

Action Plan Milestone Report

The Reef Guardian Council stewardship program recognises the good environmental work Councils and communities are achieving to help the Great Barrier Reef.

Each year the Council prepares an Action Plan to record the diversity of actions. This annual Milestone Report highlights some of the achievements and positive changes that have occurred over the past year.

Upgrade of the Glenmore High Lift Water Pump Station

One of the Rockhampton Region's largest water pump stations is undergoing a full upgrade, totalling \$9.3 million. The project, which was commenced in mid-2013 will soon be completed and is already creating positive ripple effects.

A complete electrical and mechanical upgrade of the pump has been achieved. Included in the upgrade are four new high efficiency pumps, and new transformers and electrical switchboards. This has significantly seen significant financial and environmental benefits through reduced energy consumption. The new pumps have an increased pumping capacity which will enable the pump station to supply at least 140 ML. The upgrade also enables the station to be powered by a diesel generator in the event of a power outage.



Channelling funds for creek cleanup

A joint project of Rockhampton Regional Council and the Queensland Government has seen the clean-up of dozens of creeks and waterways around the local area.

The project has included three separate stages, totalling \$2 million. Clean-up and restoration follow damages caused by TC Marcia in early 2015 and has included the removal of debris from each creek, the protection of various banks and some reshaping to reinstate channels.

The cleanup helps improve overall water flow and reduce the risk to nearby properties in the case of a future flood event. Works are expected to be completed by March, 2016.



New waste disposal option chosen

Council has been working toward a new waste disposal option for the Region for several years, with the Lakes Creek Road Landfill Site expected to reach full capacity in 2016.

A new and exciting disposal option has been approved for the site, landfill remain open for at least another 20 years. Known as the Piggy Back Extension, the disposal option will build on top of existing landfill rather than see a completely new landfill site established.

The option was recently approved by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and will commence early phases in 2016.



Water and sewerage infrastructure upgrades

Efficient water and sewerage infrastructure not only saves the Council and ratepayers money, it helps to save the Great Barrier Reef by improving water quality.

The Council has made significant investments in the past year and upgraded water and sewerage mains and treatment plants across the region.

Further upgrades are planned for the year ahead to ensure long term safe and reliable provision of water and sewerage services.



Waste Transfer Station Community Day

In anticipation of the opening of Rockhampton's Waste Transfer Station, Council hosted a community open day as an opportunity for residents to gain a sneak peak of the facility and how it will operate. The day provided on site demonstrations and tours of the site. The event's activities and fun also focused on the benefits of reusing and recycling items, and included an op shop dress up, a recycling sorting challenge, furniture up-cycling demonstrations, and even live entertainment by a local band playing on hand made instruments.



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