



QWaLC Board Quarterly Update

March '25

March Board Meeting: 12/03/2025

Hi everyone,

Here's the latest from QWaLC Board! We appreciate all the incredible work you do, and we're excited to share some updates on what's happening across the network.

Weathering the Storm – Disaster Impacts on Member Groups

It's been a tough few months, with many of our groups affected by fires, droughts, and floods. We know these challenges put extra strain on your efforts, and we want to acknowledge the resilience and dedication you bring to your communities. If there's anything QWaLC can do to support you, please reach out.

Connecting with the New Government

With the new Crisafulli Government in place, we've been busy building relationships and ensuring your voices are heard. In February, our Chair, Vice-Chair, and CEO met with key ministers to discuss the important work you do. Some highlights:

- ✓ **Department of Primary Industries (DPI):** QWaLC was invited to contribute to a 25-year blueprint for a thriving sector at the Queensland Primary Industries Forum.
- ✓ **Department of Natural Resources & Mines (NRM):** We explored future investment opportunities for QWaLC and its members.
- ✓ **Hon. Pat Weir MP (Speaker of the House):** Landcare initiatives and how to strengthen support for groups like yours were key topics.
- ✓ **Burnett Mary Director Chris Cameron:** Met with Hon. Dale Last MP to discuss fire ant management and potential partnerships.

Strengthening Our Volunteer Community

💡 Our Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary attended the **Qld Volunteering Conference** in February to gain fresh insights into volunteer engagement.

💡 QWaLC has also submitted a report for the **Inquiry into Volunteering in Queensland** and will be speaking at a public hearing on 26 March at Mercure Kawana (9:30–11:30 AM). If you're interested, we'd love to see you there!

National Landcare Network (NLN) Update

At a national level, the NLN continues to advocate for Landcare across Australia, ensuring stronger support and recognition for all the great work happening on the ground.

QWaLC Membership – Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to the 85% of groups that have already renewed their membership! Your updated details help us advocate for you and secure insurance for the next 12 months. If your group hasn't renewed yet, there's still time. Insurance certificates will be issued after March, so please keep your details current.

Welcome to Our New Members!

Over the past three months, we've welcomed new groups from all over Queensland:

- 🌿 3 from Cape York
- 🌿 12 from South East Queensland
- 🌿 2 from the Wet Tropics
- 🌿 1 each from Burnett Mary, Burdekin Dry Tropics, and Mackay Whitsunday

We're thrilled to have you on board!

QWaLC Elections – Get Involved!

Later this year, we'll be looking for new regional directors in:

- Qld Murray Darling
- Northern & Southern Gulf
- South West Qld
- South East Qld
- Wet Tropics
- Condamine

If you're passionate about Landcare and community engagement, consider putting your hand up! The Northern & Southern Gulf and Condamine directors will be stepping down, and other directors may reapply.

QWaLC Turns 21! 🎉



This year marks QWaLC's 21st anniversary! It's a big milestone, and we'll be celebrating the incredible volunteers who have helped build this strong, vibrant network. Stay tuned for events happening across the state.

Naturally Together Sessions – Coming Soon!

Our online **Naturally Together** sessions will be back soon! Keep an eye on your inbox for dates, times, and topics.

Upcoming Events

- 📅 **National Volunteer Week:** 19–25 May 2025
- 📅 **Next QWaLC Board Meeting:** 11 June 2025
- 📅 **National Landcare Conference:** Early Bird Registration closes 1 April 2025 – don't miss out!

Thanks for everything you do to support Queensland's land and water! We're always here if you need anything—reach out anytime.

Cheers,
The QWaLC Team