ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018

Inspiring & empowering communities for 21 years
Support Sustainable Agriculture

$13,314,300 spent on project delivery

9.35% of this figure was delivered directly to landholders

$13,650,715 invested into the local economy

$11,932,501 of this figure was invested by government

91,247 km travelled on road by FBA project officers

64 workshops, events and training days held

Mustering at 'Charlevue', Dingo
Photo: Jane Saunders
IMPROVE
WATER QUALITY

30
Fish hotels installed

7
Shipwrecks removed, weighing a total of 51.5 tonnes

55
Tonnes of marine debris removed

1,432
Trees planted

FBA conducted eDNA testing at 15 sites, with zero detectable increase in Tilapia

Humpback whales, Keppel Bay
Photo: Pacific Pixels
Gudda Gumoo’ Blackdown Tablelands National Park

PROTECT
SPECIAL PLACES & UNIQUE SPECIES

Photo: Nathan White Images

350
Bridled nailtail wallabies: the highest recorded population since conservation efforts began

93
Fitzroy river turtle nests were protected

238 km
The distance walked by detection dogs across the region for predator control

1,297,140
Cane toads eradicated

‘Gudda Gumoo’ Blackdown Tablelands National Park

Photo: Nathan White Images
WORK IN PARTNERSHIP

Indigenous fire management training workshop at Aldoga, Gladstone
Photo: Strong Images

1614 project volunteers

1974 participants and 18 school groups through the FLOW Visitor Centre

3 more indigenous corporations engaged across the region – 9 in total

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As my inaugural year as Chair for FBA draws to a close, I become increasingly proud of the organisation and still continue to learn after seven years involvement on the Board.

I have been continually impressed by all the work behind the scenes to make on-ground achievements happen. A dynamic environment nurtures innovation – and watching how FBA adapts is compelling to observe.

A personal highlight for me has been watching the region respond to the rich quality of workshops and presenters. It demonstrates landholders are keen to innovate, learn and take hold of opportunities to diversify and improve.

As a grazier myself, FBA’s strong reputation and allegiance to our industry was a driving factor in my decision to join the Board. I am extremely proud to fully comprehend the passion that underpins our team and our work.

It has been another big year, highlighted by Joel Salatin presentations across the region. I congratulate the team for their day-to-day commitment towards a sustainable future for central Queensland.

FBA has a proud history in adapting and overcoming to meet strategic goals. It is with great pride that in FBA’s 21st year, I form part of the leadership team ready to deliver on another year of exciting prospects.

Another impressive year for FBA began with the appointment of a new Chairman of the Board. Sean had been a Board member for seven years, and was very familiar with our operations, so the transition has been seamless.

Significant changes to the service delivery model took effect on 1 July 2018. The Board’s ongoing commitment to a greater return-on-investment and increased accountability saw FBA enter a new phase with our greatest ever on-ground presence. We sincerely thank our delivery partners for many prosperous years, and look forward to working alongside you into the future in an adapted capacity. The timing for this transformation comes as key projects finish and new ventures begin. The conclusion of four large-scale projects that FBA have worked on since 2013 instigate a period of reflection and transparency. Each of these projects have exceeded expectations and their legacy has imprinted every reach of the region. Combined, they have delivered an extraordinary 9.6% reduction in sediment load entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon from our catchment.

Looking ahead, we will review the CQSS: 2030 plan, commence major streambank restoration projects and continue to work with landholders at Best Management Practice workshops.

I am pleased to be leading our team into the next phase of the FBA history with continued enthusiasm and excitement. May the incoming year be full of great highlights and achievements.

Chair

Paul Birch
Chief Executive Officer

Sean Conaghan
Chair

Blink Photography
“I was watching this beautiful tall green grass on the side of the road and thinking how productive and prolific and vegetated it was—and right across the fence in the fields it’s flogged out—and my heart breaks for that.

And it turns out the hearts of the FBA folk breaks for that too—we are desperate for land healing.”

Joel Salatin
“This award was great recognition for the work that myself and FBA put into my gully erosion project. FBA have helped me through their project funding to build new on farm infrastructure (fences and water), which has helped me greatly with the grazing management of my cattle property.

I would recommend talking to FBA as they have some great opportunities for training and on ground project funding.”

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Dan Bishop
Hill End Farms and Reef Sediment award recipient

“Dan Bishop accepting the 2017 Reef Sediment Champion Award. Photo: Susie Cunningham”

“CELEBRATE INNOVATION”

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30 June 2018 marked the conclusion of several long-term projects led by FBA. Combined, these projects have left an enduring legacy in every corner of our 156,000km² region.

This map illustrates the breadth of work delivered by FBA with funding from the Australian Government.

Full moon, looking east over Keppel Bay from Emu Park Main Beach
Photo: Glenn Adamus
Statement of Financial Position
for year ended 30 June 2018

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This is an abridged version. A full copy of the Fitzroy Basin Association financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 is available by contacting:
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