



STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2025

Vision

The condition of waterways within the Scenic Rim Region will be enhanced through undertaking waterway works and partnerships that promote sustainable waterway use and promote positive engagement in their management and ecological function.

Purpose

The Trust is a statutory body constituted under the *River Improvement Trust Act 1940* and Regulation and operating under the powers and responsibilities of that legislation.

During the period 2021-2025 we will work in partnership with Scenic Rim Regional Council, other organisations, landholders and community groups to raise awareness of riverine management issues and to undertake projects which improve their health.

We are driven to protect our waterways as valuable resources and acknowledge that the regions environment, communities and industry rely on their natural function now and into the future.

Objectives

We are committed to improving the health of waterways and riparian lands within the Scenic Rim by:

- partnering with likeminded individuals, organisations and groups to deliver riverine and waterway improvement
- manage invasive vegetation systematically
- promoting and implementing re-vegetation, bank stabilisation and debris removal projects, improving planting opportunities and erosion waterway restoration opportunities
- improving water quality and river system function in rivers and their catchments
- develop land management initiatives with local community
- seizing opportunities that may arise that may improve the Trust reach and influence to achieve its Purpose, Objectives and Strategies.

Alignment

Our works program and Trust actions will contribute towards the Government objective of improving the health of the environment in Queensland, including protection of its flora and fauna, landscapes, waterways and biodiversity.

It assists regional and local goals of Council and other organisations that aim to protect and enhance at risk ecological communities, water quality and preserving the spectacular scenery and promoting a healthy environment as well as supporting local biodiversity outcomes.

Strategies

The Trust will adopt the following strategies:

- Consultation with landholders, entities and the wider community to promote a partnership approach to riverine management and improvement
- Acknowledge that effective riverine management requires an ongoing commitment to be effective
- Plan works programs strategically, adopting a progressive expansion strategy into areas under management/works
- Utilise experienced and competent contractors to deliver the program of work and support services to the Trust
- Target opportunities that enable the Trust to expand its reach and impact in the Region that achieves its Purpose, Objectives and Strategies
- Foster community engagement in waterway health.

Risks

Environmental

- Environmental conditions and severe weather impacts are likely to continue through the Region and will continue to impact on delivery of works during and after these events.
- Environmental pressures are expected to increase with expansion in the number and distribution of invasive weed species in riparian areas.

Financial

The Trust is dependent on partners to fund the work of the Trust.

Main contributors continue to be:

- Scenic Rim Regional Council; providing Works Program and service provider/contractor management functions and majority financial contribution
- The Queensland Government to provide the legislative framework and support services needed to facilitate efficient operation of the Trust and funding available through the State Council of River Improvement Trust
- State Council of River Improvement Trusts; providing overarching support to River Trusts and distribution of State Government Funding through grants/claims
- Access to external funding sources to undertake special project works as opportunity partnerships arise.
- Landholder in-kind commitments that value add to Trust expenditure and works programs.

Performance

The Trust will adopt and commit to a funded works program each financial year that advances the Strategic Plan, previously committed works and partnerships. The works program will take advantage of opportunities at all levels that achieve the Purpose, Objectives and Strategies of the Trust.

Version History

Date	Version	Action	Description/Comments
22 August 2017	01	Plan Adopted	Initial Strategic Plan
22 July 2021	02	Update	Strategic Plan 2021-22 <i>draft</i>
November 2023	03	Update	Strategic Plan 2025 update