



Stanthorpe Shire River Improvement Trust

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STANTHORPE SHIRE RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2026

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.
3. Contribute to the Queensland Government's objectives for the community, specific to the Trust's functions and roles.

STAKEHOLDERS

Strategy implementation partners include the Southern Downs Regional Council, relevant Queensland Government departments, community, land managers, 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 the provision of flood mitigation measures.
5. Contribute to the Queensland Government's objectives of safety, lifestyle, preserving pristine environment and growing local economy.

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.
- Enhance local economy and community wellbeing.

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 organizations and stakeholders to share specialist riverine management knowledge and support objectives of safety, lifestyle, preserving environments, and growing the economy.
 - 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 communities and land managers adjacent to works areas to apply and protect improvement measures.
- Enter into agreements with land managers for beneficial outcomes for all stakeholders.
- Good governance and financial accountability, compliance to legislative requirements, and transparency to the community.
- Commitment to continual improvement to include ongoing evaluation of our activities.

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