

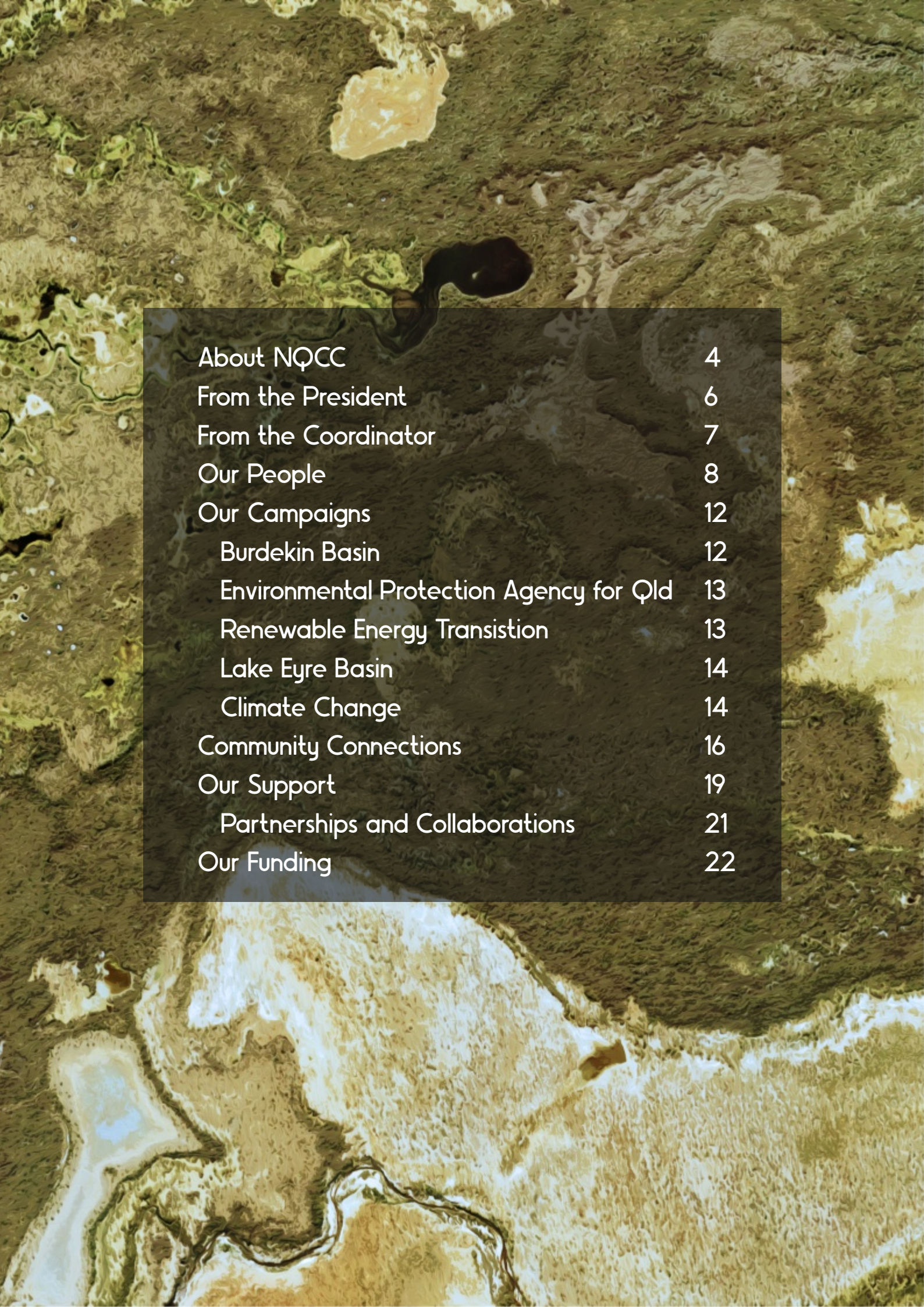
NQCC



2022-2023
Annual Report

An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape. On the left, a wide, light-colored sandy beach stretches along the shore. A dark, winding river or stream flows from the top left towards the bottom left, separating the beach from the inland area. The inland area is characterized by dense, dark green vegetation, likely a rainforest or mangrove system, with various small, irregularly shaped clearings or ponds visible within the foliage. The overall scene is captured from a high angle, providing a comprehensive view of the natural environment.

North Queensland Conservation Council acknowledges the Wulgurukaba and Bindal peoples, the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and live. We recognise the strength and knowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples bring to our wider North Queensland region and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to growing our connection with First Nations peoples of our region and furthering our understanding of their unique relationship to Country.

An aerial photograph of a dry, cracked landscape. The ground is a mix of brown, tan, and yellowish-green, with numerous deep, winding cracks. A small, dark, irregular pool of water is visible in the upper center. The overall texture is rough and uneven.

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A close-up image of a marbled surface, possibly stone or wood, with warm tones of brown, gold, and cream. The patterns are intricate and organic.

About NQCC

In the early half of 2023, the NQCC Management Committee reviewed our strategic plan. We are proud to present our new and improved vision, purpose and strategic goals for 2023-2026.

Our Vision

Flourishing communities living in balance with a healthy natural environment.

Our Purpose

To promote and protect the natural environment of North Queensland.

Our Values

- We are independent and ethical.
- We are bold in our actions to protect the environment.
- We respect the knowledge, perspectives and rights of First Nations Peoples.
- We work collaboratively with others towards our vision and purpose.

Our Strategic Goals

- NQCC affects positive environmental outcomes as a recognised, trusted authority on environmental protection in North Queensland.
- NQCC empowers North Queensland communities to learn about and engage with the natural environment, and to act together for its protection and conservation.
- NQCC works alongside, and is guided by, First Nations Peoples in delivering our vision and purpose.
- NQCC fosters a flourishing organisation that values people and is set up to succeed into the future.

Our Objects, as outlined in our Rules of Association

Through a range of activities, NQCC:

- Represents the region within the statewide conservation movement;
- Promotes and protects the values of the natural environment in North Queensland;
- Furthers the protection and rehabilitation of the environment through advocacy and education;
- Ensures that resource use and development in the region occurs in an ecologically sustainable manner and respects species, habitats and the integrity of ecosystems;
- Collaborates with and, where possible, assists organisations and individuals working toward environmental conservation within the region; and
- Works with governments to ensure that legislation, regulations and policies are designed and implemented to protect the values of the natural environment of North Queensland.

This year, we have voiced our support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart – an invitation to walk with First Nations Australians in a movement for a better future.



From the President

I am pleased to report that 2022-2023 has been another exciting year for NQCC. We have continued to advocate for positive outcomes for our natural environment, communicating concerns to government representatives and decision makers, acting directly with members, supporters and groups to protect the environment, and building connections with other community organisations striving for a better future for people and the environment in our North Queensland region.

I expect many of you have read about this work in our newsletter, 'Paperbark', which is produced every month by our amazing Coordinator, Crystal Falknau. She is one of the key reasons that NQCC manages to get so much done, and I would like to acknowledge the strong leadership she brings our organisation. I would also like to recognise the important work carried out by our subcommittees (always open to new members), and all of our wonderful members, volunteers and donors who step up and support our work for the environment.

Excitingly, the average age of the NQCC Management Committee dropped to below 50 this year. As well as the valuable contributions of experienced longer-term members, we have greatly benefitted from younger members bringing new knowledge and skills working in the environment movement, and fresh perspectives to the management of our organisation – this is good for the future of NQCC. Our Management Committee has fostered a respectful working environment, enabling us to effectively support our staff, manage our finances, and steer our organisation towards meeting our strategic goals. I would like to especially thank our Treasurer, Madde, for her commitment to ensuring the committee has the required information to make sound financial decisions for the organisation.

This year we reviewed our strategic plan, updating our vision and purpose, and further developing our values

and strategic goals. This is an important achievement, involving much dedication from the Management Committee. I would like to particularly thank our Vice President, Tamara Inkster-Draper, for skilfully leading us through the strategic planning process. Also, special thanks to Cathy O'Toole for facilitating two days of workshops and guiding us through the details of our plan, Cliff Cobbo, Indigenous Engagement Officer with WWF, for his advice and support in developing our strategic goals, and the NQCC members who attended the final workshop. The NQCC Strategic Plan 2024-2026 is an important document that will guide our day-to-day work and the decisions we make as a Management Committee.

I am proud to report that, as an organisation, we decided to support the YES campaign for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. This was a significant decision, based on our commitment to respect and work alongside First Nations People to protect North Queensland's natural environment. First Nations Australians have cared for Country for millennia, and irrespective of the referendum result, we need to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are leading the conversation on how to best protect their Country.

Chris Pam

President



From the Coordinator

The 2022/23 financial year has been both challenging and incredibly rewarding for us, in our efforts to promote and protect North Queensland's natural environment.

The change of Federal Government in 2022 saw momentum shift almost overnight towards action on climate, thanks to the boldness, cohesion, and relentlessness of the climate movement.

However, our battle continues. Our emissions reduction targets are still inconsistent with what is needed for the survival of our Reef and other ecosystems, and appropriate planning mechanisms to meet our renewable energy targets in a sustainable way is severely lacking. The continued approval of new coal mines also spells out disaster for our climate.

North Queensland is becoming a key region in the energy transition, with the extraction of new economy minerals, the harnessing of wind and solar resources and the development of green hydrogen all planned for our immediate or long-term future. At the same time, our ecosystems and communities are already at risk from impacts such as heat waves, changed rainfall patterns and sea level rise.

This period of unprecedented change and development in our beautiful region means that the protection of our natural environment is becoming increasingly challenging. To be an effective voice for our environment, our organisation needs a strong supporter base, powerful alliances, the trust of our community and a strategic approach to using and growing our resources. This is the work we've been doing.

This year, we reviewed our strategic plan, further developed relationships through Townsville's broad-based Community Alliance, underwent community organising training, grew our leadership in

Queensland's conservation movement and stood alongside local First Nations leaders with public support for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

I am so grateful to all of the people who have made our work possible. Our donors, members, volunteers and Management Committee have all played crucial roles in supporting our organisation to flourish and make a real impact.

In her time with NQCC, former Community Engagement and Fundraising Assistant Tiffany Bond ensured we had a vibrant presence at all kinds of community events and online, ran engaging and successful fundraisers and developed a fundraising strategy to allow us to use our resources more strategically. I'd like to acknowledge the wonderful work Tiff did, and the incredible volunteers who have stepped up to support this work since she left us earlier this year.

Despite our challenges, I am positive about the direction we are taking, the people we have beside us and our ability to be an effective voice for North Queensland's environment. I hope our annual report makes you proud to be a supporter of NQCC!

Crystal Falknau
Coordinator



Our People

Management Committee



Chris Pam – President

Chris is trained as an anthropologist and is currently working as a facilitator in the JCU Respect Program. Some of her previous research has focused on community understandings of climate change in the Pacific. Chris has been concerned about social justice and environmental issues for many years and is keen to work on climate justice campaigns with others in the North Queensland community.



Peter Hanley – Vice President

Peter Hanley has lived in North Queensland for more than 30 years. His interests include human rights, social justice, sustainability and community development, with a particular penchant for creative performances to educate and inform. Peter is also a convenor of the Amnesty International Townsville branch and writes a blog, "True North".



Tamara Inkster-Draper – Vice President

Tamara is NQ born and raised and spent childhood holidays and weekends on Magnetic Island. Over the last 10 years she's built a career around international climate action and advocacy. She currently manages the International Climate Politics Hub, a global network of experts and activists working to build diplomatic pressure for greater climate action by leveraging national and international narratives and opportunities. Tamara holds a PhD from JCU, where her research looked at the impacts of climate change on Tropical Biodiversity.



Amaya Hytch – Secretary

Amaya grew up on Durumbal Country in so-called Rockhampton and has always had a love of regional Queensland. They moved to Townsville at the end of 2020 for university and will be finishing up their Bachelor of Laws degree at JCU in 2023. She is particularly passionate about connecting young people to the climate crisis and ensuring that young and regional voices are heard in places of decision-making.

Amaya is currently volunteering as the Townsville Organiser for AYCC and is also the secretary for the JCU Law Student Society.



Madeline Price – Treasurer

Growing up in rural Queensland on Gubbi Gubbi country, Madeline (she/they) is an experienced community organiser with a passion for community development, locally-led activism, climate justice and people-powered change. Working in the social change space for the past ten years, Madeline has a history in the environmental movement with Tipping Point (supporting School Strike 4 Climate and Move Beyond Coal) and the Australian Conservation Foundation, feminist and intersectional gender justice with the One Woman Project, and international development with the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative. Madeline is new to Townsville, moving here in 2021 with her partner, two dogs and daughter.



John Connell

John has spent 30 years working with livelihood development projects in southeast Asia, and has a strong commitment to ensuring everyone has a 'fair go'. This work has involved identifying 'entry points' and 'pathways' that engage both smallholder farmers and local government officials in change. These skills have been integral to NQCC's Burdekin Basin campaign.



Angela Egan

Townsville has been Angela's home for over 20 years. Originally coming to the region with the Australian Army, Angela remained in Townsville to study medicine at JCU, and has worked in various areas of healthcare throughout the region.

Now working as part of a specialist surgical team, conducting major heart and lung surgery, Angela is passionate about heart health and preventative medicine, which includes addressing the social determinates of health. As a doctor, Angela felt empowered to act, and stood as an independent candidate for Herbert in the 2022 Federal Election, to highlight the threat of global warming on the health of people and the planet we all depend on.

We also acknowledge the contributions of previous Management Committee members:

- Bill Kennedy
- Tom O'Grady
- Andrea Ubillús

Subcommittees

Burdekin Basin Subcommittee

the driving force behind our Water Campaign

Climate Action Group

advocating for nature-based solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation that provide benefits for communities

First Nations Partnerships Subcommittee

incorporating First Nations perspectives to environmental advocacy through partnerships

Fundraising Subcommittee

supporting a diverse and sustainable income stream for NQCC

Governance Subcommittee

building good governance into our organisation

HR Subcommittee

ensuring employees are safe, supported and flourishing in their role

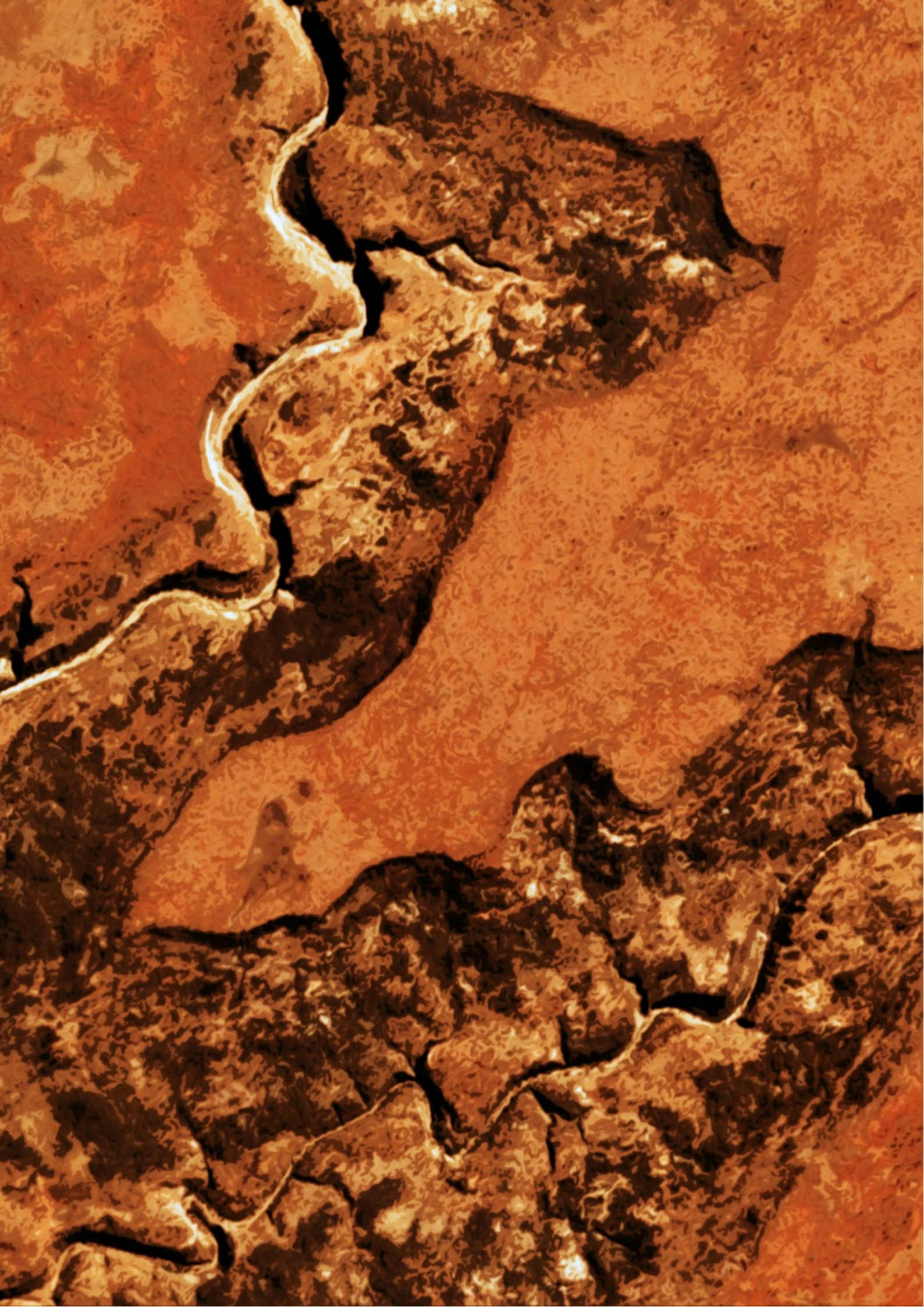
Public Fund Subcommittee

governing the use of tax-deductible funds received from our generous donors

Volunteers

Volunteers bring our organisation to life! In addition to the members of our Management Committee, we would like to acknowledge the significant contributions of the following volunteers throughout 2022/23:

- Alastair Birtles
- Bernadette Boscacci
- Cam Leitch
- David Cassells
- David McMillan
- David Sewell
- Emma Small
- Eric Santo
- Eric Wolanski
- Frank Dallmeyer
- Linda Davis
- Lucy Curtis
- Malcolm Tattersall
- Manuela Andreatta
- Megan Armstrong
- Sandra Croaker
- Sue Cole
- Sue O'Brien
- Tom O'Grady



Our Campaigns

A Sustainable Future for the Burdekin Basin

Queensland's Burdekin Basin is a culturally and ecologically significant Great Barrier Reef catchment that spans more than 130,000km². For several years, NQCC has used education and advocacy to campaign for a sustainable, science-led, integrated approach to its long-term management. Our Burdekin Basin Subcommittee is comprised of several dedicated volunteers, with extensive backgrounds in environmental sciences, engineering and governance.

In early July 2022, NQCC volunteer and retired environment scientist David Cassells presented "The need for integrated catchment management: a case study in the Burdekin River Basin" at the Developing Northern Australia Conference in Mackay. This conference was attended by many ministers, including Senator Nita Green (special envoy for the Great Barrier Reef) and the Hon Madeleine King (Minister for Northern Australia), who both took a keen interest in David's presentation.

At JCU's Research for Ethical Development's inaugural conference in Cairns in July 2022, NQCC's John Connell, A/Prof Carmen Reaiche and Dr Claire Holland presented on "Emerging issues and need for new governance mechanism on the Burdekin Basin", to raise issues affecting the Burdekin Basin from a governance perspective.

We have also actively advocated for commitments from relevant government ministers, departments and agencies through letters, meetings and submissions.

Following the federal election, we have been pleased to hear Australian Government Ministers refer to "water efficiency", "collaborative strategic planning" and "best available science" in respect to the future of the Burdekin.

The announcement that the proposed Urannah Dam would not be receiving federal funding came after a letter about this was presented to Australia's Environment Minister by NQCC and Mackay Conservation Group at the inaugural Queensland Environment Symposium in December 2022.

With the Burdekin Basin Water Plan review underway, and the announcement of a Regional Water Assessment, NQCC will have an important role play as one of the few organisations (alongside Queensland Conservation Council and Mackay Conservation Group), committed to a sustainable future for the Burdekin Basin that respects species, habitats, ecosystems and First Nations rights.



David Cassells (centre) at the Developing Northern Australia Conference in 2022.

An Independent Environmental Protection Agency for Qld

NQCC has taken a lead role in a state-wide collaborative campaign for an independent and effective Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Queensland – the only Australian state without one. Our campaign began with a joint submission to the Queensland Government's EPA discussion paper in July 2022, which united 35 conservation groups from across Queensland.



NQCC supporters got behind the campaign at our Earth Day EPA Picnic in April 2023.

From here, we have been sharing stories from throughout our region to highlight the broken system that is allowing Queensland's environment to suffer, including a state government department that, while hard-working, is ultimately under-resourced, lacking in any real power and regularly undermined by competing interests.

We have taken our message to social media, community events, the inaugural Queensland Environment Symposium and Ministerial Environment Roundtables. This campaign has been an opportunity for us to work closely with a range of organisations across Queensland, and to have some serious and engaging conversations with politicians, the media, supporters, students and our wider community about our broken environmental laws.

The Australian Government's commitment to reforming the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act and establishing an Environmental Protection Agency has meant that the time is ripe for Queensland to follow suit.

A Restorative Renewable Energy Transition

The Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, released in September 2022, was a welcome leap forward in ambition, following many years of advocacy from NQCC and Queensland's conservation movement.

North Queensland will play an important role in the energy transition, thanks to our abundant solar, wind and mineral resources. Ahead of us now lies the challenge of transitioning our energy industry in a way that allows our ecosystems and communities to thrive. As the voice for the environment in North Queensland, NQCC will play a lead role in ensuring that legislation, regulations, policies and plans are designed and implemented to make a regenerative energy industry possible.

Through written submissions and meetings with energy project proponents and politicians, we have ensured that all those involved in North Queensland's

energy future share our vision for the region and act accordingly.



We shared our aspirations for North Queensland's clean energy future with Senator Penny Allman-Payne.

Climate Change

There are many organisations throughout Queensland and Australia who are applying various strategies for ramping up political ambition on climate change, putting pressure on big polluters and fighting fossil fuel projects. We are proud to contribute to many of these campaigns from on the ground in North Queensland, either in the digital world or in person!

This year, on top of letters, submissions and the sharing of petitions, we were delighted to help mobilise local volunteers to put pressure on NAB's investments in fossil fuel projects, in partnership with Move Beyond Coal. This peaceful public action saw us having great conversations with NAB customers as they waited for the branch to open. NAB has since refused to finance Whitehaven Coal, in a win for this grassroots movement!

Our partnership with Move Beyond Coal led to our Townsville Climate Action Kick Off at the start of 2023, which united and energised local volunteers around opportunities to act on climate. Months later, our Climate Action Group has continued to meet

regularly and strategise around local government initiatives for climate mitigation and adaptation. Our stall at Townsville City Council's "Our Townsville" community event was popular with locals and caught the attention of several local Councillors.



An energetic and committed group braved some torrential rain to attend the Townsville Climate Kick Off.

Protection for Queensland's Lake Eyre Basin

In the southwestern reaches of the North Queensland region, you will find the incredible Kati-Thanda-Lake Eyre Basin. This unique and wondrous Channel Country that is important to many species, communities and Traditional Owner groups, is under threat – largely from fracking activities.

In April 2023, the Western Rivers Alliance and the Lake Eyre Basin Traditional Owners Alliance held an event in Townsville that brought together Traditional Owners and leading experts in ecological and cultural heritage research on the Channel Country in Queensland's Lake Eyre Basin. The highly engaged attendees learned about how they could get involved in the fight to protect this unique living landscape. This was a special opportunity to learn, share and get involved in the campaign, and an event that we were proud to support. We have continued to engage with these organisations, as well as BirdLife Australia to

show our support for ending fracking in the Channel Country.



Panelists addressed a keen audience at the Channel Country event in Townsville.

Ministerial Environment Roundtables

We have continued to proudly represent North Queensland at Ministerial Environment Roundtables, where we work closely with Queensland's other conservation organisations to push for government action on the campaigns and issues we work on. Together, we have moved the dial on priorities and ambition. The events that take place around these roundtables also provide excellent opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and support, campaign collaboration and much more.



Conservation groups from across Queensland met with Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon in February 2023.

Submissions

Submissions continue to be an effective advocacy mechanism from behind the scenes! In 2022-2023, we made submissions regarding:

- An EPA for Queensland
- The Climate Change Bill 2022
- The Draft 2022 Reef Wetland Strategy
- The Central Queensland Coal Project
- The Lake Eyre Basin Draft Strategic Plan
- The Safeguard Mechanism
- The Upper Burdekin Wind Farm Public Environment Report
- The Replacement of the Burdekin Basin Water Plan

Our Community Connections

As part of our commitment to educating and advocating for North Queensland's natural environment, and collaborating with others for a shared purpose, we have hosted, co-hosted and supported a range of community actions and activities.

Green Drinks

Townsville's monthly Green Drinks has continued to be a social staple for those interested in all things environmental. It delights us to facilitate this event each month, bringing new people together to share ideas, concerns and conversations. We always learn plenty – whether from each other or from our guest speakers! Green Drinks events have matched organisations to volunteers, boosted support for local green initiatives, and welcomed many newcomers into a warm, friendly and insightful group. The Townsville Green Drinks Facebook Group also continues to be a central place for sharing information and opportunities online!



Green Drinks – bringing together the environmentally interested each month.

World Wetlands Day at Mundy Creek

World Wetlands Day in 2023 was marked by a popular community event that brought together Townsville City Council, Coastal Dry Tropics Landcare, Northern Suburbs Lions Club and of course, NQCC! The beautiful Mundy Creek Landcare site was buzzing with activity with participants of all ages getting a sweat up and making new friends while removing those pesky weeds.



Participants of all ages were happy to lend a hand at Mundy Creek on World Wetlands Day.

Townsville Community Alliance

The Townsville Community Alliance has been several years in the making, and NQCC has played an active leadership role from the start. This alliance of local community organisations, faith-based institutions and unions uses community organising and relational power-building to draw issues that are widely and deeply felt across our community and work together for solutions with an agenda for the common good.

The concept of a community alliance was very new – and somewhat strange – to many, but thanks to the support of the Queensland Community Alliance (particularly Queensland Organiser Emily Kain) and the determination of local leaders, we held a Listening Launch in May 2023, attended by 50 locals from across 18 organisations. Through the Queensland Community Alliance and Hunter Community Alliance, our Coordinator, Crystal (supported by QCC) and Secretary, Amaya (supported by AYCC) completed a six-day community organising training intensive in mid-2022. Several other Management Committee members have also

undergone foundations training, which has contributed to the relational growth and development of our organisation, equipping us to work meaningfully within and across communities.



50 locals from across 18 organisations attended the Townsville Community Alliance Listening Launch in May 2023.

The Voice, Explained

Dr Janine Gertz, a Gugu Badhun and Ngadjonji woman, Lecturer of Indigenous Studies at the Nura Gili Centre for Indigenous Programs and Research Associate at the Indigenous Law Centre of the University of New South Wales, is involved in the local and national campaign for the constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament and has been delivering education sessions to community in the lead up to the referendum.

When some members of NQCC's Management Committee heard Dr Janine Gertz speak about the journey from the Uluru Dialogues and the Uluru Statement From the Heart to the referendum for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament, they knew that our community would benefit from hearing the story too. We were thrilled when Dr Gertz accepted our invitation to present to our members, and were even happier at the interest the event received!

This informed conversation provided a wonderful opportunity for NQCC supporters to follow the

process and journey - the most extensive consultation ever involving First Nations Peoples - that has led to the referendum for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution.



Almost 40 NQCC supporters attended an event to learn more about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

Trivia Night

Our 2022 Trivia Night Fundraiser was held on the 19th November at the Townsville Senior Citizens Hall in Belgian Gardens. It was a fantastic evening of fun, corruption and plenty of laughter thanks to eleven enthusiastic teams and our incredible volunteers who keep the night running smoothly.

Thanks to our attendees, raffle ticket purchasers, volunteers and prize sponsors we raised Over \$4900! Trivia champions Suppositories of Wisdom won a place on our Trivia Championship Plaque once again - was it their superior Trivia skills that got them over the line or did they keep our bribe taker busy? We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful volunteers and generous sponsors for making our night both fruitful and fun!



NQCC supporters new and old attended our famous annual Trivia Fundraiser!

Our Townsville

Our presence at Townsville City Council's "Our Townsville" event in June 2023 not only helped us to engage locals in thinking about how their local government could best support climate action, but it also helped to raise our profile and have meaningful conversations about all things conservation. We would like to acknowledge the local Boomerang Bags team, who donated a delightful assortment of handmade reusable bags and other trinkets to sell on at this event, as well as Candy from Lids4Kids and Complete Water Solutions NQ for making our crafty polling station possible! Our volunteers made the day a breeze and a delight! Big thanks go to David Cassells, Manuela Andreatta, Sandra Croaker, Linda Davis and Frank Dallmeyer.



Consulting with Our Townsville visitors to discover what issues were important to them.

Our Support

We are proud to be able to play a role in supporting the great work of other groups and organisations working for environmental conservation and other closely aligned outcomes in North Queensland.

Amnesty International Townsville - Protect the Protest Campaign

The right to peaceful protest has been crucial to the success of many historical environmental campaigns here and around the world. We were proud to stand alongside the active Townsville branch of Amnesty International to show our support for this important human right, following a special screening of “Franklin”.



Human rights, climate justice and environmental protection are closely aligned.

Fair Bite Townsville and the Smart Coffee Project

This highly motivated NQCC member group works to keep food waste out of landfill, and we've been proud to support them by connecting them with volunteers, promoting their work and sharing our office space with them from time to time.

Townsville Tree Advocacy Group

Sometimes all you need is a small group of passionate people willing to work together and take a stand for important changes to be made. This small but mighty group have been making waves in Townsville City Council for the protection and enhancement of our urban forest. NQCC's involvement has allowed us to improve the reach of their messages and campaigns and assist with facilitating meetings and actions where possible.

Invasive Species Council – Yellow Crazy Ants Eradication

We know just how devastating Yellow Crazy Ants can be to biodiversity, and their proximity to Bowling Green Bay National Park has us incredibly concerned. We have keenly provided support to the wonderful work of the Invasive Species Council to address this issue, through inviting them to share their work at Green Drinks and advocating directly to Queensland's Environment Minister. Jess and Bev promoted the Invasive Species Council's Bug Hunt at Green Drinks.



Jess and Bev promoting Bug Hunt.

Phil's Bush Cleanup – Operation Habitat Auto

Townsville's Port Access Nature Reserve is a beautiful bushy area bounded by creeks and mangroves, on the south side of Townsville. When Phil Gibson found it heavily littered with all manner of illegally dumped waste, he knew he had to do something to restore that special place.

In 2020, Phil's Bush Cleanup was born, and, in collaboration with NQCC, Phil gained the permissions required to carry out voluntary work on the site, owned by the Queensland Department of Environment and Science.

Since starting his regular cleanup activities, Phil and other volunteers have found everything from dirty nappies and broken furniture, to car tyres and even a

burnt-out boat. While much of this has been able to be removed, several car bodies (often too rusted out to be towed away) have presented too much of a challenge with the resources at hand.

In the first half of 2022, Phil drafted a project plan to remove these troublesome car bodies, aptly entitled "Operation Habitat Auto", and together we applied for one of the Queensland Government's Community Sustainability Action Grants. In July 2022, we received the news that our application was successful, and Operation Habitat Auto came to life! Since then, Phil and his team have removed tonnes of rubbish from the area, and the wildlife is starting to return.



Our Partnerships and Collaborations

NQCC is proudly represented on the following committees:

- Townsville Local Marine Advisory Committee
- Dry Tropics Partnership for Healthy Waters
- Townsville Littering and Illegal Dumping Committee
- Townsville Port Maintenance Dredging Technical Advisory and Community Consultative Committee

We continue to work closely with a range of organisations, allowing us to access expertise, skills, resources and all kinds of support. Below are some organisations we collaborated with in 2022/23:

- Amnesty International Townsville
- Australian Conservation Foundation
- Australian Marine Conservation Society
- Australian Youth Climate Coalition
- Birdlife Australia
- Climate Council
- Climate Media Centre
- Coastal Dry Tropics Landcare Inc.
- Dry Tropics Partnership for Healthy Waters
- Environmental Defenders Office
- Fair Bite Townsville
- Invasive Species Council
- Lake Eyre Basin Traditional Owners Alliance
- Magnetic Island Nature Care Association
- Move Beyond Coal
- National Parks Association of Queensland
- NQ Wildlife Care
- Phil's Bush Cleanup
- Planet Conscious Townsville
- Plastic Free Townsville
- Queensland Community Alliance
- Queensland Conservation Council and the other regional conservation councils
- Royal Geographical Society of Queensland
- Social Workers for Climate Action
- TIDY Townsville
- Townsville Tree Advocacy Group
- Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (Townsville branch)
- Wildlife Surrounds Conservation Centre
- Western Rivers Alliance
- Yes23

Our Funding

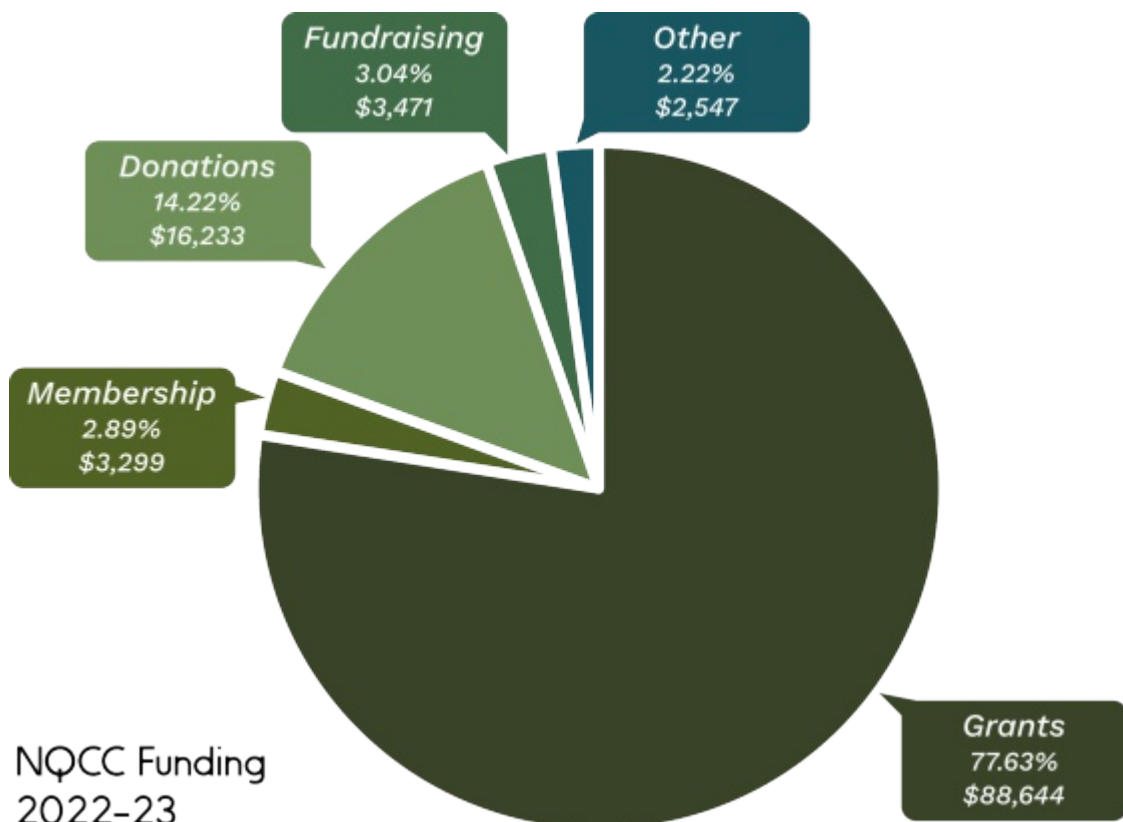
NQCC is a not-for-profit Incorporated Association under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Queensland). The organisation is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). NQCC fulfills its governance obligations through reports and returns as required by the ACNC, the Queensland Office of Fair Trading and the Australian Taxation Office.

NQCC maintains a tax-deductible public gift fund (NQCC Environment Fund), registered by the Australian Taxation Office and subject to the regulatory oversight of the Commonwealth Register of Environmental Organisations and the ACNC. Sue Cole, Cam Leitch, Bernadette Boscacci and Sue O'Brien oversee the NQCC Environment Fund. All donations received are used to further NQCC's environmental objectives.

We appreciate the support we have received from all of our donors, particularly our monthly donors and the SM Robinson Private Ancillary Fund.

In addition to donations, NQCC is funded through memberships, fundraising and grants. Fundraising and donation sources include fundraising events, the Container Deposit Scheme, Grill'd's Local Matters community donation program, PayPal's Giving Fund, the sale of t-shirts and Boomerang Bags, and donation appeals.

NQCC gratefully acknowledges the financial commitment from the Queensland Government's Non-Government Conservation Funding Program, an invaluable source of ongoing financial support for the organisation, and the \$20,000 we received through their Community Sustainability Action Grants for Operation Habitat Auto.





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- Kissing Chickens
- Lids4Kids
- Mamu Skywalk
- Mary Who? Bookshop
- Paronella Park
- Queensland Water and Land Carers Association
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- Wishbone Ash and Crackerbox

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