



# Stanthorpe Shire River Improvement Trust

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## STANTHORPE SHIRE RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2025

### MISSION

To manage the Severn River, Pike Creek and their tributaries for economic and ecological sustainability and recreation within the Stanthorpe Shire River Trust Area.

### FUNCTIONS AND ROLES

The Stanthorpe Shire River Improvement Trust is a statutory body and operates in accordance with powers and responsibilities of the *River Improvement Trust Act 1940* and associated *Regulation*.

The main roles of the Trust are to:

1. Undertake riverine protection and restoration measures to address erosion, vegetation management and associated issues.
2. Be a local advocate for achieving balanced and sustainable riverine management.

### STAKEHOLDERS

Strategy implementation partners include the Southern Downs Regional Council, relevant Queensland Government departments, community, land manager, and other organisations.

### OBJECTIVES

1. Effective Trust interaction with stakeholders.
2. Healthy riparian zone.
3. Protect the functionality and integrity of creeks and river.
4. Assist in provision of flood mitigation measures.

### OUTCOMES

- Active community involvement in riverine management.
- Improved health and function of riparian zones.
- Improved functionality and integrity of the creek and rivers.
- Protect community assets.

## STRATEGIES

1. Effective Trust interaction with stakeholders.
  - 1.1. Effective engagement and communication with stakeholders.
  - 1.2. Maintain a good working relationship with all levels of government.
  - 1.3. Maintain networks with the State Council of River Trusts, State Government and other associations and stakeholders to share specialist riverine management knowledge.
  - 1.4. Supportive of community involvement on matters of riverine management.
2. Healthy riparian zone.
  - 2.1. Undertake riparian improvement and remediation programs in identified areas of strategic importance.
  - 2.2. Encourage land managers to adopt appropriate riparian zone management practices.
3. Protect the functionality and integrity of creeks and rivers.
  - 3.1. Repair, rehabilitate and restore creek banks and bed integrity and functionality in identified areas of strategic importance.
  - 3.2. Assist in flood mitigation measures in identified areas of strategic importance.

## PRINCIPLES

- Seek appropriate technical advice to achieve the desired outcomes and strategies.
- Collaborate with land managers adjacent to works areas to protect improvement measures.
- Enter into agreements with land managers for beneficial outcomes for all stakeholders.
- Good governance and financial accountability, and compliance to legislative requirements, and transparency to the community.
- Commitment to continual improvement to include ongoing evaluation of our activities.