time involved:

- *Launch and operation of the QWaLC website (www.landcareqld.org.au). The website provided updated news on NRM issues and activities in Queensland. The website also contained documents such as the 'Application for Registration' form and media releases. The site includes a 'Find a Group' page that lists groups by region. Groups must first give their consent to being included on the website.*
- *Regular mail-outs of the 'Australian Landcare' journal and 'QWaLC's Talk', the quarterly newsletter. The 'Australian Landcare' journal is provided by Landcare Australia Limited and sent out to all QWaLC member groups for free. Mail-outs also included surveys and updates from other NRM stakeholders.*
- *Trade displays and participation in NRM conferences and events. QWaLC had a trade display at both the Comalco Green and Healthy Schools Expo and the Queensland Farmers' Federation conference, providing a variety of information for children and adults interested in NRM. QWaLC's presence at promotional events raised the profile of landcare groups within these networks.*
- *Regular electronic updates to member groups and NRM stakeholders. These electronic updates, sent out approximately once a month, provided information on such topics as grants and funding, new government initiatives, and QWaLC board news. The updates were very well received by members.*

Other communication work during the period included general liaison with member groups for the promotion of their activities; developing posters and brochures to give out at promotional events; and writing media releases and liaising with media to raise awareness with the general public about the importance of NRM groups and volunteers in Queensland.

Tess McGlone

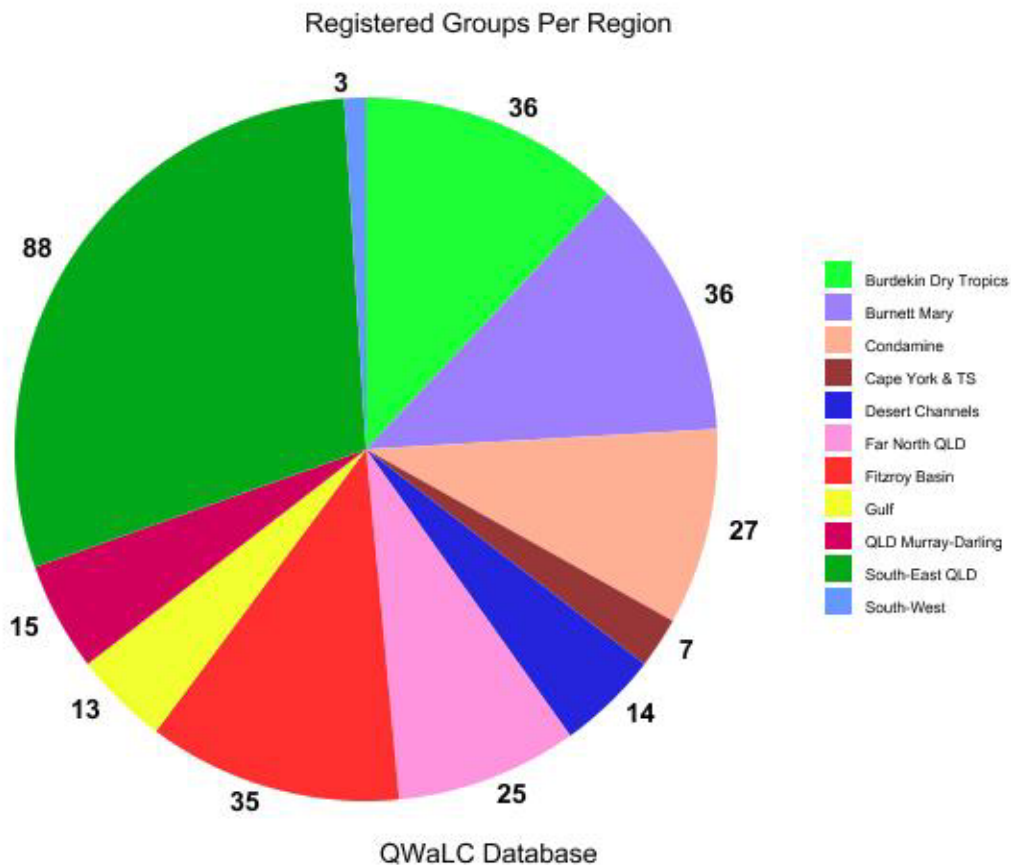
QWaLC Purpose and Structure

QWaLC is the peak body for NRM groups in Queensland. We are an independent, non-government, not-for-profit organisation funded by a ministerial directive from the Minister for Natural Resources and Water. A ministerial directive means that we are funded by, but not associated with, the work of the Department. The State Government gives us the ability to work on behalf of thousands of NRM volunteers and to support and represent them independently at all levels of the decision-making process.

QWaLC is answerable to our membership, which is made up of a broad range of volunteer community groups involved in NRM. Members include Landcare, Coastcare, Waterwatch, Bushcare, catchment associations, conservation groups, regional bodies and subregional organisations.

Our network extends throughout 13 regions across Queensland (See Figure 1.1). Each of these regions is represented by a QWaLC board member elected from the regional membership body. The board members participate on a board of management.

Figure 1.1



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Our purpose is to:

- Administer insurance for community NRM groups.



- Provide information on NRM resources.



- Represent volunteers to key decision-makers.



- Support NRM groups statewide – from the Torres Strait to the Simpson Desert and Coolangatta.



As the peak body in Queensland we work closely with NRM organisations, all levels of government and stakeholders to ensure NRM volunteers have access to insurance coverage, information and resources, and our extensive landcare network.

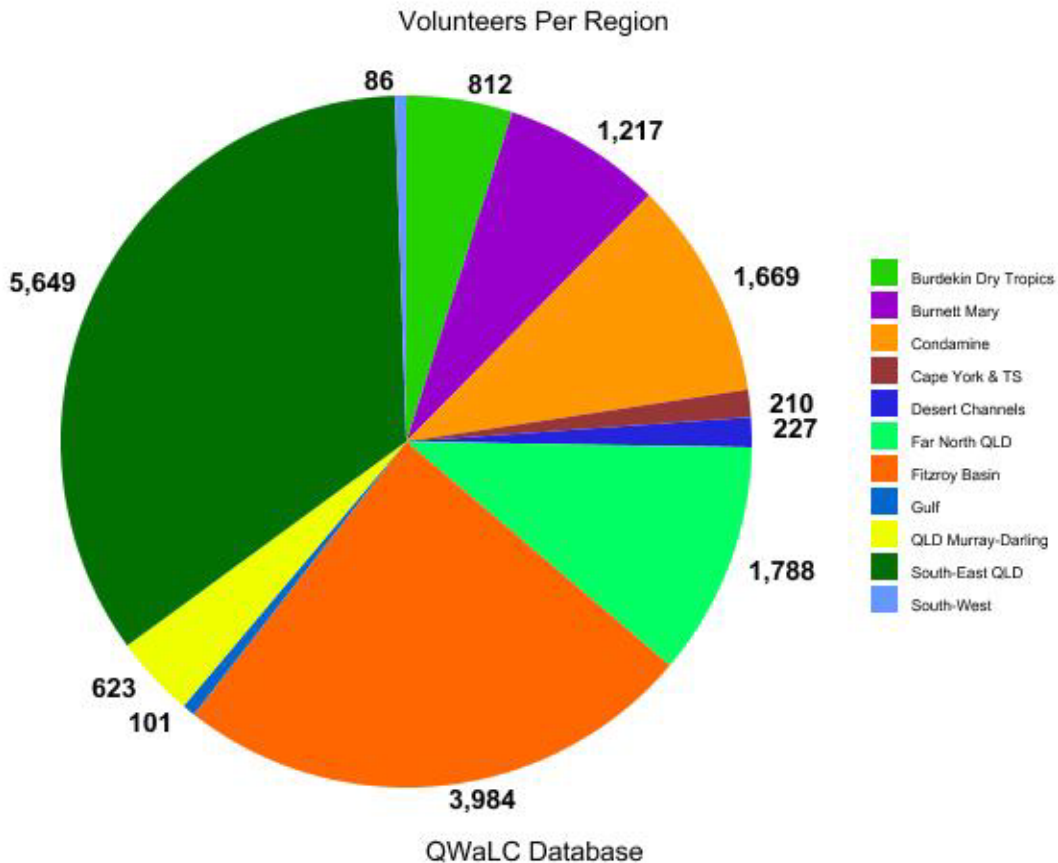
QWaLC supports and represents over 16,000 volunteers (See Figure 1.2) from community groups such as:

- Landcare,
- Coastcare,
- Bushcare,
- Waterwatch,
- Catchment management groups,
- Friends of...,
- Progress associations, and
- Environmental councils.

These volunteers contribute thousands of hours to maintaining, improving and sustaining our precious natural resources. They attract millions of dollars into Queensland each year via programs such as the National Landcare Program and Envirofund and through local partnerships formed with regional bodies and local governments. NRM volunteers value add significant in-kind contributions to match this cash attracted to Queensland's economy.

QWaLC are proud to represent these volunteers, promote their contributions and lobby governments, regional bodies and stakeholders to ensure they are supported and valued.

Figure 1.2



QWALC is the peak body for NRM volunteers in Queensland. Volunteers are the backbone of communities across Australia, providing valuable services in a range of areas including health, education, emergency services and environment. In Queensland we are fortunate to have thousands of volunteers involved with community groups in maintaining, conserving and restoring both our natural environment and productive farming land, ensuring sustainability for the natural resources that underpin our quality of life.

QWALC’s member groups are made up of a diverse range of individuals that encompass the spectrum of modern society. They also bring with them an extensive skills base ranging from professional and academic expertise to land-management experience. They all have a willingness to contribute their time and knowledge to ensure a sustainable future for their communities.

Given the extensive area of Queensland that is used for agriculture, the involvement of primary producers within the NRM volunteer sector is fundamental in extending land management beyond the bounds of profitability and into sustainability. This is clearly demonstrated in the high level of producer support for government incentive programs such as Envirofund and Natural Heritage Trust that require a demonstration of public benefit over private gain.

Board of Management

**South-East Queensland region:
Esma Armstrong, OAM**



Esma has been involved with landcare across the SEQ region since 1990. Her efforts have been acknowledged with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to the community and the environment. Esma also has a passionate interest in local history and heritage. Contact Esma on 07 5447 0135 or earmo@bigpond.com.

**Cape York and Torres Strait region:
Ian Adcock**



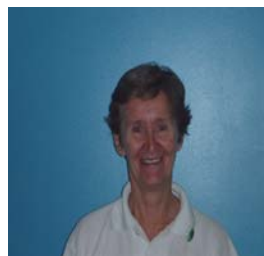
Ian is a founding member of the Laura-Normanby Catchment group. He undertakes NHT projects and strategic planning in the region and is very passionate about landcare on the Cape. Contact Ian on 07 4092 2019 or iansyl@bigpond.net.au.

**Burnett Mary region/Landcare
Australia Limited representative:
Paul Marshall**



Paul was the Burnett Mary Region's elected representative from 2003 - 2006. He has been involved with Gympie and Districts Landcare Group since 1989 and is currently the group's operations manager. Paul is also vice-chair of the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, and has just been selected by QWALC as the Queensland Director on the board of Landcare Australia Limited. Contact Paul on 0408 925 725 or marshall@spiderweb.com.au.

Fitzroy Basin region: Sandy Paton



Originally from Victoria, Sandy has been involved in landcare since the 1980s. Sandy also works with Central Queensland University to assist local groups with strategic planning and research. Contact Sandy on 07 4939 4504 or at sandypaton@bigpond.com.

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South-West region: Alan Travers

Alan is a grazier in the Cunnamulla District. He is also a councillor for the Paroo Shire, and was the founding chair for the Beechal Creek Landcare Group. Alan is keen to use QWaLC as a vehicle for NRM volunteers to get their message to government. Contact Alan on 07 4655 4814 or alanandlouise@bigpond.com.au.



Condamine region: Dr Diana Beal

Diana was inaugural Chair and Treasurer of the Rosalie Landcare Group and has been the Treasurer of the North-East Downs Landcare Group since its inception. She is currently an Associate Dean at USQ. Diana has also been a hay producer and contract haymaker and has run a Murray Grey herd. She is now a forester and is a vocal supporter of the commitment of land-holders and volunteers to landcare in her region. Contact Diana on 07 4630 7054 or beal@usq.edu.au.

**Burdekin Dry Tropics/Mackay
Whitsunday: Jim Meteyard**



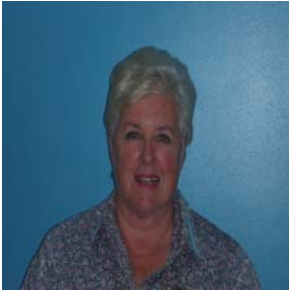
Jim Meteyard has worked on the land all his life and has been a member of landcare groups for 15 years. He is currently a member of the Upper Houghton Landcare Group and believes strongly in grassroots participation. Contact Jim on 07 4782 9002.

Far North Queensland: Joe Crawford



Joe Crawford is a grazier from the Malanda District. He has been a member of the Malanda Landcare Group for many years and is currently the president. Joe is an ex-teacher and former Shire councillor. He is now a breeder of Brahman-cross-Euro cattle. Joe is also a member of the Eacham Shire Pest Advisory Committee and a local ambulance committee member. Contact Joe on 07 4096 5180 or patrickjoe1@bigpond.com.

**Queensland Murray-Darling region:
Sue Ferguson**



Sue Ferguson is a member of Dirranbandi Landcare Group, the Maranoa-Balonne Catchment Management Association and the Waroo-Balonne Landcare Group. She is involved in Great Artesian Basin planning at state and federal levels. Her family also runs a cattle and cropping property. Contact Sue on 07 4625 0960 or ingie.1@bigpond.com.au.

**Desert Channels region:
Elizabeth Clark**



Elizabeth Clark is a member of the Longreach Landcare Group. Elizabeth believes that the concerns of landholders and volunteers west of the Great Divide must be heard. She is keen to hear from people in the region with an interest in landcare and can be contacted on 07 4658 2105 or leander1@bigpond.com.

**Australian Landcare Council:
Kirk Smith**

Kirk Smith manages a family-owned property near Charters Towers in North Queensland. Kirk has spent the last 15 years pursuing innovations which enable better grass and land management. Coupled with his industry experience he has also been heavily involved in the Landcare movement. He has served two terms on the State Landcare Council as the North Queensland representative and served for two years as the inaugural chairman of the Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Board. Kirk can be contacted on 07 4770 3313 or smithsdreghorn@bigpond.com.

Chair: Esma Armstrong, OAM
Deputy Chair: Sandy Paton
Treasurer: Dr Diana Beal

Regional Reports

Condamine

There are over 25 registered and member landcare groups in the Condamine region. Several of these groups have successfully accessed funding from both Commonwealth Government programs, such as Envirofund, as well as regional funding, primarily through the regional body (the Condamine Alliance).

The groups are performing well, although they have encountered problems along the way. Drought conditions in the Condamine region have put many projects, such as pasture projects, on hold. The distribution of regional funding is not without problems and where funding is not received, projects are left incomplete.

Landcare groups in the Condamine region use the services of prison crews to perform on-ground works. Although this assists the groups in getting work done, there are support costs involved for the local groups. Overall, though, the groups are working well with both local land-holders, local government and the regional body.

Dr Diana Beal

Burdekin Dry Tropics/Mackay/Whitsunday

With over 30 registered and member NRM groups in the Burdekin Dry Tropics and Mackay/Whitsundays regions, many projects are continuing in the area. Dalrymple Landcare is a large group, with about 20 subgroups as members. Dalrymple Landcare has had the benefit of a Landcare coordinator working for them this year, which has meant that many projects have gotten off the ground. Graziers in the region continue to show increasing levels of commitment to caring for their land, and the commitment to principles of sustainability by individuals is higher than ever.

Funding is sourced from both Commonwealth Government programs, such as Envirofund, and the two regional bodies in the area: the Burdekin Dry Tropics and Mackay Whitsundays NRM. The groups have recently benefited from the fact that both bodies are now spending money on the ground, having completed their planning stages.

Groups in both regions do encounter difficulties. The drought has affected NRM activity, as has a lack of funding to complete projects at the local level. Too often the workload falls on a few key group members, who subsequently are at risk from burnout. Groups continue to need assistance in writing project and grant applications, and there are not enough coordinators out there to help the groups do the job.

Jim Meteyard

Queensland Murray-Darling

Landcare is very active in the QMDC region, with over 15 landcare groups being registered as QWaLC members. Many projects are completed, involving riparian fencing, installing of new watering points and the establishment of wash-down bays for vehicles.

A major challenge in the QMDC region is tackling invasive weed species such as lippia, parthenium, Mother of Millions, and harrisia cactus. The QMDC region suffers from infestation by wild dogs, horses, rabbits and pigs, which are very destructive to locally sensitive environments. The drought also presents challenges to groups, with much time spent on keeping stock alive.

Groups in the QMDC region benefit from good relationships with the regional body, the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee. A number of Landcare coordinators are employed by QMDC and this is helpful for the groups. Groups have been successful in accessing funding from sources such as Envirofund, as well as commercial sponsorship from companies such as Waratah.

Sue Ferguson

Burnett Mary

NRM is a big issue in the Burnett Mary region, with over 30 care groups registered as QWaLC members. There are three large groups in the region - Barung Landcare, Noosa Landcare and Gympie and Districts Landcare - all of which have diversified into commercial ventures such as forestry and nurseries.

Care groups continue to source funds from a variety of programs, including the Commonwealth Government Envirofund, the National Landcare Program (NLP), local government, independent fundraising, and the regional body (Burnett Mary Regional Group). While funding has been available to groups throughout the region from the regional body, and several regional body staff are extremely committed to the Landcare ethic, there have been ongoing difficulties with the administrative arrangements for funding distribution and contracts with this body.

Regardless, work continues in this region, including traditional landcare activities as well as educational and extension services provided by the bigger groups. Weeds (including waterweeds) continue to be a problem in the area for many groups and land-holders. Further, the region is now facing a major challenge with the planning and implementation of the Traveston Crossing Dam.

Paul Marshall

Southern Gulf

Despite a low population density and a large land area, many individuals and groups in the Southern Gulf area are keen to support the Landcare ethic. There are about 20 groups in the area, with three or four of the groups fully functioning. Individual land-holders will often get together to tackle local landcare issues.

The regional body, Southern Gulf Catchments, has this year appointed a Landcare project officer. This will assist in reinvigorating many of the groups who currently do not have the time or resources to be active.

One of the bigger watercare groups in the region, the Mt Isa Fish Stocking Group, is helping to raise awareness about managing fish stocks. The activities of the group so far have included fish rescues, research, noxious-fish programs, building fish passages, and angler education for children.

Cape York and Torres Strait

There are a number of very active NRM groups in the Cape York region. The Mitchell River Catchment Group, which has Julatten Landcare Group, Irvinebank Landcare Group and Cattle Creek Landcare Group as subgroups, employs a coordinator and project officer who are funded by Northern Gulf Resource Management Group.

Laura-Normanby Catchment Management Group is in recession but has produced a strategic management plan for the catchment. Peninsula Pastoral Landcare Group received funds to carry out rehabilitation processes on Cape York. The Endeavour Valley Farmers and the Annan-Endeavour Catchment Group are also functioning well. The Annan-Endeavour Group have appointed a coordinator and started work on their strategic plan. The employment of coordinators has seen a rejuvenation of interest and subsequent increase in on-ground work occurring.

Cape York groups are very active and healthy, and during this period the Cape York Peninsula Development Association has been given the task of administering the Regional Investment Strategy and putting together a board of management for the regional body.

Ian Adcock

South-East Queensland

The SEQ region has a large number of groups (over 80 registered with QWaLC), with diverse natures and varied levels of involvement in on-ground work. Some groups have access to funding from regional bodies through community support officers, while others have accessed Envirofunds, local government community support for specific projects, and other forms of funding, such as the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund.

Awareness of caring for land in peri-urban and rural areas is very high. Most rural land-holders are applying industry codes of practice to their farm management systems, and are producing a 'Clean, Green' product.

In 2006, South East Queensland Water and Land Carers (SEQWaLC) held a meeting with the regional body, SEQ Catchments, to discuss the new agreements and arrangements with the merger of the two previous regional bodies into one. At this meeting a proposal was accepted in relation to funding for future SEQWaLC meetings. In future, SEQ Catchments and local governments will sponsor meetings in their respective areas.

SEQWaLC continues to distribute its regular newsletter, 'Bits & Pieces', to all registered groups in the region, as well as to politicians, government agencies and local government.

Esma Armstrong

Fitzroy Basin

Landcare is a very important activity in the Fitzroy Basin, with more than 40 care groups registered with QWaLC. In this region, the grassroots landcare groups are still one of the most effective groups in raising community awareness of land-management issues, and building a critical mass of broad community involvement in sustainable NRM.

In addition, groups have taken on other roles. The Clermont Landcare Group has been involved in negotiations with mining companies regarding the local water supply for primary producers. The Wowan Dululu Group has obtained state government funding to address acid sulfate soils in the Mt Morgan Mine area. And the Capricorn Coast Landcare Group is heavily involved in Junior Landcare activities.

The regional body, the Fitzroy Basin Association, has also established neighbourhood catchment groups, where groups of land-holders work together towards sustainable NRM. These groups have been successful in many areas and have good access to funding. Other groups in the region have found that with reduced access to funding and resources, they have had to reduce their operations or go into recession.

Sandy Paton

South-West

NRM group members and land-holders continue to be supportive of the concept of regional natural resource management, and work well with the regional body, South-West NRM. Although groups are fairly inactive on the ground, many NRM group members participate in regional body activities, such as training days.

Most of the landcare groups in the South-West have reduced their operations due to the drought. However, group members and land-holders continue to express a willingness to become active again when the drought breaks.

Alan Travers

Wet Tropics

With over 20 care groups registered with QWaLC in the Far North Queensland region, landcare in the tropics is generally very active. Groups include conservation groups, industry groups, and traditional Landcare groups. Landcare coordinators continue to be very important in the administration and management of landcare projects and assist the groups to perform well.

Landcare groups have a good relationship with the regional body, FNQNRM. Local coordinators communicate regularly with FNQNRM staff.

In 2006, Cyclone Larry temporarily halted our endeavours. However, the devastating effects of the cyclone have prompted people in Far North Queensland to be more selective in planting appropriate trees and questioning their impact on the natural environment.

Joe Crawford

Desert Channels

Desert Channels is the largest and driest region in the state, but still has a number of NRM groups registered with QWaLC. A lot of these groups are dormant, but get up and running quickly when a big issue arises, such as weed and feral animal control. There is also now a growing awareness that the cactus problem in Western Queensland is much bigger than was previously believed.

There is a growing awareness in the region that the regional body, Desert Channels, can offer valuable assistance and support.

Unfortunately with the drought, non-urgent matters are not given the time they deserve. People are trying to keep stock alive, and do not have any additional time and resources to attend to landcare issues. Everyone is aware of the issues but are unable to do much about them.

Elizabeth Clark

Landcare Australia Limited

The board of QWaLC includes a representative from the Landcare Australia Limited (LAL) board. LAL is the national organisation which promotes and arranges sponsorship for the Landcare movement.

LAL works on many projects, including publications on Landcare farming, projects to do with carbon trading, and sponsorship from major corporations such as Sony. Where LAL does not have a state office (as is the case in Queensland), it looks to develop relationships with organisations such as QWaLC.

LAL also focuses on promotions, such as the Landcare Online website and the regular LAL page in the journal 'Australian Landcare', which is distributed by QWaLC in Queensland. It is also responsible for the running of the National Landcare Awards, which took place in October 2006, and assists states to run the State Landcare Awards, which will next run in August 2007 in Queensland.

Paul Marshall

Australian Landcare Council

The board of QWALC includes a representative from the Australian Landcare Council (ALC). ALC is a national advisory body to the Commonwealth Departments for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry as well as the Environment and Heritage. Advice from the ALC is thus directly received by Ministers McGauran and Campbell.

There are currently over 15 councillors working for the ALC. These councillors are from all of the states and territories as well as local government, the conservation movement, farmers and the forest industry. The ALC meets four times a year and by canvassing the Landcare movement across Australia develops in-depth submissions on a variety of issues. Previous submissions have covered areas such as the Landcare facilitator and coordinator network, and the future of Australian Government funding of programs past June 2008.

The ALC is an effective mechanism to influence government policy. All Queensland Landcare groups are encouraged to provide feedback to the ALC through QWALC.

Kirk Smith

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Appendix 1: Financial statements 2005/2006

QUEENSLAND WATER AND LAND CARERS INC.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Grants	200,000	266,363
Interest	7,436	2,118
Sponsorships	24,264	-
Donations	-	3,530
Other income	930	1,013
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	232,630	273,024
EXPENSES		
Employment Expenses	92,032	76,187
Office Expenses	59,769	41,532
Conference Registrations	17,103	9,502
Depreciation	991	735
Sponsorship/Promotion	19,754	10,000
Reimbursement to NRMSEQ	-	1,928
Consultants	-	14,799
Other Expenses	899	-
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	190,548	154,683
Operating Profit	<hr/>	<hr/>
	42,082	118,341
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE INCOME TAX	<hr/>	<hr/>
	42,082	118,341
Income Tax Expense	-	-
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	42,082	118,341

Appendix 2: Registered groups per region.

Statewide:

Queensland Landcare Foundation
Queensland Mycological Society Inc.

South-East Queensland:

Atkinson/Buaraba Catchment Landcare Group	Maroochy Landcare Group Inc.
Australian Freshwater Turtle Conservation & Research Association	Maroochy Mooloola Catchment Coordinating Association Inc.
Barung Landcare Association Inc.	Maroochy Waterwatch Inc.
Beaudesert Landcare Group Inc.	Men of the Trees
Beechmont Landcare	Moggill Creek Catchment Management Group Inc.
Bellthorpe Progress Association Inc.	Mooloolah River Waterwatch & Landcare Inc.
Biggera & District Landcare	Moreton Bay Coastcare
Boonah & District Landcare Inc.	Moreton Bay Environmental Alliance
Bremer Catchment Association Inc	Mt Nebo/Mt Glorious Environmental Protection Association
Brisbane Valley-Kilcoy Landcare Group Inc.	Mudgeeraba Catchment Management Group
Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee Inc.	Night Eyes Association Inc.
Caboolture Region ICM Group	Noosa Integrated Catchment Association Inc.
Communities for Sustainable Futures-McPherson Range Group Inc.	Norman Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee (N4C) Inc.
Coolum District Coast Care Group	North East Landcare & Catchment Management Group
Coomera River Catchment Group	North Pumicestone Waterwatch NRMSEQ
Crows Nest Creek Catchment Group	Numinbah Valley Landcare Group
Currimundi Catchment Care Group	Oxley Creek Catchment Association Inc.
Dayboro District Landcare Group	Oxley Creek Environment Group
Elanora Wetlands Bushcare Group	Peregian Beach Community Association
Emu Creek Catchment Landcare Group Inc.	Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group Inc.
Erapah Creek Catchment Landcare Association Inc.	Pine Rivers Catchment Association
FEAT Blackbutt/Benarkin	Pullen Pullen Catchments Group
Forest Farmers Association	Pumicestone Region Catchment Coordination Association Inc.
Friends of CREEC Association Inc.	Queensland Litter Prevention Alliance
Friends of Currumbin	Redcliffe Environmental Forum
Friends of Federation Walk Inc.	Richmond Birdwing Recovery Network
Friends of Lagoon Creek Group Inc.	Rosalie North Landcare Group Inc.
Friends of Oxley Common Inc.	Save Our Waterways Now (SOWN)
Friends of Stradbroke Island	Scenic Rim Farm Foresters
Gold Coast & Hinterland Environment Council Assoc. Inc	Six Mile. Woogaroo & Goodna Creeks Catchments Group
Gold Coast Catchment Association	South East Queensland Catchments Ltd
Helidon Hills/Murphys Creek Landcare Group Inc.	South East Queensland Western Catchments Group Inc.
Lockyer Catchment Association	South Stradbroke Island Landcare Group
Loders Creek ICM Community Association	Springbrook Catchment Management Landcare Group Inc.
Logan & Albert Conservation Association Inc.	Stanley River Action Group
Logan & Albert Rivers Catchment Association Inc.	Stumer Creek Catchment Care Committee
Manduka Community Settlement Co-op	Sunshine Coast Environment Council Inc.
	Sunshine Coast Groundwater Investigation Group

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Sunshine Coast Riverwatch & Seabird Rescue Inc.
Sustainable Ecotourism Noosa Association
Tallebudgera Catchment Care Group
Tamborine Mountain Landcare Inc.
The Hut Environmental and Community Association
The Web Incorporated, Brisbane Region Environment Council

Upper Brisbane Region Catchment Network Inc.
Vera Street Community Garden Inc.
West Moreton Landcare group Inc.
Marraman Creek Environment Group

Cape York/Torres Strait:

Annan Endeavour Catchment Management Group
Cape Protects Group
Mitchell River Watershed Management Group Inc.
Moola Creek Landcare Group
Peninsula Pastoralist Landcare Committee
Weipa Catchment Coordinating Group Inc.

Burnett Mary:

Auburn River Landcare Group
Baffle Creek Catchment Management Group Inc.
Barung Landcare Association Inc.
Boyne Landcare Group
Brooweena Landcare Group
Bundaberg & District
 Urban Landcare Association Inc.
Burnett Catchment Care Association Inc.
Central Burnett Land Management Advisory Group Inc.
Djaku-Nde & Jangerie Jangerie
 Aboriginal Corporation
Fraser Island Defenders Organisation (Ltd)
Friends of the Burrum River System Group (Inc.)
Gaeta & District Progress & Landcare Association
Gayndah Landcare Group Inc.
Gympie & District Landcare Group Inc.
Isis Landcare Group Inc.
Kenilworth & District Landcare Group
Kingaroy Landcare Group

Kolan Shire Landcare Association Inc.
Lower Mary River Landcare & Catchment
Maroochy Landcare Group Inc.
Mary River Catchment Coordinating Association Inc.
Miriam Vale Rural Science and Landcare Society Inc.
Nanango & District Landcare Groups
Noosa & District Landcare Group Inc.
North Burnett Landcare Group Inc.
Residents of Coonarr Beach
Smalls Creek Landcare Group Inc.
St Johns Creek Landcare Action Group
South Burnett Landcare Project Committee
South East Burnett Landcare Group Inc.
Sunshine Coast Groundwater Investigation Group
Tannum Boyne Coastcare
Tiara and District Landcare Group Inc.
Upper Boyne Landcare Association
Wondai Landcare Group
Woongarra Coast Monitoring and Education Project

Fitzroy:

Alpha/Jericho Landcare Committee
Baralaba Landcare Inc.
Bauhinia Landcare Group
Bogantungan Reserve Committee
Callide Valley Landcare Group

Calliope Soil Conservation Association
Capricorn Coast Landcare Group Inc.
Central Highlands Natural Resource Management Group
Central Queensland Forest Association Inc.

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Clermont District Landcare Association Inc.
Comet Sustainable Farming Association Inc.
Dawson Catchment Coordinating Association
Duaranga 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
Taroom Shire Landcare Inc.
Tannum Boyne Coastcare
The Caves District Landcare Association Inc.
Theodore Landcare Group
Ulam-Raglan Landcare
Waterwatch
Wowan Dululu Landcare Group
Wycarbah & District Landcare Group Inc

South-West:

Bulloo Catchment Coordinating Committee
South West NRM Ltd
Upper Dawson Landcare 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 Inc.
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 Inc.
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

Burdekin/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 Inc.

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Hann Creek Landcare Group
Haughton River Catchment
Coordination Committee
Herveys Range Landcare Group
Keelbottom Landcare Group
Lower Burdekin Landcare Association Inc.
Lower Cape River Landcare Group
Lynd Landcare Group Inc.
Mackay Landcare Group Inc.
Magnetic Island Nature Care Association
Mingela North Landcare Group
Mt Leyshon Landcare Group
OUCH Volunteers

Pentland Landcare Group
Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group Inc.
Ravenswood District Landcare Group
Riparian Zone Management Committee
(Cape River Catchment)
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
Whitsunday Catchment Landcare

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 Inc.
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.
Malanda & Upper Johnstone Catchment Landcare Group
Mitchell River Watershed Management Group Inc.
Mt Fox District Landcare Group
Mt Garnet & District Landcare Group Inc.
Mulgrave Landcare & Catchment Group Inc.
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)

Queensland Murray-Darling:

Border Rivers Catchment Management Association
Dirranbandi Landcare Group Inc.
Granite Borders Landcare Committee
Maranoa Balonne Catchment
Management Association Inc.
Maranoa Regional Landcare Association
Mitchell & District Landcare Association Inc.
Murilla Landcare Group Inc.

Nindigully Landcare Group Inc.
Queensland Murray Darling Committee Inc.
Roma Community Garden
Tara & District Landcare Group
Waggamba Landcare Group Inc.
Warroo Balonne Region Landcare Inc.
Warroo Shire Landcare Group

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Desert Channels:

Desert Uplands Build Up & Development
Strategy Committee
Aramac Landcare Group
Blue Bush Landcare
Channel Landcare
Desert Channels Queensland
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
Wockingham Landcare
Wokingam Landcare Group Inc.

Northern/Southern Gulf:

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.