



**PRESERVING OUR RIVERS,  
PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES.**

# **BURDEKIN SHIRE RIVERS IMPROVEMENT TRUST**

## **STRATEGIC PLAN 2025–2029**

### **OUR VISION**

To protect people and property from riverine flooding and to stabilise and enhance the Burdekin and Haughton Rivers and connected waterways across the Burdekin region.

### **OUR PURPOSE**

To operate as a statutory body under the River Improvement Trust Act 1940, delivering practical flood mitigation and riverine protection works that improve environmental function, support agricultural productivity, and reduce downstream impacts.

### **OUR ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Provide proactive flood mitigation where possible
- Stabilise beds and banks to address erosion and sedimentation
- Improve stream health and water quality
- Raise awareness and support landholders in managing riparian areas
- Collaborate closely with Burdekin Shire Council and regional partners

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# Strategic Priorities & Actions


Protecting people, property and ensuring resilient river systems.

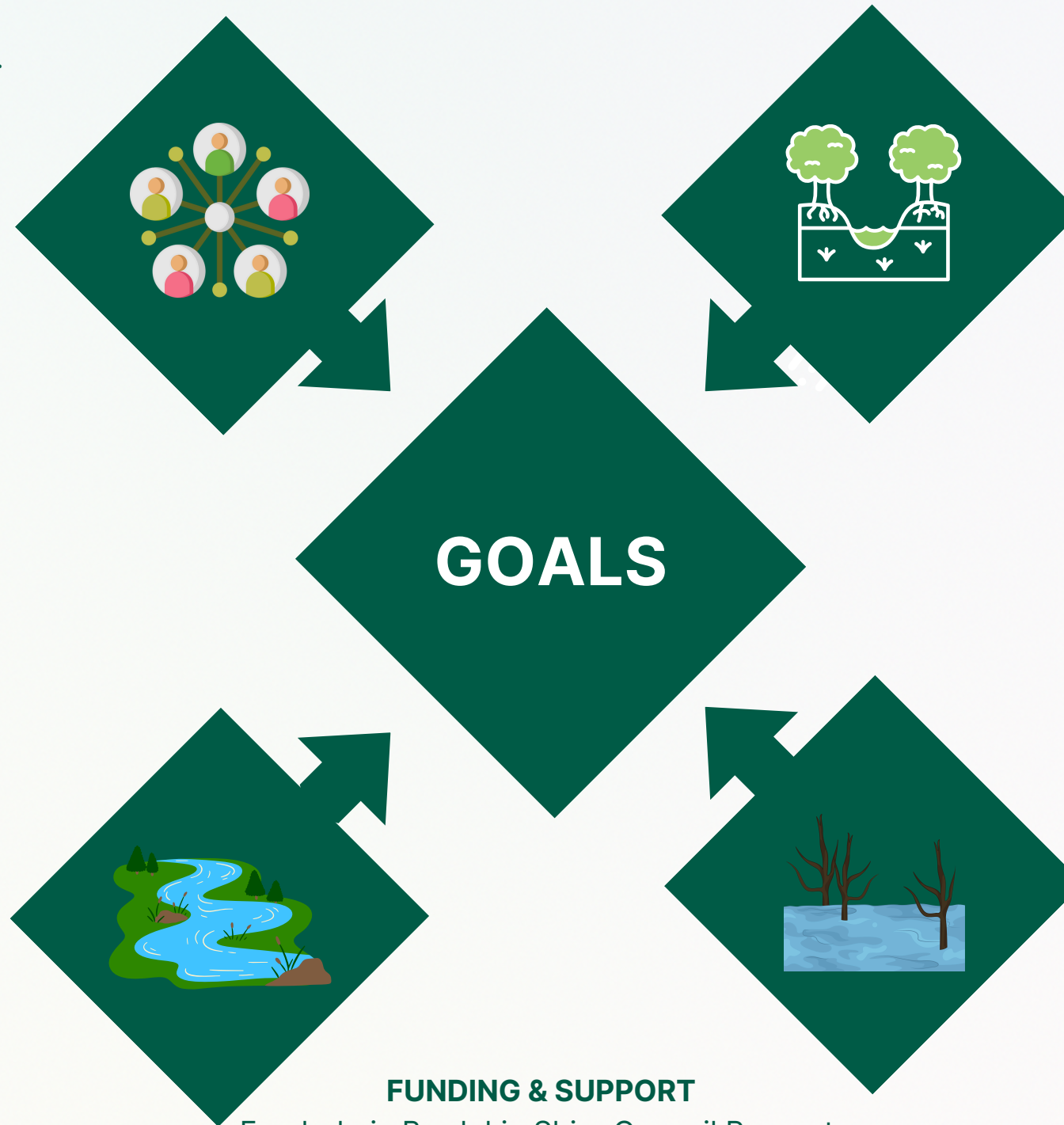
## 01

### Partnerships & Community Collaboration

**Goal:** Strengthen relationships to deliver effective river works.

- Design programs with Burdekin Stakeholder engagement
- Regularly engage Stakeholders within BRIT
- Promote shared responsibility for river health
- Attend regional forums and contribute to coordinated planning

 Indicators: Stakeholder satisfaction, # of engagement activities, designed projects



GOALS

### FUNDING & SUPPORT


Funded via Burdekin Shire Council Precept, Departmental subsidies, and grant applications to state and federal sources for training, resilience planning and capital works.

### Riparian Zone Management

## 02

**Goal:** Support healthy riverbanks that reduce erosion and work with riparian landholders to maintain and improve the riparian zone

- Undertake native replanting and tree maintenance
- Support buffering strategies on private land
- Improve streambank stability using appropriate methods


 Indicators: Hectares revegetated, % streambank buffered

## 03

### Riverbank & Streambed Integrity

**Goal:** Reduce erosion threatening land, infrastructure and water quality.

- Prioritise works in high-risk bank erosion and riverbed siltation areas
- Remove sediment build-up, vegetation and debris that constrains flow
- Stabilise critical sites with appropriate engineering strategies
- Monitor and adapt based on visual inspections


 Indicators: Volume of flow constraints removed, erosion hotspots addressed, % assets stabilised

### Flood Preparedness & Asset Maintenance

## 04

**Goal:** Maintain key river infrastructure and improve flow paths.

- Inspect and clear floodways ahead of wet season
- Maintain Riverine Embankment Assets
- Identify and address vegetation choke points and debris
- Include flood resilience upgrades in Annual Works Plan

 Indicators: Pre-wet season readiness, % of infrastructure maintained, # flow constrictions removed