



# Media release

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## Catchment VIPs learn help is available

Landholders in the St Lawrence, Waverley Creek and Torilla catchment areas are very important people.

Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchments (FRCC) has made working with landholders in these catchments to improve land management their priority over the next year.

Landholders from these areas gathered at the St Lawrence Bowls Club to learn more about how FRCC can help at an information session and BBQ on Tuesday 26 August.

Local Landholder and FRCC committee member Rob McArthur encouraged those present to take advantage of the opportunity.

“If you’re interested in improving your grazing to increase the sustainability and productivity of your business then FRCC has skilled staff and incentive schemes that can be of great help,” Mr McArthur said.

Mr McArthur said that since 2004 FRCC had undertaken individual projects on almost 100 properties to protect and improve the management of their natural assets. As well as running many capacity building workshops and events.

“Past projects have included things like fencing off riparian areas and sensitive salt flats to reduce erosion damage,” he said.

“Landholders can still let cattle graze these areas, but fencing helps control stock access to ensure the areas can be grazed more selectively.”

“If your project idea is approved, FRCC contributes technical and planning support, and possibly up to 50 percent of the cost of getting the work done.”

“There’s an opportunity to develop individual projects, as well as larger catchment-scale projects with your neighbours,” he said.

He said interested people who didn’t make it to the information session should contact FRCC on 4921 0573.

The information session also included talks from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) and the Capricorn Pest Management Group (CPMG).

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