

Warwick Shire River Improvement Trust



Strategic Plan

2025 – 2030

Vision

Protect and enhance the function and health of the riverine systems of the Upper Condamine Catchment Area.

Purpose

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

The role of the Trust is to:

1. Plan and implement prevention, restoration and instream flood mitigation measures to improve the protection, health and resilience of creeks, rivers and their catchments within the Warwick Shire River Improvement Trust area.
2. Advocate for riverine protection and education.
3. Apply the Queensland Government's objectives for community as applicable to the Trust's functions.

Stakeholders

Strategy implementation partners include the Southern Downs Regional Council, Department of Regional Development Manufacturing and Water, Queensland Government, Australian Government, Southern Queensland Landscapes, Landcare Groups, community and industry groups, land manager, and other organisations as appropriate.

Objectives

1. Effective Trust interaction with stakeholders.
2. Healthy riparian zone.
3. Protect the functionality and integrity of creeks and rivers.

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4. Apply best management practices based on scientific evidence to riparian zones.
5. Contribute to Queensland Government objectives for improved safety, economy, lifestyle and environment of the Warwick Shire River Improvement Trust area.

Outcomes

- Active community involvement in riverine management.
- Improving the functionality and integrity of the creek and rivers.
- Improving the health and function of riparian zones.
- Maintain landscape values.
- Increase community use and economic benefits of riverine areas.

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 river associations and stakeholders to share specialist river management knowledge.
 - 1.4. Supportive of community involvement on matters of river management.
2. Healthy riparian zone.
 - 2.1. Undertake riparian improvement programs in identified areas of strategic importance.
 - 2.2. Encourage landholders 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 planning for areas identified as strategically important.

Principles

- Seek appropriate technical advice to achieve the desired outcomes and strategies through appropriate agencies.
- Collaborate with land managers adjacent to works areas to protect improvement measures.
- Enter into agreements with landholders for mutually beneficial outcomes.
- Good governance and financial accountability, and compliance to legislative requirements, and transparency to the community.

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Key Evaluation Questions

Effectiveness:	Extent of project completion? Adjoining land manager and stakeholder satisfaction?
Appropriateness:	Extent that intended outcomes of works were achieved? Extent of stakeholder engagement and contribution?
Impact:	Extent of works undertaken (km, area, #projects)?
Value for money:	Extent that activities were of strategic importance, urgency, and priority?

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