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## **Acronyms**

GIS	Geographical Information System
ICM	Integrated Catchment Management
JAG	Department of Justice and Attorney-General
NDMP	Natural Disaster Mitigation Program
NDRMS	Natural Disaster Risk Management Study
NDRRA	Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements
RFMP	Regional Flood Mitigation Program
SCRTQ	State Council of River Trusts Queensland Inc.

## Introduction

Presently, there are 15 river improvement trusts (trusts) constituted under the *River Improvement Trust Act 1940*. The trusts are statutory bodies under the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* and the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*, and in each financial year are obliged to provide annual reports and audited financial statements to the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade.

The *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977* was repealed by the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* on 1 July 2009. However, the provisions of the repealed Act concerning the preparation of the annual reports and financial statements, their provision to the appropriate minister and tabling in the Legislative Assembly are applicable for the 2008–09 financial year.

Under the provisions of the repealed Financial Administration and Audit Act, the Minister is required to table in the Queensland Parliament either a copy of each trust's annual report or a summary report for all river improvement trusts.

This report is a summarised compilation of the individual annual reports produced by the trusts that were in existence during the financial year ending 30 June 2009.

This report provides general information about all of the trusts as well as their financial information. It also contains specific details regarding the function, constitution date, business address, membership, staff and operations for all of the trusts.

The Premier of Queensland commissioned an independent review of government bodies, including river improvement trusts. This review was undertaken over a six-month period. According to the review's terms of reference, its purpose was to reduce bureaucracy and unnecessary red tape, improve the overall efficiency of government bodies and maintain

the integrity and security of necessary regulatory functions.

All river improvement trusts have been provided with copies of the independent reviewer's report: *A Public Interest Map: An Independent Review of Queensland Government Boards, Committees and Statutory Authorities* (Part A report) and *Brokering Balance: A Public Interest Map for Queensland Government Bodies* (Part B report). The Part A report established a decision making model to establish government bodies. The Part B report applied the model to the 459 bodies within the review's scope.

The Government considered 210 recommendations in the Part B report and published its response on 22 April 2009. The reports and the Government response can be viewed online at <[www.premiers.qld.gov.au](http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au)>.

The Part B report proposed that the functions of river improvement trusts be transferred or incorporated into local governments, with all responsibilities and powers required to undertake their activities. The Government supported this recommendation, noting that further detailed consultation will be required to be undertaken with local government prior to implementation.

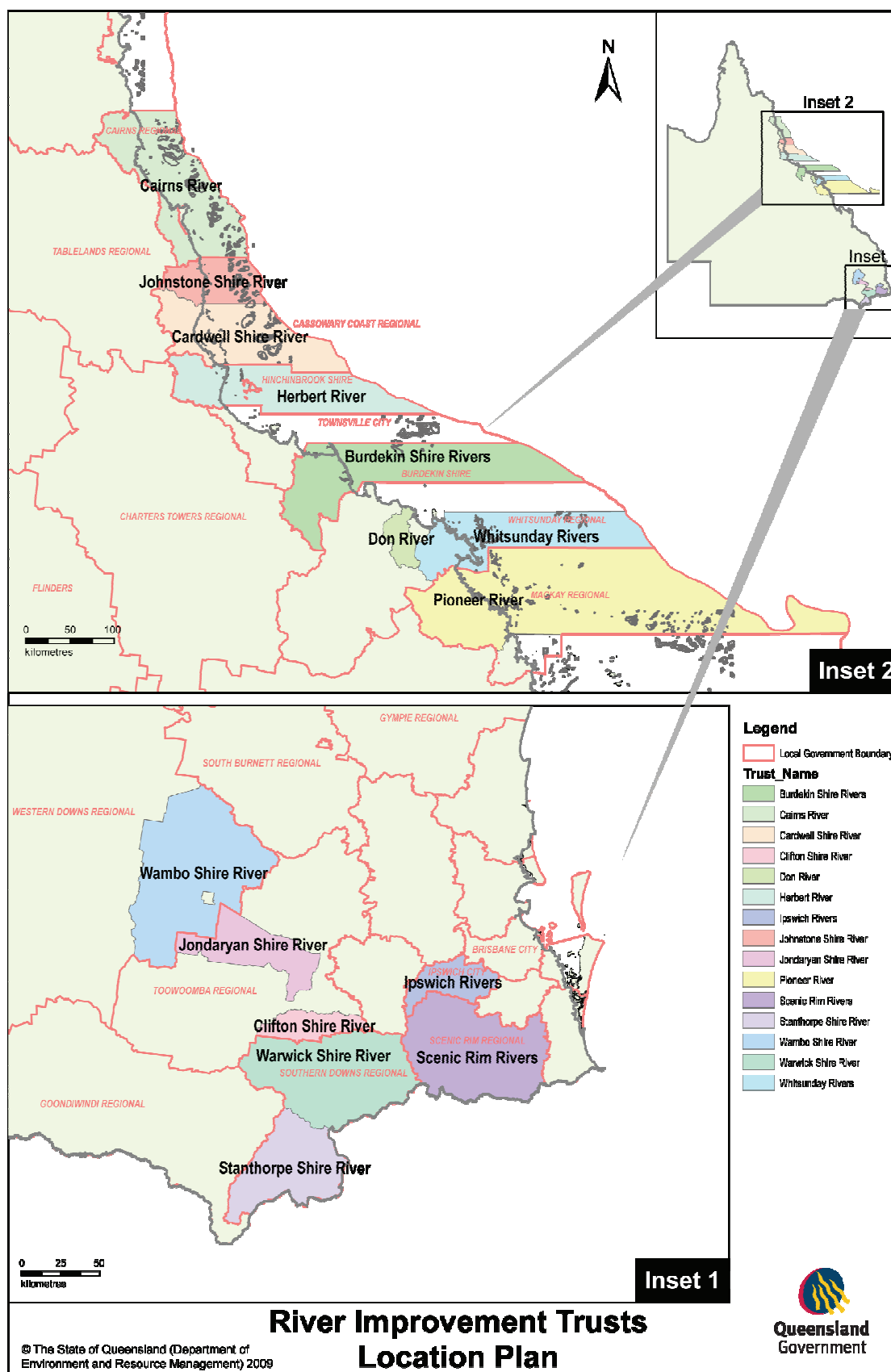
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# Location plan



# River improvement trust areas

River improvement area	Trust	Local government area or part comprising river improvement area
Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Area	Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust	the local government area of the Burdekin Shire Council
Cairns River Improvement Area	Cairns River Improvement Trust	the local government area of the Cairns Regional Council
Cardwell Shire River Improvement Area	Cardwell Shire River Improvement Trust	part of the local government area of the Cassowary Coast Regional Council as described on plan AP19392 held in the department
Clifton Shire River Improvement Area	Clifton Shire River Improvement Trust	part of the local government area of the Toowoomba Regional Council as described on plan AP19393 held in the department
Don River Improvement Area	Don River Improvement Trust	part of the local government area of the Whitsunday Regional Council as described on plan AP19394 held in the department
Herbert River Improvement Area	Herbert River Improvement Trust	the local government area of the Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Ipswich Rivers Improvement Area	Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust	the local government area of the Ipswich City Council
Johnstone Shire River Improvement Area	Johnstone Shire River Improvement Trust	part of the local government area of the Cassowary Coast Regional Council as described on plan AP19396 held in the department
Jondaryan Shire River Improvement Area	Jondaryan Shire River Improvement Trust	part of the local government area of the Toowoomba Regional Council as described on plan AP19397 held in the department
Pioneer River Improvement Area	Pioneer River Improvement Trust	part of the local government area of the Mackay Regional Council as described on plan AP19398 held in the department
Scenic Rim Rivers Improvement Area	Scenic Rim Rivers Improvement Trust	the local government area of the Scenic Rim Regional Council

<b>River improvement area</b>	<b>Trust</b>	<b>Local government area or part comprising river improvement area</b>
Stanthorpe Shire River Improvement Area	Stanthorpe Shire River Improvement Trust	part of the local government area of the Southern Downs Regional Council as described on plan AP19399 held in the department
Wambo Shire River Improvement Area	Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust	part of the local government area of the Western Downs Regional Council as described on plan AP19400 held in the department
Warwick Shire River Improvement Area	Warwick Shire River Improvement Trust	part of the local government area of the Southern Downs Regional Council as described on plan AP19401 held in the department
Whitsunday Rivers Improvement Area	Whitsunday Rivers Improvement Trust	part of the local government area of the Whitsunday Regional Council as described on plan AP19402 held in the department

## Corporate governance

### Constitution and function

A river improvement trust (trust) is a statutory authority constituted under the *River Improvement Trust Act 1940* (the Act) to protect and improve rivers, repair and prevent damage to rivers, and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine floods.

One or more local governments (jointly) may apply to the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade to have constituted, by regulation, a trust and an associated river improvement area. A trust has jurisdiction within its benefited river improvement area. A river improvement area may comprise all or part of one or more local government areas and may be amended by regulation under the Act. A list of all river improvement areas is provided on pages 8 and 9.

The primary role of a trust is to plan, design, and finance, undertake and maintain stream improvement works for the benefit of the community within its river improvement area. The Act provides a trust with the powers to undertake these functions, including the ability to raise funds, enter land, occupy land, enter into contracts, and carry out works.

During the year there were 15 trusts in Queensland: five were in the Darling Downs region, two were near Ipswich in the south-east, and eight were located on the tropical north coast between Mackay and Mossman. The location plan on page 7 of this report identifies the river improvement areas administered by the various trusts during the year.

The river improvement areas of 10 of the 15 river improvement trusts comprise part of their constituent local government area and five of the trusts' river improvement areas cover the whole of their constituent local governments' areas. (see pages 8 and 9).

On 7 November 2008 both the name and area of the Boonah Shire River Improvement Trust were changed by the *Water and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2008* (the amendment regulation). The amendment regulation provided that the Boonah Shire River Improvement Area be changed by adding the local government area of the Scenic Rim Regional Council other than the part of the area that was, immediately before 15 March 2008, the local government area of the Boonah Shire Council. It also provided that the names of the Boonah Shire River Improvement Area and Boonah Shire River Improvement Trust be changed to the Scenic Rim Rivers Improvement Area and Scenic Rim Rivers Improvement Trust.

### Accessibility

Generally, the place of business of a trust is the relevant local government office. Contact and other details for all trusts appear under the section, 'River improvement trust information' (commencing page 24).

### Management

Membership of each trust consists of a chairperson appointed by the Governor in Council and up to two representatives of local government (elected local government councillors) appointed by each local government represented in the benefited area of the trust. The Governor in Council may also appoint up to two additional members if the Minister believes the circumstances so require.

All members other than local government appointees hold office at the pleasure of the Governor in Council. Councillors are appointed for the term of the local government.

Each trust is required by the Act to appoint one of its members to be deputy chairperson.

As at 30 June 2009 the total trust membership comprised:

- 14 chairpersons appointed by the Governor in Council
- 28 local government appointees
- eight additional members appointed by the Governor in Council
- three vacant positions.

## **Planning**

Strategic and operational planning is required to be undertaken by trusts, under part 2, division 2 of the repealed Financial Management Standard 1997. This standard is applicable to trusts for the 2008–09 financial year. While some exemptions from this requirement have been granted by Treasury, 12 trusts have strategic management plans.

Strategic management plans provide direction for the trusts over the medium term (3–10 years) and address institutional arrangements as well as works programming. The plans allow trusts to anticipate community needs, be more strategic in the application of the public monies under their control, and be more competitive when seeking external funding for their projects.

The development of strategic plans entails a scoping study of issues and community expectations with a view to identifying key problems and formulating future activities and works programs.

Trusts are becoming more actively involved in the work of integrated catchment management (ICM) groups, ensuring trust activities are addressed within a total catchment planning framework. In several trust areas, the strategic plans are used as a guide to develop management strategies for relevant catchments under the ICM initiative.

Trusts also interact with other local community groups such as fish stocking associations and Landcare groups.

## Works

### Capital works

A river improvement trust is required to prepare an annual program of works each year and to submit the program to the department for approval by the chief executive (director-general) with the Minister's consent.

Planning for works may include:

- assessing the amount of funding required to carry out the works
- investigation and design work
- identification of all necessary approvals required.

A trust must provide the department with detailed plans of all projects for technical assessment, as well as obtaining all relevant permits or approvals before undertaking any of the works.

The State Council of River Trusts Queensland Inc. (SCRTQ) coordinates the approval process of the annual works program on behalf of all trusts.

During the year, trusts undertook a range of capital works in their river improvement areas—for example, flood mitigation projects, riparian zone management and improvement projects, structural works, and planning projects.

### Natural disaster restoration

The guidelines under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) relate to the restoration of those essential public assets of river improvement trusts that are damaged as a consequence of a declared natural disaster event such as a cyclone or flood where NDRRA has been activated.

NDRRA assistance is available only if the aggregated total trust/local government cost for restoration of damage caused by a natural disaster event exceeds the local government's trigger point.

Local government trigger points are monetary amounts which reflect individual council's capacity to fund restoration works and are updated each year.

Following damage caused by flooding in the period February to March 2008, the Cairns, Cardwell, Herbert and Whitsunday trusts were granted \$827 779 NDRRA funding in 2008–09 for the purpose of repairing their damaged assets and for waterway debris removal.

### Maintenance

During the year, four trusts undertook maintenance work on their assets, including:

- repairs to concrete and earth levees and floodgates
- repairs to flood alert systems
- clearing debris around flood gauges and floodgates
- the eradication of environmental weeds and vegetation management.

## Operations

### Secretarial and operational support

Under the Act, each trust must have a secretary and may employ other officers, if this is deemed necessary. In most cases the secretary is the chief executive officer or an employee of the relevant local government. Generally, the only other operational support is a trust engineer who, in most cases, is also the regional or shire engineer of the relevant local government.

Trust information including staff details, other positions held, and appointment dates is provided on pages 24 to 31.

### Consultancies

During the year, two trusts spent a total of \$59 055 (GST inclusive) on consultancies.

### Overseas travel

Trust members did not travel overseas on trust business during the year.

### Improvement notices

Under the Act, a trust may issue a notice prohibiting a person from doing, or allowing to happen, any act, matter or thing which the trust believes will cause, or contribute to, damage to any stream bank in its benefited area, or is likely to cause such damage in the future. If damage has already occurred, the notice may require the person to remedy the damage and restore the surrounding area.

An 'improvement notice' is registered as an encumbrance on the title to land affected by the improvement notice. This encumbrance remains in place until such time as the notice is fully complied with. Failure to comply with a notice is an offence for which a person may be prosecuted.

No improvement notices were issued during the 2008–09 year.

### Information requirements

All trusts were required to comply with the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* and to prepare an annual statement of affairs for the 2008–09 financial year. This Act was repealed by the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

The Don River Improvement Trust was the only trust which reported receiving a freedom of information application during the year.

### Conferences

The annual conference and general meeting of the SCRTQ was held in Bowen from 22–24 October 2008 and was hosted by the Don River Improvement Trust. Representatives from all northern trusts and a number of the southern trusts attended the conference.



## Financial operations

### Audit

The *Auditor-General Act 2009*, including transitional provisions, came into operation on 1 July 2009 and replaces the previous audit requirements contained in the repealed *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*.

Under the Auditor-General Act the Queensland Auditor-General is required to audit the 2008–09 financial statements for each trust.

A summary of the financial information and audits commences on page 32.

### Income

#### Precepts

During the year, 11 trusts collected a total of \$1 623 980 (\$1 652 750 in 2007–08) from precepts issued by the trusts on the relevant local government under section 14 of the Act.

#### Loans

No new borrowings were raised by trusts during the year under the State Borrowing Program.

#### Grants and subsidies

For the financial year 2008–09, trusts reported a total of \$1 861 077 (\$3 394 105 in 2007–08) in grants and subsidies received from sources including state government grant funds allocated by the SCRTQ, the NDRRA, the Natural Disaster Risk Management Studies (NDRMS), the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) and the Regional Flood Mitigation Program (RFMP), as well as funding by local government and catchment groups.

Under a grant agreement between the State and the SCRTQ, grant money is provided to the SCRTQ for allocation to trusts to enable them to carry out individual trust projects that meet the State's interests and that are approved under the annual works program.

In the 2008–09 financial year, under this grant agreement, the Queensland Government (through the Department of Environment and Resource Management) provided trusts with a grant of \$253 000 (GST inclusive), towards the capital cost of approved works.

The State and Commonwealth governments' RFMP provides grants to trusts for flood mitigation projects. Under the program, State and Commonwealth governments each provide a third of the cost of a project with the trust also contributing a third. In 2008–09, the Pioneer River Improvement Trust was the only trust to receive funding under this program, obtaining a total of \$233 267. (In 2007–08 \$1 297 426 was received by Herbert, Ipswich and Pioneer trusts in RFMP funds).

#### Other income

Some trusts have a policy where landholders requesting works to be undertaken on their stream frontages are required to contribute toward the cost of the works. During the year, four trusts collected a total of \$494 696 (\$81 764 in 2007–08) from landholders.

During the year the trusts received a total of \$194 296 (\$329 987 in 2007–08) in bank interest. Sundry receipts and recoveries of GST totalled \$492 487 (\$211 540 in 2007–08).

### Expenditure

#### Capital works

Expenditure in this category includes funds expended on constructing physical assets (for example, levees and river bank protection), revegetating river banks, and clearing streams. Planning exercises are also classed as capital works.

A total of \$3 545 276 (\$3 100 351 in 2007–08) was expended by 13 trusts on capital works during the year. Capital works expenditure is the major cost item for trusts, representing approximately 62 per cent of total expenditure.

### **Maintenance of works**

Maintenance expenditure relates to the cost of ongoing maintenance of physical assets, such as topping up rock protection work and removing weeds that impair the growth of revegetation work. Some \$80 255 (\$112 976 in 2007–08) was spent by four trusts in maintaining assets during the year, representing approximately one per cent of total trust expenditure.

### **Restoration work**

During the year, nine trusts spent a total of \$1 338 907 (\$1 823 617 in 2007–2008), approximately 23 per cent of total trust expenditure, on restoration works.

Restoration work includes the restoration of assets damaged by cyclones and flooding as well as river bank stabilisation.

### **Interest and redemption**

A total of \$108 298 (\$108 234 in 2007–08) was paid in interest and redemption of capital during the financial year on existing loans, representing approximately two per cent of total trust expenditure.

### **Administration and other costs**

Administration and other costs for the year totalled \$688 863 (\$605 045 in 2007–08), representing approximately 12 per cent of total trust expenditure. Other costs included GST, sundry costs and contributions.

## Overview of operations

The **Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust** reported that while heavy prolonged rainfall resulted in major runoff in the Burdekin and Haughton River areas, the runoff only caused minimal erosion to the Burdekin River banks. Erosion of the Haughton River banks was also mainly minimal, although more significant bank erosion did occur in some areas of this river.

As a result of an education campaign aimed at protecting river banks, landholders have minimised the burning and slashing of river bank areas. (No requests for permits to control burn river bank areas were received during the past year).

The trust undertook the following flood mitigation, river improvement and structural work in its area during the year:

- the maintenance of Groper Creek to prevent the future flooding of the creek and the restoration of the eroded bank on the creek
- a project involving bank revegetation works on various streams to protect the erosion prone areas of riparian corridors
- the containment of heavy erosion and the restoration of slumped banks on the Burdekin River and the stabilisation of bank erosion near the boat ramp at Cromarty Landing on the Haughton River
- the clearing of sand banks and the containment of erosion on St Margaret Creek in the Haughton area and stabilising of the eroded bank at a property on the Haughton River
- stabilisation of river bank levees at the Turf Farm on the right bank of the Haughton River, upstream of Giru.

The **Cairns River Improvement Trust** commenced repairs to its flood damaged assets in the Mossman, Cairns and Babinda areas early in the 2008–09 financial year.

The trust completed 90 per cent of its

\$600 000 capital works program and, following further heavy rains in early 2009, it recommenced a \$400 000 program to repair flood damage.

The trust carried out a number of flood management and stream improvement capital works projects to assist the Cairns Regional Council and the Douglas, Barron, Cairns Urban (Trinity Inlet), Mulgrave and Russell catchment groups.

Capital works projects completed during the year included:

- major river bank restoration and revegetation works adjacent to landholders' properties on the Mossman River and similar works on the upper Daintree River
- major river bank restoration and revegetation works at landholders properties on Saltwater Creek, Cassowary Creek and Whyenbeel Creek
- two projects south of Cairns in the Edmonton-Gordonvale area to stabilise banks near residences situated along the Mulgrave River (Hemmings Creek mouth) and Wrights Creek (Maitland Road)
- stream improvement work and bank restoration works at Babinda, Frenchmans, Pugh and Canal Creeks
- a major river alignment project in the Russell River near the Bruce Highway at Miriwinni.

Landholders requested the **Cardwell Shire River Improvement Trust** to undertake minor maintenance work during the year. This work involved vegetation replacement and the reinforcement of rock work.

The trust completed several bank protection and revegetation projects on Tully River, Davidson Creek and Meunga Creek involving bank stabilisation works and best practice riparian and sediment management.

Work on the trust's asset register and GIS Flood Level Data project continued during the year.

Restoration works on several trust assets damaged by flooding in the period February–March 2008 continued throughout the year following NDRRA approval. In January–February 2009 trust assets sustained further damage in flooding events caused by Cyclones Charlotte and Ellie.

A major public benefit project was completed on Carnie Creek to remove over 366m<sup>3</sup> of unlawfully dumped waste. Work commenced on the Tully River Sediment Management Study with consultants being appointed to quantify sediment loads and their sources, and identify and prioritise management options to reduce, remove and control the sediment in the river.

The **Clifton Shire River Improvement Trust**, although only a relatively small statutory body in financial terms, continued to play an important role in improving and protecting watercourses throughout its area. For example, the trust controlled nuisance and exotic vegetation, and revegetated degraded riparian zones in its area during the year. No maintenance work was undertaken by the trust during the year.

The **Don River Improvement Trust** completed a Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) project involving the construction of a rock revetment wall between the Webster Brown Breakaway and the Inverdon Bridge. The objects of the works included:

- stabilisation of the river bank
- increased security of existing river bank protection measures at Queens Beach
- increased security of urban development in the Queens Beach residential area
- reduced flooding potential in Queens Beach
- increased security of agricultural lands.

A February 2008 flood damage grant enabled the trust to effect major repairs to the Webster Brown Breakaway. Other areas repaired under this grant include Russells Crossing, Potts Bank and the Lower Don River. Pilot channels to divert water away from trust assets were also constructed.

The trust prepared a submission for NDRRA funding to repair flood damage in the Don River and Euri Creek caused by the 2009 flood. This submission included a carried over claim for flood damage to Euri Creek caused by the 2008 flood.

In addition to work on the Hoffensetz Street spillway, the **Herbert River Improvement Trust** completed the Halifax levee augmentation construction project.

A preliminary investigation for the construction of a floodgate in Kingsbury Creek is being undertaken by the trust. A cost benefit analysis to support future funding proposals for this project is also being undertaken.

The replacement automated vertical lift floodgates for both Catherina and Ripple Creeks were completed and commissioned during the year.

The trust has continued an annual program of river bank protection, stream management, and flood mitigation works. It reported a major flood in February 2009, when the shire experienced torrential rain from Cyclone Ellie and associated monsoonal activity.

The February 2009 flood event resulted in two flood peaks over a period of nine days causing widespread damage to trust assets estimated at \$2.1 million and new damage to river banks estimated at \$5 million. Flooding in Ingham reached levels not recorded since 1986, while in the Lower Herbert area flood levels were observed as being the highest in living memory.

The trust has secured NDMP funding to carry out further modelling of the Lower Herbert area to determine the downstream effects of ongoing levy bank work being

carried out by landholders along the Herbert River.

The **Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust** completed the Bremer River Stages 1, 2 and 3 and Woogaroo Creek Stage 9 stream improvement projects during the year. These projects were included in the trusts 2008–09 annual works program and involved the clearing of environmental weeds, mainly celtis, and the removal of debris from the river banks to improve the flow of water and to enable the regeneration of the river banks with native vegetation.

The trust also completed the following projects:

- a review of recommendations outlined in a 1995 report prepared for the Ipswich City Council relating to environmental weeds in the Bremer River catchment area
- the Bundamba Creek Flood Mitigation Scheme to reduce the flood levels in Bundamba Creek thereby minimising the damage caused by ‘1 in 10 years’ floods and significantly reducing the damage caused by ‘1 in 100 years’ floods.

The trust partially completed the following projects, which were included in its annual works program:

- spraying the regrowth of environmental weeds and revegetating the banks of Purga, Warrill, Western and Woogaroo Creeks with native species—80 per cent completed
- clearing environmental weeds and removal of debris from the banks of Deebling Creek to improve the flow of water and enable the regeneration of native species along the banks of the creek.

During the 2008–09 year, the **Johnstone Shire River Improvement Trust** continued to approve ongoing stream improvement works undertaken by landholders and has progressed the update of an asset register to

enable the efficient management of trust assets.

The trust completed the following projects:

- stages 1 and 2 of the Flood Totem Pole and Community Awareness Program aimed at educating the public about potential flooding in the Innisfail area
- the Saltwater Creek Flood Levee (Sweeney Creek Stage 2) Project which involves raising a levee to mitigate against frequent flooding of the Innisfail area
- the Frith Road Flood Levee (Sweeney Creek Stage 3) Project which aims to mitigate losses from localised flood events in the Innisfail area
- three projects on Liverpool Creek to protect quality agricultural farm land from a major avulsion occurring, and causing the loss of large quantities of soil and natural vegetation, by stabilising sections of the creek bank.

The **Jondaryan Shire River Improvement Trust** operated satisfactorily during the year with the trust’s major focus being tree planting and river bank protection.

The **Pioneer River Improvement Trust** continued to undertake general maintenance work including:

- hand cutting fallen timber in riverine areas
- minor repairs to concrete and earth levees
- repairs to flood gates and other attachments
- maintenance of the flood warning ALERT system
- clearing around flood gauges and flood gates.

The trust continued work on the Pioneer River Flood Mitigation Project. The project’s South Bank Levee Upgrade—Canelands to Shakespeare Street section was completed during the financial year.

The **Scenic Rim Rivers Improvement Trust** completed the following projects with the South East Queensland Catchments Association:

- the provision of chemicals for follow-up treatment of Chinese celtis weed by landholders in the Burnett Creek Catchment
- the continued eradication of exotic weeds (in particular Chinese celtis) in sections of Burnett Creek, Teviot Brook, Warrill Creek and the Bremer River.

Celtis eradication works were also completed at Teviot Brook and Warrill Creek by the trust.

The trust consulted with local landholders regarding the delivery of river improvement trust programs and the community committee for the 'Healthy Country Project' in the Bremer River Catchment.

It maintained a close working relationship with the South East Queensland Catchments Association.

During the year, the trust representatives gave presentations concerning current trust issues to regional natural resource management officers touring the region, the Logan and Albert Rivers Catchment Association and Scenic Rim Regional Council.

During the year, the **Stanthorpe Shire River Improvement Trust** completed over 50 percent of its planned works in the riparian zones of the Severn River and its tributaries. The purpose of these works is to improve the health of the riparian zones through the control of exotic vegetation and to stabilise the river beds and banks in the catchment area.

The **Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust** performed some maintenance work at Jandowae Creek in conjunction with the Brigalow Jimbour Floodplains Group, by reinstating an eroded creek bank at a landholder property.

The **Warwick Shire River Improvement Trust** completed the following annual works program projects during the financial year:

- Emu Creek Vegetation Management—Emuvale Stage 3
- Warwick Town Reach Enhancement Stage 3
- Condamine River Vegetation Management (Brosnan's Road – Killarney)
- Riparian Vegetation Management Education
- Spring Creek Vegetation Management Stage 3
- Glengallan Creek Demonstration Site—Stehn
- Strategic Vegetation Management and Stream Enhancement
- Strategic Plan Development.

During the 2008–09 year, the **Whitsunday Rivers Improvement Trust** monitored the performance of its assets during heavy rainfall events. It also maintained and repaired its assets as required.

A significant project was undertaken at the O'Connell River involving the placement of rock protection to prevent further erosion which was caused to the river bank during monsoonal flooding in January 2008.

The trust also responded to enquiries from landholders who expressed concerns relating to river and creek bank erosion.

The trust engineer was engaged to ascertain if the flood capacity level in the Proserpine River has been altered by a build-up of sand and vegetation in the river.

During the year, the trust undertook the following capital and major flood restoration works projects:

- O'Connell River Stream Improvement—Flood Damage Restoration
- Proserpine River Flood Mitigation Scheme Improvement
- GIS Asset Management
- Weed Management
- Airlie Creek—additional rock protection
- O'Connell River—river bank erosion repairs and rock protection.

## Overview of forward operations

The **Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust's** annual works program for the 2009–10 financial year includes the following projects:

- two flood mitigation projects involving the revegetation and rejuvenation of erosion prone areas of Groper Creek
- one riparian zone management project to maintain a clear flow path in Shire streams by removing trees and vegetation from stream beds
- various structural projects to repair and stabilise eroded stream banks at properties on the Burdekin and Haughton Rivers.

The cost of the trust's annual works program is estimated to be \$613 000.

The **Cairns River Improvement Trust** intends to undertake stream improvement works at a number of sites in the Russell, Mulgrave and Mossman River catchment areas during the 2009–10 year. These works involve the restoration of river banks which were eroded by heavy monsoonal rain in January and February 2009.

During the 2009–10 year, the **Cardwell Shire River Improvement Trust's** key activities will centre on continuing with priority works identified in the trust's management plans.

The trust will continue:

- to promote and undertake riparian revegetation activities in conjunction with landholders
- to undertake works that have successful environmental outcomes, such as improving bank and bed stability, water quality and wildlife habitat corridors, and pest management controls.

The **Clifton Shire River Improvement Trust** does not propose a capital works program for the 2009–10 financial year. The trust proposes to undertake maintenance

works during the year including the management of nuisance and exotic vegetation, the control of significant erosion sites and the revegetation of degraded riparian zones.

The **Don River Improvement Trust** will undertake the following works during the 2009–10 financial year:

- construction of rock protection works to the east bank of the Don River from Millers Lane to downstream of the Inverdon Bridge
- strengthening rock work at Creek and Gloucester Streets and other bank protection works at Police Camp Creek
- excavation of a channel to the western end of the 1946 river mouth
- river bank protection work at a number of landholder properties and on Euri Creek.

The **Herbert River Improvement Trust** proposes to undertake the following works during the 2009–10 financial year:

- repair flood damage to the trust's riverbank protection assets
- rehabilitation and protection work to repair flood damage caused to river banks by a flood event in February 2009
- survey and flood modelling of the Lower Herbert reaches of the Herbert River under the NDMP.

The **Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust** will continue with its five-year forward works program which includes:

- a regional approach to vegetation control and stream bank stability management in the Bremer River and Warrill Creek catchments and tributaries of the Brisbane River

- the removal of environmental weeds from all rivers and creeks within the trust's boundaries
- stream improvement and the revegetation of stream banks
- flood mitigation projects and studies within the trust's benefited area.

The **Johnstone Shire River Improvement Trust** plans to undertake works during the 2009–10 year to repair flood damage to trust assets caused by the following weather events:

- Cyclone Nelson, February 2007
- Queensland Monsoonal Flooding, February–March 2008.

It is estimated that the cost of completing eligible works under the NDRRA will be approximately \$630 000. The trust also plans to include a claim under the NDRRA for funding to repair damage to trust assets caused in 2006 by Cyclones Larry and Monica.

Other works scheduled to be undertaken by the trust in 2009–10 under its AWP include:

- 15 riparian zone improvement projects to repair bank erosion on Liverpool Creek and the South Johnstone River
- structural works projects to stabilise sections of the banks of Liverpool Creek
- updating the trust's asset register
- continuation of a public education program to raise awareness of the potential for flooding in the Innisfail area
- creating a river management plan that identifies all the locations on the North Johnstone River where river improvement works may be required.

The **Jondaryan Shire River Improvement Trust** proposes to carry out further stabilisation works on the bed and banks of Gowrie Creek by constructing an additional riffle and planting further trees.

The **Pioneer River Improvement Trust** proposes to undertake the following new

structural works projects as part of the trust's annual works program during the 2009–10 financial year:

- O'Connell River—The Bluff: excavation of the toe of the left bank and placement of rock protection works
- Cattle Creek—Overflow: levelling of the channel at the base of an overflow to prevent undercutting and further loss of rock protection
- Cattle Creek—Confluence of Dalrymple Creek: excavating the toe of the right bank of Cattle Creek
- O'Connell River—downstream of Olivetta's Bridge: bank protection works and realignment of stream.

It also plans to continue the following carry-over structural works projects during the year as part of its annual works program:

- Owens Creek—Left Bank Rogers Road: reinstatement of the stream bank and constructing rock protection works
- O'Connell River—The Bluff: stream realignment and bank reinstatement works
- Murray Creek—Duncan's Bank: stream realignment and construction of rock revetment
- Pioneer River—Balnagowan Bridge: river bank and rock revetment works
- Currans Gully—Argent's Bank: river bank realignment
- Seven Mile Creek—down stream of Gargett – Mia Mia Road: repair rock revetment
- Owens Creek—Hobbs Bank: rock revetment stabilisation and realignment works.

The trust also intends to undertake the following carry-over flood mitigation and asset maintenance projects during the year as part of its annual works program:

- one RFMP project to protect parts of North Mackay from flooding



- replacement of flood monitoring alert system canisters.

The **Scenic Rim Rivers Improvement Trust** has developed a works program for the 2009–10 financial year. The proposed program includes riparian management projects in the Teviot Brook, Warrill Creek, Burnett Creek and the Upper Albert River.

The **Stanthorpe Shire River Improvement Trust** will engage the Warwick Shire River Improvement Trust to undertake its improvement works for the 2009–10 year. The priority issues for the trust for the year will be the management of nuisance and exotic riparian vegetation, the maintenance of flow efficiency and the control of erosion.

The trust will continue the Granite Belt Stream Improvements (Severn River and Tributaries) 2009–10 project which involves riparian management at various locations on the Severn River and its tributaries. This project also involves vegetation management on the bed and banks of Quart Pot Creek.

The **Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust's** 2009–10 works program includes:

- reinstatement of the Jinghi Jinghi Creek bank and de-silting of the creek channel
- reinstatement of the Condamine River bank at a landholder's property
- maintenance of existing creek crossings and de-silting of Jandowae Creek at a landholder property.

The **Warwick Shire River Improvement Trust** has submitted its 2009–10 annual works program, consisting of the following new and continuing riparian zone management and flood mitigation projects:

- Emu Creek Emuvale Vegetation Management–Stage 2
- Strategic Vegetation Management and Stream Enhancement

- Warwick Town Reach Enhancement Stage 4
- Condamine River and Tributaries Flood Study
- Granite Belt Stream Improvements (Severn River and Tributaries).

The **Whitsunday Rivers Improvement Trust** proposes to undertake the following projects in the 2009–10 year:

- prepare a strategic five year forward plan
- continue to capture the works carried out by the trust into a GIS system
- improve the O'Connell River's riparian zone at Lethebrook.

## River improvement trust information

Constitutional information and contact details for all river improvement trusts in Queensland are listed below in alphabetical order by name of trust. Contact and membership details are those current as at 30 June 2009.

A list of river improvement areas is included in this report on pages 8 and 9. The summarised financial information for each trust, commences at page 32.

### 1. Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 08/02/1941

**Business address:** Burdekin Shire Council,  
145 Young Street, Ayr  
PO Box 974, Ayr Qld 4807

Tel: 07 4783 9800

Fax: 07 4783 9999

**Members:**

**Name**

**Appointment date**

Mr Matthew Patane (Chairperson)

12/08/2004

Cr Lou Loizou

08/04/2008

Cr Lyn McLaughlin

08/04/2008

Mr Ennio Gazziola

12/08/2004

**Administrative /  
Operational  
support:**

Mrs Janice Micola

Secretary, appointed 2008

Mr Daniel Leckenby

River Patrolman, appointed  
2006

Burdekin Shire Council/ Maunsell  
Australia Pty Ltd

Engineering Services

## 2. Cairns River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 14/09/1972

**Business address:** Cairns Regional Council,  
119–145 Spence Street, Cairns  
PO Box 359, Cairns Qld 4870

Tel: 07 4044 3193

Fax: 07 4044 3838

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Vacant (Chairperson)	
	Cr Paul Gregory	24/04/2008
	Cr Margaret Cochrane	24/04/2008
<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mr Tim Smith	Secretary and Consultant Engineer, appointed April 2005

## 3. Cardwell Shire River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 22/11/1975

**Business address:** Cassowary Coast Regional Council,  
38–40 Bryant Street, Tully  
PO Box 887, Innisfail Qld 4860

Tel: 07 4043 9100

Fax: 07 4061 4258

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Mr Robert Lait (Chairperson)	03/03/2005
	Cr Carmel Silvestro	24/04/2008
	Cr Ross Sorbello	24/04/2008

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mr Ian Adcock PSM Ms Bernadette Arnold	Secretary, appointed April 1991 Engineer/FOI Review Officer, appointed July 2008
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#### 4. Clifton Shire River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 22/01/1966

**Business address:** Toowoomba Regional Council,  
95 King Street, Clifton  
C/- Mr Ron Gurney  
17 Commonwealth Street, Clifton Qld 4361

Tel: 07 4697 4222  
Fax: 07 4697 4200

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Cr Gerard O'Leary (Chairperson)	03/02/2005
	Cr Anne Glasheen	22/04/2009
	Cr Noel Strohfeld	22/04/2009

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mr Ronald Gurney Mr John Keen	Secretary, appointed August 1994 Works Manager, appointed September 2002
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#### 5. Don River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 15/03/1947

**Business address:** Whitsunday Regional Council,  
67 Herbert Street, Bowen  
PO Box 104, Proserpine Qld 4800

Tel: 07 4761 3600  
Fax: 07 4761 3658

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Mr John Willcox (Chairperson)	13/10/2005
	Cr Dave Clark	23/04/2008
	Cr Mark Gaudry	23/04/2008

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mr Tony Larkin Mr Tony Larkin Ullman and Nolan Pty Ltd	Secretary, appointed June 2008 Engineer, appointed March 2006 Consulting Engineers
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## 6. Herbert River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 08/01/1942

**Business address:** Hinchinbrook Shire Council,  
Lannercost Street, Ingham  
PO Box 366, Ingham Qld 4850

Tel: 07 4776 4600

Fax: 07 4776 3233

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Mr William Pickering (Chairperson)	12/07/2007
	Cr Patrick Lynch	08/04/2008
	Cr Geoffrey Gianotti	08/04/2008

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mr Robert Clark Mr Bruce Leach	Secretary, appointed July 2007 Engineer, appointed October 2005
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## 7. Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 15/08/1959

**Business address:** Ipswich City Council,  
Hayden Centre,  
South Street, Ipswich  
PO Box 191, Ipswich Qld 4305

Tel: 07 3810 6810

Fax: 07 3810 7893

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Mr Peter Phillips (Chairperson)	18/09/2008
	Cr Paul Tully	28/03/2008
	Cr David Pahlke	28/03/2008
	Mr Ian Harsant	18/09/2008
	Mr Peter Johnstone	18/09/2008

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mr Norman Craswell Mr Ross Drabble	Secretary, appointed April 1991 Works Manager, Engineer appointed, May 2002
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## 8. Johnstone Shire River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 2/06/1973

**Business address:** Cassowary Coast Regional Council,  
70 Rankin Street, Innisfail  
PO Box 887, Innisfail Qld 4860

Tel: 07 4030 2222

Fax: 07 4061 4258

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Mr Sam Pagano (Chairperson)	03/03/2005
	Cr Mark Nolan	24/04/2008
	Cr William Horsford	24/04/2008
	Mr John Ridd	03/03/2005

<b>Administrative / Operational support:</b>	Mr Ian Adcock PSM	Secretary, appointed July 2008
	Mr Dave Trotter	Engineer, appointed September 2005
	Mr Andrew Musumeci	Technical Officer, appointed July 2006

## 9. Jondaryan Shire River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 30/01/1960

**Business address:** Toowoomba Regional Council,  
64 Campbell Street, Oakey  
PO Box 105, Oakey Qld 4401

Tel: 07 4691 1388

Fax: 07 4691 2591

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Ms Lois Speed (Chairperson)	12/07/2007
	Cr Anne Glasheen	22/04/2009
	Cr Noel Strohfeld	22/04/2009

<b>Administrative / Operational support:</b>	Mr Chris Rubie	Acting Secretary, appointed August 2008
	Mr Chris Rubie	Engineer, appointed November 2000

## 10. Pioneer River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 04/07/1959

**Business address:** Mackay Regional Council,  
Gordon Street, Mackay  
PO Box 111, Mackay Qld 4740

Tel: 1300 622 529

Fax: 07 4944 2400

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Mr David Price (Chairperson)	23/10/2008
	Cr Wendy Cameron	28/05/2008
	Cr Kevin Casey	28/05/2008
	Mr William Hobbs	07/10/2004

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mr David McKendry Cardno Ullman and Nolan Mr William Discher	Secretary, appointed April 2001 Consulting Engineers, Mackay Foreman, appointed August 1990.
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## 11. Scenic Rim Rivers Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 29/03/1975 **Date Renamed:** 7/11/2008

**Business address:** Scenic Rim Regional Council,  
70 High Street, Boonah  
PO Box 25, Beaudesert Qld 4285

Tel: 07 5540 5400

Fax: 07 5540 5200

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Dr Peter Prenzler (Chairperson)	12/07/2007
	Cr John Brent	17/06/2008
	Cr David Cockburn	17/06/2008
	Mr Morris McInnes	04/10/2007

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mr Douglas Pennell Environmental Officers	Secretary, appointed March 2005 Scenic Rim Regional Council from March 2008
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## 12. Stanthorpe Shire River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 03/05/1986

**Business address:** Southern Downs Regional Council,  
61 Marsh Street, Stanthorpe  
PO Box 26, Warwick Qld 4370

Tel: 07 4681 5515

Fax: 07 4681 5540

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Mr Adrian Finlay (Chairperson)	03/02/2005
	Cr Ross Bartley	25/05/2008
	Cr Cameron Gow	25/05/2008
	Mr Ian Mungall	03/02/2005

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mr Gregory Thouard Mr Chris Loveday	Secretary, appointed 1991 Director, Engineering Services, appointed September 2003
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## 13. Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 20/02/1960

**Business address:** Western Downs Regional Council,  
26 Wood Street, Dalby  
PO Box 551, Dalby Qld 4405

Tel: 07 4669 9000

Fax: 07 4672 1199

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Mr Raymond Little (Chairperson)	10/07/1980
	Vacant, Cr	
	Vacant, Cr	

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mr Graham Parsons Mr Graham Cook	Secretary, appointed 1994 Engineer, appointed September 2007
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## 14. Warwick Shire River Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 13/02/1998

**Business address:** Southern Downs Regional Council,  
64 Fitzroy Street, Warwick  
PO Box 26, Warwick Qld 4370

Tel: 07 4661 0303

Fax: 07 4661 0333

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Mr David Brown (Chairperson)	12/07/2007
	Cr Ross Bartley	26/05/2008
	Cr Cameron Gow	26/05/2008
	Mr Ian Mapes	03/02/2005

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Ms Gillian Buganey	Secretary, appointed January 2007
	Mr Eric Kraak	Engineer, appointed August 2004

## 15. Whitsunday Rivers Improvement Trust

**Function:** To protect and improve rivers; repair and prevent damage to rivers; and prevent or mitigate flooding of land by riverine flood.

**Date constituted:** 25/05/1974

**Business address:** Whitsunday Regional Council,  
83–85 Main Street, Proserpine  
PO Box 1341, Proserpine Qld 4800

Tel: 07 4945 3851

Fax: 07 4945 3851

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>
	Mrs Patricia Botto AM (Chairperson)	4/09/2008
	Cr Jan Clifford	23/04/2008
	Cr Jennifer Whitney	23/04/2008

<b>Administrative / operational support:</b>	Mrs Jo-Anne Linneweber	Secretary, appointed December 2008
	Mr Tim Smith	Trust Consultant Engineer, appointed 2000
	Mr Peter Jeffries	Overseer, appointed October 2005

## Financial information

### Remuneration of chairpersons and members

Chairpersons and members of a trust who meet the eligibility requirements for remuneration are entitled to be paid the fees and allowances approved under the *River Improvement Trust Regulation 1998* by the Governor in Council, and advised to the trust.

The scale of fees and allowances that was current during the year was approved by the Governor in Council on 20 September 2007.

The fees and allowances payable to chairpersons and members during the financial year are:

- a daily meeting fee of \$215 for chairpersons and \$191 for members
- a special assignment fee of \$179 for chairpersons and \$159 for members
- if the meeting or special assignment is of four hours duration or less, half the daily fee is to be paid
- all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred while travelling on approved trust business and to attend meetings in accordance with the following arrangements:
  - economy class air travel
  - travelling and motor vehicle allowances per Department of Justice and Attorney-General (JAG) directives at the time the expense was incurred.

During the 2008-09 financial year, the total amount of daily meeting fees and special assignment fees reported as paid by trusts to chairpersons was \$15 388. The total amount of meeting fees and special assignment fees reported as paid by trusts to members (exclusive of chairpersons) was \$14 622.

Other expenses (including motor vehicle and travelling allowances as prescribed in the JAG directives) and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses paid by the trusts to chairpersons and members totalled \$11 774.

### Audit report information

The information contained in the following tables was prepared by Water Industry Administration using data provided by the trusts in their financial statements and annual reports.

A trust prepares cash-based financial statements showing opening balances, receipts, payments and closing balances for each fund it conducts.

The *Auditor-General Act 2009*, including transitional provisions, came into operation on 1 July 2009 and replaces the previous audit requirements contained in the repealed *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*.

In accordance with section 40 of the Auditor-General Act and subject to having received all information and explanations required, the Auditor-General has certified for the completed audits that:

- the prescribed requirements in respect of the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects
- the financial reports have been drawn up so as to present a true and fair view of the transactions of the trusts in accordance with the approved form and accounting policies described in the notes for the financial year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 and of the financial position as at the end of that period.

A summary of the independent audit reports appears on the following page.

## Summary of independent audit reports

Name of entity	Date of independent audit report	Unqualified/ Emphasis of matter
Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust <sup>2</sup>		Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>
Cairns River Improvement Trust	15 Oct 2009	Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>
Cardwell Shire River Improvement Trust	8 Oct 2009	Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>
Clifton Shire River Improvement Trust	12 Oct 2009	Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>
Don River Improvement Trust	8 Oct 2009	Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>
Herbert River Improvement Trust	11 Aug 2009	Unqualified
Ipswich Rivers Improvement Trust	20 Aug 2009	Unqualified
Johnstone Shire River Improvement Trust	20 Aug 2009	Unqualified
Jondaryan Shire River Improvement Trust <sup>2</sup>		Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>
Pioneer River Improvement Trust <sup>2</sup>		Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>
Scenic Rim Rivers Improvement Trust	13 Aug 2009	Unqualified
Stanthorpe Shire River Improvement Trust <sup>2</sup>		Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>
Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust <sup>2</sup>		Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>
Warwick Shire River Improvement Trust <sup>2</sup>		Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>
Whitsunday Rivers Improvement Trust <sup>2</sup>		Emphasis of Matter <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Did not meet statutory timeframe for auditing purposes

<sup>2</sup> Audit has not been finalised

**Table 1: General fund**

		Receipts						Expenditure								
River/s improvement trusts	Balance 01/07/2008	Precept	Loans	Grants/subsidies <sup>1</sup>	Other income	Transfers from other funds	Total receipts	Capital works	Restoration works	Maintenance works	Interest and redemption	Admin	Other costs	Transfers to other funds	Total expenditure	Balance 30/06/2009
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Burdekin Shire <sup>2</sup>	837,849	230,000	0	0	100,025	481,763	811,788	592,687	124,210	0	0	24,745	83,973	0	825,615	824,022
Cairns <sup>3</sup>	374,756	150,000	0	482,465	654,687	0	1,287,152	1,045,314	519,653	0	0	43,293	0	0	1,608,260	53,648
Cardwell Shire	229,339	0	0	245,996	41,849	0	287,845	55,984	118,898	5,000	0	41,011	23,600	0	244,493	272,691
Clifton Shire	27,793	0	0	0	1,574	0	1,574	0	0	0	0	3,000	258	0	3,258	26,109
Don	135,109	84,000	0	320,357	17,251	0	421,608	480,535	0	0	0	28,671	0	0	509,206	47,511
Herbert	18,059	200,000	0	113,516	4,686	31,203	349,405	116,338	25,681	29,237	0	53,518	3,118	0	227,892	139,572
Ipswich	381,535	130,000	0	124,208	34,576	0	288,784	317,050	56,598	0	0	20,103	19,679	0	413,430	256,889
Johnstone Shire	297,947	60,000	0	182,984	11,971	0	254,955	169,898	258,605	31,150	0	27,161	3,245	0	490,059	62,843
Jondaryan Shire <sup>2</sup>	77,265	14,000	0	6,270	3,491	0	23,761	62,729	0	0	0	4,806	0	0	67,535	33,491
Pioneer <sup>2</sup>	296,515	535,980	0	0	164,603	0	700,583	0	117,034	0	108,298	158,135	46,723	331,071	761,261	235,837
Scenic Rim	44,243	35,000	0	16,250	4,642	0	55,892	65,810	1,144	0	0	8,363	7,166	0	82,483	17,652
Stanthorpe Shire <sup>2</sup>	21,797	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,570	0	0	0	2,284	1,513	0	12,367	9,430
Wambo Shire <sup>2</sup>	94,733	0	0	0	5,205	0	5,205	0	0	0	0	2,082	0	0	2,082	97,856
Warwick Shire <sup>2</sup>	182,207	80,000	0	16,363	30,678	0	127,041	65,454	0	14,868	0	10,419	9,265	0	100,006	209,242
Whitsunday <sup>2</sup>	34,410	105,000	0	119,401	26,577	93,279	344,257	150,402	21,950	0	0	33,268	29,462	120,000	355,082	23,585
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,053,557</b>	<b>1,623,980</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,627,810</b>	<b>1,101,815</b>	<b>606,245</b>	<b>4,959,850</b>	<b>3,130,771</b>	<b>1,243,773</b>	<b>80,255</b>	<b>108,298</b>	<b>460,859</b>	<b>228,002</b>	<b>451,071</b>	<b>5,703,029</b>	<b>2,310,378</b>

<sup>1</sup> As the terms 'grants' and 'subsidies' have been used interchangeably by trusts in their annual financial statements when recording receipts, for the purpose of this summarised report revenue amounts reported as either a grant or a subsidy have been combined and included in the total amount reported above under the column heading 'Grants/subsidies'. The types of grants and subsidies included in this column include: capital works grants, government grants distributed by SCRTQ Inc., Regional Flood Mitigation Program (RFMP), and Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

<sup>2</sup> Financial statements for this river improvement trust are unaudited at time of printing

<sup>3</sup> Cairns River Improvement Trust 'other income' includes a transfer of funds totalling \$107,715 from the former Douglas Shire River Improvement Trust

**Table 1.1: Precept and loan indebtedness information**

River/s improvement trusts	Unimproved value of trust area land	Precept	Precept rated at cents per \$1000	Loan indebtedness	River/s improvement trusts (cont'd)	Unimproved value of trust area land	Precept	Precept rated at cents per \$1000	Loan indebtedness	River/s improvement trusts (cont'd)	Unimproved value of trust area land	Precept	Precept rated at cents per \$1000	Loan indebtedness
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Burdekin Shire	622,293,591	230,000	0.37	Nil	Ipswich	10,638,,046,815	130,000	0.01	Nil	Wambo Shire	n/a	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cairns	12,840,318,670	150,000	0.01	Nil	Johnstone Shire	754,217,560	60,000	0.08	Nil	Warwick Shire	1,096,957,440	80,000	0.07	Nil
Cardwell Shire	762,751,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Jondaryan Shire	1,174,523,700	14,000	0.01	Nil	Whitsunday	1,920,342,600	105,000	0.05	Nil
Clifton Shire	122,000,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Pioneer	8,783,793,645	535,980	0.06	409,157					
Don	610,344,167	84,000	0.14	Nil	Scenic Rim	3,819,890,333	35,000	0.01	Nil					
Herbert	487,615,840	200,000	0.41	Nil	Stanthorpe Shire	212,765,870	Nil	Nil	Nil					

**Table 2: Reserve fund**

River/s improvement trusts	Balance 01/07/2008	Receipts					Total receipts	Expenditure							Total expenditure	Balance 30/06/2009
		Pre-cept	Loans	Grants/subsidies <sup>1</sup>	Other income	Transfers from other funds		Capital works	Restoration of works	Maintenance of works	Interest and redemption	Admin	Other costs	Transfers to other funds		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Burdekin Shire <sup>2</sup>	461,346	0	0	0	24,049	0	24,049	0	0	0	0	0	0	481,763	481,763	3,632
Pioneer <sup>2</sup>	55,749	0	0	0	32,545	10,000	42,545	35,610	0	0	0	0	0	0	35,610	62,684
TOTAL	517,095	0	0	0	56,594	10,000	66,594	35,610	0	0	0	0	0	481,763	517,373	66,316

<sup>1</sup> See page 34<sup>2</sup> Financial statements for this river improvement trust are unaudited at time of printing

**Table 3: Maintenance reserve fund**

		Receipts						Expenditure								
River/s Improvement Trusts	Balance 01/07/2008	Pre-cept	Loans	Grants/subsidies <sup>2</sup>	Other income	Transfers from other funds	Total receipts	Capital works	Restoration of works	Maintenance of works	Interest and redemption	Admin	Other costs	Transfers to other funds	Total expenditure	Balance 30/06/2009
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Herbert	354,679	0	0	0	17,292	0	17,292	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,203	31,203	340,768
Pioneer <sup>2</sup>	400,000	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0	95,134	0	0	0	0	0	95,134	354,866
Whitsunday <sup>2</sup>	157,500	0	0	0	5,779	120,000	125,779	0	0	0	0	0	0	93,279	93,279	190,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>912,179</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,071</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>193,071</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95,134</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>124,482</b>	<b>219,616</b>	<b>885,634</b>

**Table 4: Loan fund**

		Receipts						Expenditure								
River/s improvement trusts	Balance 01/07/2008	Pre-cept	Loans	Grants/subsidies <sup>1</sup>	Other income	Transfers from other funds	Total receipts	Capital works	Restoration of works	Maintenance of works	Interest and redemption	Admin	Other costs	Transfers to other funds	Total expenditure	Balance 30/06/2009
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cairns	799	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	799
Pioneer <sup>2</sup>	458,741	0	0	233,267	0	271,071	504,338	378,895	0	0	0	0	0	0	378,895	584,184
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>459,540</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>233,267</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>271,071</b>	<b>504,338</b>	<b>378,895</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>378,895</b>	<b>584,983</b>

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## Notes