

STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2029

Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust



Mission

Protect and enhance the function and health of creeks and rivers in the Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust Area.

Purpose

The Wambo 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

- plan and implement prevention and restoration measures,
- that improve the protection, health and resilience of creeks, rivers and their catchments within the Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust area.

Stakeholders

Strategy implementation partners include the Western Downs Regional Council, relevant Queensland Government departments, community, landholders, and other river organisations.

Objectives

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

Outcomes

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

Strategies

1. Effective Trust interaction with stakeholders.

- 1.1. Maintain a good working relationship with Local Government and State Government.
- 1.2. Effective engagement and communication with stakeholders.
- 1.3. Maintain networks with State Council of River Trusts, State Government and other river organisations and stakeholders to share specialist river management knowledge.
- 1.4. Be supportive of community involvement on matters of river management.

2. Healthy riparian zone.

- 2.1. Undertake riparian improvement programs in areas identified of strategic importance.

3. Protect the functionality and integrity of creeks and river.

- 3.1. Repair, rehabilitate and restore creek banks and bed integrity and functionality in areas identified of strategic importance.
- 3.2. Maintain and protect River Trust assets.
- 3.3. Protect the functionality and integrity of creeks and river in a safe manner.

Principles

- Limit Trust funded works within the bed, bank and riparian areas of creeks and rivers.
- Collaborate with landholders adjacent to works areas to protect improvement measures.
- Enter into agreements with landholders for mutually beneficial outcomes.
- Good governance and management for financial security, compliance to legislative requirements, and transparency to the community.
- Obtain appropriate technical advice to achieve the desired outcomes and strategies.

Implementation

- Annual priority works program delivery within allocated budget
- End of project evaluation
- Five-year project works program

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