

Waterways Extension Program

Protecting the Redlands

In the Redlands, our lives and activities are integrally linked to the health of our waterways. Our day-to-day activities can and do effect the quality of the water and habitat in our local creeks and streams and the vast aquatic playground of Moreton Bay.

When it rains, unstable soils and pollutants such as fertilisers, waste, oils from roads and litter wash into the stormwater system, ending up in local creeks, wetlands and estuaries. This can have serious impacts on natural ecosystems, the local economy and quality of life in the Redlands.

The future health of our waterways depends on all residents and businesses keeping our waterways clean by looking after their own backyard. Our waterways are valuable assets that help shape the personality and uniqueness of the region. These rivers and creeks serve as havens for many of the native plants and animals found in the area and provide important corridors to link natural areas within the region.



The Waterways Extension Program

Focusing on hotspots in:

- Hilliards Creek catchment
- Eprapah Creek catchment
- Tarradarrapin catchment



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About the Waterways Extension Program

Redland City Council is committed to reversing the decline in the health of Redlands waterways.

The Waterways Extension Program (WEP) is action-oriented and focused on reducing pollutants entering the waterways (primarily) and improving waterway health (secondarily) through extension practice and engagement.

The program acts on the findings of Council's Hotspot Water Quality Monitoring Program which identifies the sources of nutrients and sediments entering the creeks during rainfall. Landholders in identified hotspot subcatchments are offered incentives and support to work with Council to enhance practices on their properties that affect waterway health.

The Waterways Extension Program (WEP) was developed in response to consistent reporting (through the SEQ Healthy Waterways Partnership report card) that Redlands creeks are in poor condition. From a broader perspective, the program will contribute to the implementation of the South East Queensland Healthy Waterways Strategy 2007-2012.



Join the program

Council is seeking to partner with landholders in selected catchment areas to keep our waterways healthy, clean and free from pollution. Hotspots in the Hilliards Creek, Erapah Creek and Tarradarrapin catchments have been identified for priority action.

The Waterways Extension Program offers technical, practical and financial assistance to landholders who are willing to partner with Council to enhance conditions on their land and therefore contribute to improved water quality and ecosystem health.

As a landholder, Council can help you identify and manage the sources of nutrients and sediment from your property.



Benefits to the landholder

As a participant, based on a site assessment, you could be entitled to:

- advice on best management practice for your property and/or assistance with developing a property management plan to reduce pollution entering nearby waterways
- removal of manure stockpiles or installation of bunding/stormwater diversion around stockpiles
- one-off financial contribution towards the cost of stream bank and farm dam rehabilitation projects (eg fencing and revegetation) on your property
- one-off financial contribution towards septic system inspection, maintenance and/or subsidised upgrade
- advice on fertiliser application, optimum stocking and erosion control
- assistance with dam/wetland management and rehabilitation.



Qualifying for the program

To qualify for the program:

- you must be willing to contribute to improving the water quality and ecosystem health of your catchment or local waterways
- your property must be in a hotspot subcatchment identified in Council's Hotspot Water Quality Monitoring program.

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