



Accountability • Innovation • Teamwork
Passion • Integrity • Empowerment

Annual Report 2016-17



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THIS YEAR...

Saw 137 businesses participate in Grazing BMP, 17 achieve accreditation and the first 3 re-accredited in the Fitzroy Basin (which is home to nearly 25% of Queensland's 10.6 million cattle, making BMP a critical tool in facilitating a sustainable grazing industry).



The first online restoration guide specific to Capricorn and Curtis coasts was completed. It is available free to anyone involved in rehabilitating natural areas.

FBA supported 29 community groups to deliver environmental projects, training activities and events across the region.



Working with landholders:

47 workshop and training events, 21 locations, 1150 participants

NLP Community Grants:

6 projects, 15 events, 42 project sites, 613 community volunteers



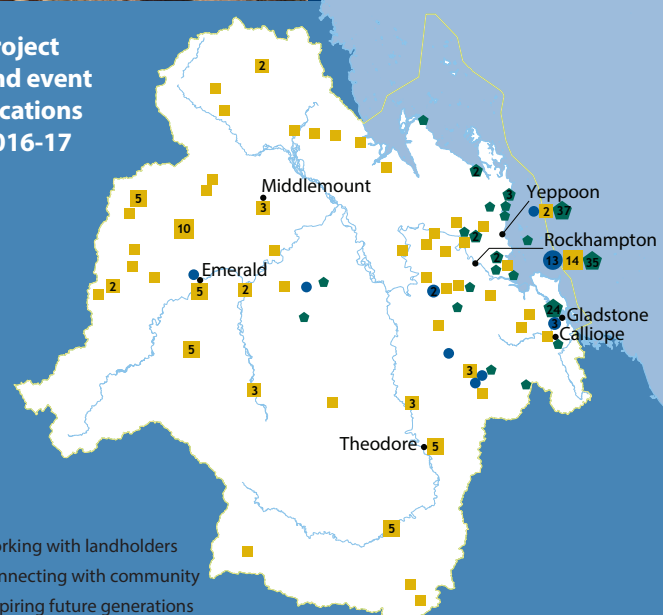
A paradigm shift saw \$100k NLP community grants distributed to community-determined projects, a significant change away from historically prescriptive projects.



\$9.3 million was invested in project delivery across the Fitzroy Basin matched by \$795,000 in-kind invested by landholders, community groups and other organisations.



Project and event locations 2016-17



Empowering



“Getting the support and financial assistance from FBA was exactly what we needed to enable us to undertake these projects, instead of putting them off until we could financially afford them ourselves.”

Jeff Cook, Etonvale, Gully Erosion mitigation participant



“I’ve achieved more than I expected and I think the program exceeded what I expected – without it I’d be struggling let me put it that way. It’s completely changed the grazing situation – I’ve definitely got stock quieter, increased groundcover and animal performance is improving.”

Louis Moore, Dovecot, on Grazing BMP and Promoting A-Class Grazing



“I have been involved with FBA for many years, firstly through Nebo Broadsound Landcare Group. I always try to attend any workshops being conducted, and my involvement with Reef Trust was initiated from these workshops.”

Elaine Neilson, Annadale, on workshops and Promoting A-Class Grazing



“Working with Capricornia Catchments and FBA has enabled us to broaden our reach and deliver incredible projects in our local community. They’ve provided the support and encouragement so crucial to getting our ideas and passions from idea stage to fruition.”

Mikala Maloney, Gen Yadaba (youth group), Community Grant recipient



FLOW visitor centre:

76 education sessions,
24 different schools
and groups,
3100+ participants

individuals, community,
and industry to make positive changes

“I hear... ‘That’s the fella from FLOW’... and I think it’s great to have that reputation. As a not-for-profit, FBA is in an excellent position to bridge the gap between landholders and the reef. The younger generation are very aware of what’s going on in the environment and the sustainability argument... we look toward productivity in a sustainable way.”

Peter van Gestel,
FBA Education Officer



“I love my job because I get to be there when producers have their ‘light bulb’ moment; that’s when I know things are going to change.”

Katie Crozier,
FBA Grazing BMP Coordinator



“It’s about the product we bring to natural resource management. We’re at the forefront of NRM – we have the ability and reputation to deliver.”

Catherine Parfitt,
FBA Governance Officer



“No matter the size of the property, we empower landholders to make the changes they need to thrive. There’s nothing better than seeing a smile on a landholder’s face, that’s when you know you’re doing your job well.”

Reece Brooks,
FBA Land Management Officer



“Success in our role is the continued involvement of the landholders, they keep coming back to us which means FBA is doing the right thing by them.”

Johnelle Stevens, FBA Senior Land Management Officer



Creating a sustainable future and
celebrating achievements with

In 2016-17

5.7 tonnes of rubbish removed from public reserves and parklands by community groups



202,276 cane toads and tadpoles removed from Fitzroy Basin waterways



9875 seedlings planted by community members to restore natural areas



Helping Mt Etna threatened species:

In two years, 100 community participants have revegetated 5.5ha with 8300 seedlings to protect ghost bats and semi-evergreen vine thicket

Changing land management practices:

40 property planning visits, 20 project sites, 42 regional locations



213,076 road kms travelled to deliver property visits, events and workshops

Over 120,000ha of feral animal and 846ha weed control work delivered across private and public land



Protecting endangered Fitzroy River Turtles:

Since 2014 we have tripled the number of protected nests

Over 6800 Facebook fans and 1000 Twitter followers



8 Totally Wild episodes live to air featuring local endangered species, marine debris, pest fish, revegetation and agricultural improvement projects



Community Project:

5 Rocks Clean Up – 24 hours, 50 volunteers, 1.1 tonnes of rubbish removed



passion



Fitzroy Basin Association excels in achieving, a testament to the quality of our people and the merit of our projects. Collaborations and partnerships are FBA's binding force.

In the past year, we've celebrated key achievements, exceeding one million hectares self-assessed by landholders through Grazing BMP, and awarding the program's first re-accreditation.

Our BMP programs were applauded in the Draft Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan 2017-2022, as key measures for agribusiness to improve productivity, profitability and sustainability. This recognition is particularly meaningful to FBA as it illustrates our ability to care for country while continuing to lead the way as Australia's beef powerhouse.

The past year has brought its inevitable challenges, the most widespread following Cyclone Debbie. Our communities were tested - yet remained strong, resilient and community bound.

Looking ahead, I am impassioned for our region's future. Our environment is a key and influencing element upon us all, and through FBA's guidance, I am assured of its continued prosperity.

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink, consisting of a large 'I' and a sweeping 'M'.

Ian MacGibbon
Chair

Delivering projects and conducting business
with personal and professional

With the CQSS:2030 clearly setting our direction for FBA's future activities, I am honoured to be working with our very passionate and professional team who continue to deliver programs that promote reef health, water quality and thriving ecosystems throughout the catchment. These not only support the health and wellbeing of our Fitzroy Basin community and businesses, they are integral to achieving broader economic development and integration goals for Queensland.

Our program delivery models are among the best in Australia, and it is with great pride we share this snapshot of our achievements in 2016-17. While the coming year brings new challenges, I remain confident our board, staff, and delivery partners will lead the way, together empowering community and landholders to implement best practices that safeguard our collective future.

In closing, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Ian for his astute leadership as Chair over the last four years and wish him all the best in the years ahead. A new Board will bring equally innovative approaches that will see us continue to improve in the year ahead.



Paul Birch
CEO



integrity



This year FBA was the only region in QLD to receive funding for capacity development from DAF through the Reef Extension and Education Coordination program. Our initiative delivered professional development for extension staff from six organisations through a cross-regional, cross-industry and cross-discipline tour.

Topics included farm diversification, riverbank stabilisation, soil health, grazing land management, methane reduction studies, grazing trials and reef based research.

Connecting the next generation of consumers with production and environment, FLOW welcomed its 22,000th visitor and celebrated its 5th birthday. The only NRM centre of its kind in Queensland, this year FLOW installed CQ's first augmented reality sandbox (the 2nd in QLD), which helps visitors understand landscape processes in a hands-on way.



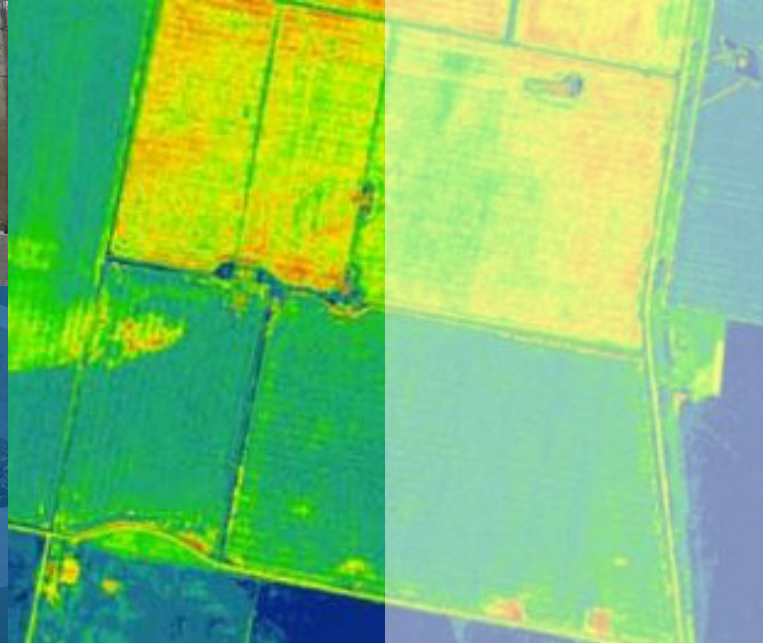
Using innovation



2016-17 marks the commencement of Fitzroy Basin's first Strategic Cropping Lands programme, a State Government initiative mitigating the loss of productive agricultural land to the mining industry. Over the next 2 years, projects in our region will incubate new technology-based businesses that offer farmers new precision agriculture tools and techniques. These will assist farmers in lowering input requirements whilst also boosting production, helping ensure a more robust system for food production into our future.



Recent alterations to the Fitzroy Barrage Fish Passage have significantly improved upstream passage for native fish, helping to promote successful breeding cycles and future recruitment. Now recording the highest usage in Australia (an estimated 3.8 million fish per year), the passage provides 24 hour access upstream for 95% of tidal conditions. News of this success spread overseas to south-east Asia. Other fish habitat improvements included installing 10 fish hotels in Yeppen Lagoon, Rockhampton.



to achieve better outcomes
and greater efficiencies

Statement of Financial Position For year ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on hand	\$11,194,169	\$9,626,167
Accounts receivable and other debtors	\$221,320	\$ 67,973
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$11,415,489	\$9,694,140
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	\$164,123	\$ 231,376
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$164,123	\$ 231,376
TOTAL ASSETS	\$11,579,612	\$ 9,925,516
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other payables	\$7,586,107	\$ 6,626,756
Provisions	\$520,656	\$ 439,675
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$8,106,763	\$ 7,066,431
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other payables	-	-
Provisions	\$147,844	\$ 137,837
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$147,844	\$ 137,837
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$8,254,606	\$ 7,204,268
NET ASSETS	\$ 3,325,006	\$ 2,721,248
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	\$3,325,006	\$ 2,721,248
TOTAL EQUITY	\$3,325,006	\$ 2,721,248

Statement of Comprehensive Income For year ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
REVENUE	13,416,631	16,958,451
EXPENDITURE		
Employee	(2,980,708)	(2,975,184)
Depreciation	(103,959)	(67,438)
Project	(9,324,129)	(13,243,633)
Sundry	(404,077)	(426,065)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(12,812,873)	(16,712,320)
CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS BEFORE INCOME TAX	603,758	246,131
NET CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS	603,758	246,131
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	603,758	246,131

This is an abridged version. A full copy of the Fitzroy Basin Association financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 is available by contacting: 07 4999 2800 | admin@fba.org.au

Accountability and teamwork



We service an area of over 156,000 square kilometres



We worked with 81 delivery partners including community groups, industry and cultural experts, private businesses, non-profit organisations and Federal, State and local government departments



Together we engaged with 45 schools, 1232 landholders, and reached 92 regional centres and townships in the Fitzroy Basin



Our projects injected \$7.3 million into the local economy through local contractors. Less than 10% was spent on administration and governance



ensure we invest wisely
and achieve more together.

OUR VISION:

inspired and empowered communities who value our natural assets

Fitzroy Basin Association is one of 56 Natural Resource Management groups in Australia, and one of 14 in Queensland. Together with our regional partners, we empower our region with the resources, knowledge and skills to maintain our natural assets for future generations.



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