

ANNUAL REPORT

2017-2018

Inspiring & empowering communities for 21 years



SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Mustering at 'Charlevue', Dingo
Photo: Jane Saunders

\$13,314,300

spent on project delivery

9.35%

of this figure was
delivered directly
to landholders

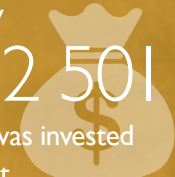


\$13,650,715

invested into the
local economy

\$11,932,501

of this figure was invested
by government



91,247 km

travelled on
road by FBA
project officers



64

workshops, events
and training days held




30 
Fish hotels installed

7 
shipwrecks
removed,
weighing
a total of 51.5 tonnes

55 
tonnes of
marine debris
removed

1432 
trees planted

15 
FBA conducted
eDNA testing at
15 sites, with
zero detectable increase
in Tilapia

IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

Humpback whales, Keppel Bay
Photo: Pacific Pixels

PROTECT SPECIAL PLACES & UNIQUE SPECIES

'Gudda Gumoo' Blackdown Tablelands National Park
Photo: Nathan White Images

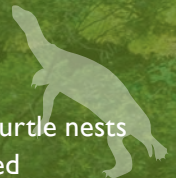
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Bridled nailtail wallabies:
the highest recorded
population since
conservation efforts began



93

Fitzroy river turtle nests
were protected



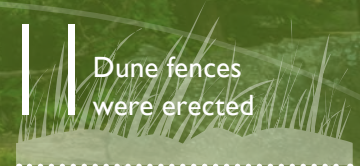
238 km

The distance walked
by detection dogs
across the region for
predator control



11

Dune fences
were erected



1,297,140

Cane toads
eradicated



WORK IN PARTNERSHIP

Indigenous fire management training workshop at Aldoga, Gladstone
Photo: Strong Images

1614

project volunteers



1974

participants and
18 school groups through
the FLOW Visitor Centre



3

more indigenous
corporations engaged
across the region –
9 in total



FBA's

FIRST

podcast series
The Ripple Effect





Photos:
Blink Photography

As my inaugural year as Chair for FBA draws to a close, I become increasingly proud of the organisation and still continue to learn after seven years involvement on the Board.

I have been continually impressed by all the work behind the scenes to make on-ground achievements happen. A dynamic environment nurtures innovation – and watching how FBA adapts is compelling to observe.

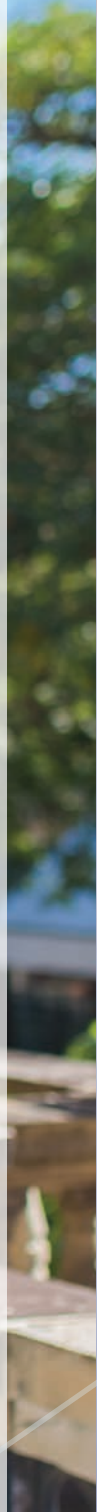
A personal highlight for me has been watching the region respond to the rich quality of workshops and presenters. It demonstrates landholders are keen to innovate, learn and take hold of opportunities to diversify and improve.

Sean Conaghan
Chair

As a grazier myself, FBA's strong reputation and allegiance to our industry was a driving factor in my decision to join the Board. I am extremely proud to fully comprehend the passion that underpins our team and our work.

It has been another big year, highlighted by Joel Salatin presentations across the region. I congratulate the team for their day-to-day commitment towards a sustainable future for central Queensland.

FBA has a proud history in adapting and overcoming to meet strategic goals. It is with great pride that in FBA's 21st year, I form part of the leadership team ready to deliver on another year of exciting prospects.



Another impressive year for FBA began with the appointment of a new Chairman of the Board. Sean had been a Board member for seven years, and was very familiar with our operations, so the transition has been seamless.

Significant changes to the service delivery model took effect on 1 July 2018. The Board's ongoing commitment to a greater return-on-investment and increased accountability saw FBA enter a new phase with our greatest ever on-ground presence. We sincerely thank our delivery partners for many prosperous years, and look forward to working alongside you into the future in an adapted capacity. The timing for this transformation comes as key projects finish and new ventures begin. The conclusion of four large-

Paul Birch
Chief Executive Officer

scale projects that FBA have worked on since 2013 instigate a period of reflection and transparency. Each of these projects have exceeded expectations and their legacy has imprinted every reach of the region. Combined, they have delivered an extraordinary 9.6% reduction in sediment load entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon from our catchment.

Looking ahead, we will review the CQSS: 2030 plan, commence major streambank restoration projects and continue to work with landholders at Best Management Practice workshops.

I am pleased to be leading our team into the next phase of the FBA history with continued enthusiasm and excitement. May the incoming year be full of great highlights and achievements.



“I was watching this beautiful tall green grass on the side of the road and thinking how productive and prolific and vegetated it was—and right across the fence in the fields it’s flogged out—and my heart breaks for that.

And it turns out the hearts of the FBA folk breaks for that too—we are desperate for land healing.”

Joel Salatin

EMPOWER COMMUNITIES

Cotton fields, Central Highlands
Photo: Kelly Butterworth

The Future
Face of Ag
with Joel Salatin

4 days 

2 locations 

256 attendees 

Reaching land managers
responsible for

898,931 ha
of land

with attendees from as far
as New Zealand, Adelaide
and Atherton Tablelands



“This award was great recognition for the work that myself and FBA put into my gully erosion project. FBA have helped me through their project funding to build new on farm infrastructure (fences and water), which has helped me greatly with the grazing management of my cattle property.

I would recommend talking to FBA as they have some great opportunities for training and on ground project funding”.

Dan Bishop was recognised as a 2017 Reef Champion for reducing sediment run-off from his property. Modelling estimates his land management practices saves 123 tonnes of sediment washing off his property every year since working with FBA.

Dan Bishop
Hill End Farms and Reef Sediment award recipient



Dan Bishop accepting the 2017 Reef Sediment Champion Award. Photo: Susie Cunningham

CELEBRATE INNOVATION



“The resilience and adaptability of CQ graziers is impressive. I’m so grateful to FBA for giving me the opportunity to put all my acquired knowledge into action.”

Erin Baldwin
FBA Project Officer

Erin was FBA’s first Reef Extension graduate, as funded by the Queensland Government and Queensland Farmers Federation.



Beef Australia
2018:
4000+

school students visited
FBA’s exhibit



“It’s amazing of FBA to bring gurus in the industry to CQ farmers.”

Blue Sky Heritage Eggs, located in Biloela, is a producer of pastured, free range-eggs and handmade gourmet pasta.

Brenda Lipsys
Blue Sky Heritage Eggs Biloela
and workshop attendee

LONG TERM SUCCESS

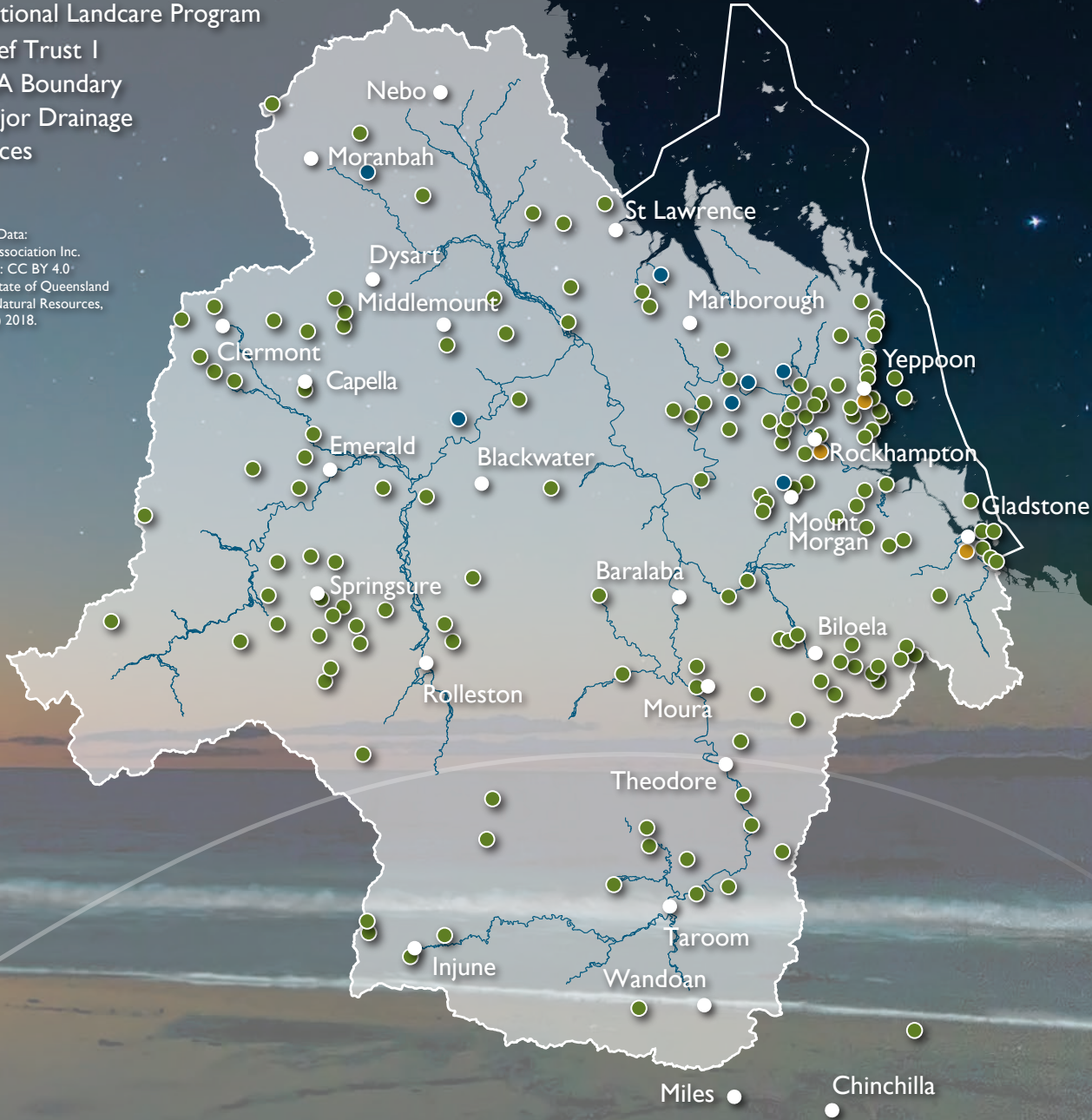
30 June 2018 marked the conclusion of several long-term projects led by FBA. Combined, these projects have left an enduring legacy in every corner of our 156 000km² region.

This map illustrates the breadth of work delivered by FBA with funding from the Australian Government.

Full moon, looking east over Keppel Bay from Emu Park Main Beach
Photo: Glenn Adamus

- Caring for our Creeks
- National Landcare Program
- Reef Trust I
- ▭ FBA Boundary
- Major Drainage
- Places

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Statement of Financial Position
for year ended 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on hand	\$12,251,431	\$11,194,169
Accounts receivable and other debtors	\$147,149	\$221,320
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$12,398,580	\$11,415,489
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	\$188,292	\$164,123
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$188,292	\$164,123
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,586,872	\$11,579,612
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other payables	\$8,267,479	\$7,586,107
Provisions	\$569,829	\$520,656
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$8,837,308	\$8,106,763
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other payables	\$ -	\$ -
Provisions	\$134,930	\$147,843
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$134,930	\$147,843
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$8,972,238	\$8,254,606
NET ASSETS	\$3,614,634	\$3,325,006
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	\$3,614,634	\$3,325,006
TOTAL EQUITY	\$3,614,634	\$3,325,006

Statement of Comprehensive Income
for year ended 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
REVENUE	\$14,102,831	\$13,416,631
EXPENDITURE		
Employee	\$3,253,396	\$2,980,708
Depreciation	\$73,203	\$103,959
Project	\$10,051,113	\$9,324,129
Sundry	\$435,491	\$404,077
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$13,813,203	\$12,812,873
NET CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS	\$289,628	\$603,758

This is an abridged version. A full copy of the Fitzroy Basin Association financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 is available by contacting:
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