

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

About the Upper Mary Rivercare program

Upper Mary landholders, together with the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee (MRCCC) and Seqwater have worked together to design a community-based water quality program. The program reflects the needs and interests of landholders while also providing positive environmental outcomes for the Mary River and protecting the quality of Kenilworth's drinking water supply.

Program Eligibility

The program is currently open to landholders whose properties border the Mary River or tributaries within 25km upstream of the Kenilworth town water offtake (see map). The MRCCC invites landholders to submit an Expression of Interest to initiate interactions for planning and on-ground projects aiming towards best management practice.

If eligible, participating landholders can receive planning and multi-year funding support to implement on-ground projects focusing on improving land management and Kenilworth's water quality. Participating landholders can also attend workshops and field days, connect with other landholders in their area and share their insights and experiences with other landholders. Examples of projects include:

- Riparian fencing to manage stock access to waterways
- Installation of off-stream watering systems to provide alternative water supply
- Construction, installation, and modifications of dairy effluent management systems including effluent tanks and ponds, trafficable solids traps, hardened laneways, effluent pumps and irrigation systems, diversion banks and composting pads.
- Revegetation of eroding riverbanks
- Environmental weed control in strategic locations e.g. Cat's claw vine, Madeira vine



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Benefits

Joining Upper Mary Rivercare helps you manage your land with water quality in mind - benefitting you, the local community, and the Mary River. Improved land condition leads to greater productivity, stock health and improved resilience to climate extremes by reducing the loss of valuable sediments and nutrients. Riparian zones and wetlands e.g. dams and billabongs, are a particular focus due to their key function to filter nutrients and sediments from the landscape before they reach the river and the Great Barrier Reef.

Note: Landholders who are not eligible for project funding under the Upper Mary Rivercare program may be eligible for funding under other programs. The MRCCC can help you find out what funding may be available to meet your goals. See page 3 for program overview.

1. Please indicate your interest in one or more project types:

- Managing stock access to streambanks, wetlands or gullies e.g. riparian fencing
- Managing stock watering from waterways or wetlands – e.g. stock watering points (tanks, troughs)
- Revegetation of eroding streambanks – e.g. planting native seedlings adapted to streambanks of the Mary River
- Environmental weed control – e.g. control of Cat’s Claw and/or Madeira vine
- Stabilisation of eroding gullies, salt scalds etc. e.g. gully fencing etc.
- Dairy effluent management – e.g. hardened laneways, trafficable solids traps, stormwater diversion away from effluent systems, effluent irrigation systems, etc.
- Other.....
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2. Please provide a brief description of your land/waterway issues/concerns and/or project ideas

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3. Do you give permission for us to share your name and contact details with other program participants via our Upper Mary Rivercare Landholder Register?:

Please select: YES NO

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4. Please indicate your preferred method of contact:

- Phone
- Email
- SMS
- Post

Name:
Property Address
Lot on Plan number
Postal Address (if different):
Phone: Mobile:
Email:

Please return completed form to the **MRCCC** at 25 Stewart Terrace, Gympie or
Post: PO Box 1027, Gympie QLD 4570, **Email:** admin@mrccc.org.au
If you have any questions, please phone the **Mary River Catchment Resource Centre** on
07 5482 4766

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Upper Mary Rivercare Program overview

Level	Level requirements / opportunities	Benefits
Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the Gateway Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water quality introduction ○ Farm practices to improve water quality ○ Landholder program explained • Opportunity to attend workshops and field days • Opportunity to attend landholder get-togethers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual access to competitive project funding • Learn about Kenilworth's local drinking water supply, the Upper Mary Rivercare program and water quality of the Mary River • Access to workshops targeting areas of landholder interest • Opportunity to connect with and learn from other local landholders on a regular basis
Active	<p>As above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Expression of Interest form • Attend at least 2 workshops and/or field days per year • Property best land management practice assessment and farm water quality plan developed by MRCCC following landholder survey and consultation • Implement project/s with landholder in-kind commitment • Be open to hosting one farm event/visit (with MRCCC support) to help other farmers learn • Optional inclusion in a landholder's project register to enable sharing of information and knowledge 	<p>As above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm water quality plan developed by MRCCC with a laminated A3 aerial map of your property incorporating your grazing land type, contours and waterways, soil type/s, vegetation and nearby project sites in your neighbourhood • Access to multi-year, locked in funding to implement projects identified in your farm water quality plan • Receive a program participation / support sign for your property gate – community recognition that you are committed to improving and protecting local water quality • Access a contact register of other local landholders who have implemented water quality improvement projects to visit their properties and/ or discuss what they've learnt.