

# Expression of Interest Form Mary Catchment Grazing Reef Trust Program (2016 – 2018)



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The Australian Government's Reef Trust Program (phase 3) in the Mary River catchment will work with grazing landholders to adopt grazing land management practices that achieve Reef Trust outcomes in terms of water quality, nutrient and sediment losses to the reef. The Mary River is the southern-most of these reef catchments, with the grazing sector being the largest single land manager i.e. about 70% of the catchment area. The project team will provide graziers with extension support, technical advice, and training to implement eligible on-ground projects using best management practices (BMP) within priority areas of the Mary River catchment (see map). The MRCCC is calling for expressions of interest from interested grazing landholders.

A key selection criterion is the participation in the Grazing BMP self-assessment program which provides the opportunity for graziers to benchmark their current grazing practices against a Beef Industry-developed set of standards. Grazing BMP can be completed on-line ([www.bmpgrazing.com.au](http://www.bmpgrazing.com.au)) or at a local workshop.

Once the Grazing BMP is completed, the MRCCC project team will engage with participating graziers to jointly undertake detailed assessments of current grazing land practices using an A-B-C-D rating system. Additional assessments of the property's grazing land condition, including pasture condition and riparian zone condition, will also be completed. These assessments will help identify training needs, areas for further extension and technical support and identify potential for on-ground projects. This process is called the "Property Implementation Pathway". Participating graziers will receive support to implement their Property Implementation Pathway focusing on improving grazing land management and Reef Trust water quality outcomes.

The Mary Catchment priority area includes the Yabba, Kandanga, Amamoor, Stryring, Blackfellows, Eel, Widgee, Glastonbury and Wide Bay Creek sub-catchments, plus the Kenilworth and Conondale districts sub-catchments in the Upper Mary (see map).

Improved grazing land condition leads to greater pasture productivity, improved resilience to climate extremes and enterprise profitability, by reducing the loss of valuable sediments and nutrients from our grazing lands. Riparian zones including wetlands e.g. marshes, billabongs etc, will be a particular focus due to their key function of filtering nutrients and sediments from the grazing landscape, before they reach the river system and the Great Barrier Reef.



**Reef Trust Phase III  
Priority Area**

Map produced by Caitlin Mill  
Date: 21-Jun-17  
0 4 8 16 24 32 40  
Kilometers  
1:700,000



# Expression of Interest for Reef Trust #3 extension, training and on-ground project support

**Q1.** Have you already completed the Grazing BMP self-assessment? **Yes** or **No**? (*please circle*). If no, go to Q2.

**Q2.** Which is your preference to complete the Grazing BMP self-assessment (*please tick*):

- Visit the Grazing BMP website ([www.bmpgrazing.com.au](http://www.bmpgrazing.com.au)) to register on-line
- Via a workshop to be held locally e.g. Gympie, the Mary Valley, Conondale or another location

**Please indicate your interest in one or more examples of Reef Trust #3 activities:**

**1. Training & support e.g. field days, farm walks, workshops etc.** - *please tick the topics below that will assist you with adopting best grazing land management practices*

- Pasture plant identification (including forbs, legumes and weeds)
- Pasture condition assessment
- Grazing land management
- Riparian zone condition assessment
- Riparian zone rehabilitation e.g. tree-planting, fencing, cats claw vine control etc.
- Understanding the key role of grazing land types on property scale planning
- Other.....

**2. Managing streambank erosion** (river, creeks, wetlands) *e.g. riparian fencing to manage stock access*

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**3. Managing streambank erosion caused by stock drinking from riparian zones** *e.g. installing stock watering points (tanks, troughs etc) away from drainage lines etc.*

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**4. Managing pasture & groundcover through evenness of grazing of different grazing land types** *e.g. sub-divisional fencing to grazing land type etc*

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**5. Stabilisation of erosion gullies, salt scalds etc.** *e.g. gully fencing etc*

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<b>Name:</b> .....
<b>Property Address:</b> .....
<b>Postal Address</b> (if different): .....
<b>Phone:</b> ..... <b>Mobile:</b> ..... <b>Email:</b> .....

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