



Catchment News

Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchments Inc

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Invitation to Special Event

FRCC wishes to invite you to our new office on Tuesday, 4th July for an event that shouldn't be missed! It's the perfect opportunity to join us in celebrating key milestones, share information and also participate in discussions at our first **Member Forum**.

It isn't often that we throw a party however we have reason to celebrate in this instance

Official launch of the website

Neighbourhood Catchment achievements

FRCC Natural Resource Management Plan updated.

We are proud of the work we have achieved in partnership with landholders and other stakeholders. It's a perfect time to catch up with staff, Committee members and friends that you may not have seen for some time! There will also be some great giveaways and delicious food!!!!

Further details about the event, including the Member Forum, will be available soon.



The new office is located in the Rockhampton city centre, on the Corner of Denham & Denison Streets.

Visit us anytime..... Browse the information displays, grab a drink while you chat with staff or take a break on a comfy chair.

Visit us on-line!

www.frcc.org.au

The organisation now has a website and we encourage you to visit the site and provide us with feedback. A variety of information is available on the site including the history of the organisation, projects and activities, staff details, overview of the Committee plus lots of other material!

We recommend checking out the 'News & Events' section of the site every now and then to keep an eye on upcoming workshops, Field Days or special events. The site will be updated every month.

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter via Email?

FRCC is reviewing the way in which it distributes information to members. Please advise us via email if you would like to receive your catchment newsletter electronically.

News and other items of interest

FRCC is coordinating a diverse range of additional activities such as:

- A resource monitoring program: i) First samples taken for water quality on Limestone Ck and Daly Ck, ii) Follow-up photos about to be taken at on-ground project sites and iii) With support from FBA, a volunteer will collect water samples from Emu Creek.
- Bush Foods event scheduled for August/September 2006.
- Workshops designed specifically for owners of small blocks: Bushland Management and Fire Management workshop already held with Weeds Workshop scheduled for late June.



Landholders attending workshops usually receive imagery of their property (a property map).

The Fitzroy Basin Association has recently purchased new satellite imagery (SPOT 5 colour) that will be available to landholders at a very affordable price.

- Stocktake workshop planned for 17th August which will provide grazing land managers with a practical way to assess and monitor land condition and long-term carrying capacity.
- Wetland pilot project (Great Barrier Reef Water Quality), is under development, and will include lagoons and waterways of the Southern Fitzroy Floodplain.

Neighbourhood Catchment update

Hedlow Creek, Alligator Creek and Woodbury Bungundarra

Landholders have been implementing on-ground projects (fencing, off-stream watering systems, weed control) and preparing to conduct follow-up monitoring activities. Workshops and field days have been well supported with 45 people attending the giant rats tail grass (GRT) day.

Upper Fitzroy

Activities are well underway in this Neighbourhood Catchment with staff assisting landholders to develop projects. 18 projects have already been approved by the FRCC Committee. Recently, landholders met to discuss and prioritise activities focused on weeds. A Global Positioning System (GPS) workshop proved to be very popular with local landholders.



There are many important wetlands and riparian zones in the FRCC area. Many landholders are managing these areas appropriately. The Neighbourhood Catchment program encourages others to do the same.

Raglan Creek

In partnership with Fitzroy Shire Council and Calliope Shire Council, all landholders in the area have been mailed information about the Neighbourhood Catchment program. About 45 landholders attended the two information sessions held in the Raglan Neighbourhood Catchment.

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