

## RIVERS TO REEF CLIMATE RESILIENCE ALLIANCE

This pilot project is part of the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils program delivered by the Local Government Association Queensland, thanks to funding from the Queensland Government.

### Pilot outputs and activities

Key outputs from August 2021 - April 2022 are listed below, with further delivery up to June 30, 2022.

Collaborate on projects	
	<p><b>Alliance Action Plan</b>  <b>20 shared priorities for collaboration</b> up to 2026, developed through <b>2x workshops</b> and small group interviews. Read more: <a href="#">Action Plan</a></p>
	<p><b>Project plans</b>  <b>'Keeping Our Cool' program plan</b> to support planning for urban heat and cross-sector disaster management responses for extreme heat events (implementation funding dependent).                      ⌚ <b>In progress:</b>  <b>Energy and emissions management options paper and survey of current practices</b></p>
	<p><b>Project implementation</b>  <b>Disaster preparedness for animal management</b> – risk assessment sessions, tool and final joint disaster exercise to test business continuity planning (23 May 22).                      ⌚ <b>In progress:</b>  <b>Greenhouse gas emissions inventory options</b> (up to 30 June 22, per LGAQ approval - tbc)</p>
Grow our community of practice	
	<p><b>Education and co-design for climate risk management</b>  <b>3 briefings</b> in councillor workshops and FNQROC Board  <b>2 Alliance Executive briefings</b> and co-design sessions  <b>3 workshops</b> through other FNQROC technical committees</p>
	<p><b>Targeted LG climate risk resources</b>  <b>1 online hub</b> of 50+ tools and resources addressing Alliance priorities.  <b>5 webinars</b> attended by council officers (2xIPCC Briefings, Carbon Farming, QCRC Queensland Climate Risk Management Framework and panel, ecoBiz climate adaptation tool for the Cairns Business Resilience Network) – various additional planned.  <b>1 pack of community resources</b> to support consistent messaging and infographic.                      ⌚ <b>In progress:</b>  <b>'Bite sized' climate information social media films</b></p>
	<p><b>Peer to peer information sharing</b>  <b>5 council resources shared</b> (climate change strategy, urban heat management, renewable energy transition, microgrid feasibility with UQ, environmental offsets – voluntary conservation improvements).  <b>1 Masters research paper</b> focussed on the Alliance exploring regenerative agriculture.  <b>10 Technical Working Group meetings</b> and co-design sessions  <b>1 energy and emissions management workshop and presentation from Cairns</b> (second to come)  <b>1 webinar – Cairns Climate Change Strategy</b>                      ⌚ <b>In progress:</b>                      Yarrabah Microgrid feasibility study outcomes presentation (27 May 22)</p>

Improve governance and demonstrate leadership	
	<p><b>1x Terms of Reference</b>  <b>1x Climate Risk Management Strategy Testing</b> supported through Tablelands Regional Council.</p> <p> <b>In progress:</b>  <b>Climate action reporting pilot</b> through FNQROC Report Cards</p>
Identify and develop resourcing, improve access to tools and best practice	
	<p>Funding applications  <b>11x grants identified</b> and assessed for suitability  <b>2x applied for</b> on behalf of Alliance to the value of \$40,000.</p>
	<p>Access to opportunities  <b>3x invitations extended</b> for Cairns Community &amp; Youth Climate Summit and pro-bono training on the Circular Economy.</p>
Activities	
	<p>Support external stakeholder engagement and information sharing - with and on behalf of councils  <b>1x stakeholder directory</b></p> <p>Includes: Reef Guardian Councils Executive (presentation), Terrain NRM (climate risk management alignment), CCIQ ecoBiz (SME climate risk tool and promotional campaign), Griffith Climate Action Beacon (resources for Indigenous councils, financing adaptation), JCU Tropical Design Lab (urban heat management - opportunities for collaboration), Noosa Shire Council (low carbon procurement, carbon offsets generated on council land to inform a regional offsets policy led by CRC), Tablelands Natural Assets Management Advisory Committee (Alliance briefing), Brisbane Sustainability Agency (community Carbon Challenge and clubs program), Cairns Alliance of Social Services (climate smart community housing advocacy and climate justice forum development), Cop 26 &amp; 27 briefings from Australian delegation.</p>
	<p><b>Formal consultation or submissions</b>  <b>7x feedback provided</b> on QCRC program review via LGAQ Climate Resilience Advisory Committee, National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy, TNQ Drought Hub co-design workshop, QRA Regional Resilience Strategies – Wet Tropics, Gulf regions, Northern Renewable Energy Zone consultation via LGAQ, CSIRO (tool development for regional economic resilience in response to climate variations) and Queensland Emergency Response Management Framework Improvement Project - risk assessment tool workshop.</p>

#### Pilot Timeline



#### Pilot governance arrangements

- **Executive: meets quarterly**
  - **TWG: meets monthly**
  - **FNQROC: secretariat, coordination**
- Option to establish:**
- **Focused working group**
  - **Reference group**

