

Resume 2010: Mary Maher



MARY MAHER
AND ASSOCIATES

Group facilitation & communications for Sustainability

Mary Maher, principal consultant of her Brisbane-based consultancy, is a practitioner in environmental, social and sustainability strategies. She now specializes in facilitation aimed at building group dialogue for navigating emerging issues, problem solving, strategy development and evaluating progress towards desired outcomes.

She has 28 years' professional experience including lecturing in universities for 11 years (Australia, University of Surrey, UK and University of Nanjing, China), senior policy adviser and Branch director in Brisbane City Council for 5 years managing a team of 24 environmental scientists and planners; in private consultancy for 12 years managing a small business of six staff; and a range of government appointments including two Government-owned Board directorships.



Qualifications and Memberships

- BA, Dip Ed., M.Sc. (AES), M.Sc. (STS)
- Fellow of Environment Institute of Australia & New Zealand (EIANZ)
- Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD - to 2007)
- Planning Institute of Australia (PIA)
- International Association of Facilitators (IAF)

Specialist in group facilitation

Mary specializes in group facilitation, communication, collaboration and partnership-building. She has facilitated one-off as well as developmental processes of consultation. She has worked with multi-stakeholder groups, Executives and Boards and staff teams in the Commonwealth Government and State Government processes as well as scientific organizations, corporations and rural and urban communities. Her broad expertise includes the following:

1. Corporate strategy and organizational arrangements Climate change, energy and sustainability
2. Reef, Murray-Darling Basin and Natural Resource Management
3. Urban land use and master planning
4. Training and mentoring in organizational arrangements, climate change strategies, market-based instruments, social impact assessment, facilitation skills and consultancy business development.

Recent relevant projects undertaken since 2006 are outlined in the following pages.

Mary's background and areas of professional expertise >2010

| Professional areas | Relevant experience in summary |
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| Sustainability planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Social Responsibility Reports for >10 corporations • Past President (Qld) and Fellow of Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand |
| Urban development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, Brisbane Inner City Advisory Committee 2006>; member City South Liaison Committee 2005>; President West End Community Association 2002> |
| Water planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister's ROP Referral Panel 2002-03 • SunWater Board Director 2003-2007 |
| Energy efficiency strategy and policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2007 trainee for the international <u>Climate Project</u> • Masters of Science research thesis on energy efficiency • Facilitation CSIRO Energy Futures Forum workshop for peak industries |
| Infrastructure planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Port of Brisbane Corporation 2000-06 • Director, SunWater 2003-06 |
| National and regional strategies for natural resource management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty five years project experience in strategy and policies for land use planning, ecosystem services, state of environment reporting • Over 10 national projects on river legislation, catchment management, Reef protection, and water quality; five manuals for NRM, EMS and environmental management for Local Governments |
| Corporate sustainability, business planning, organizational structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business strategies for sustainability, corporate performance planning and evaluation • Over 20 Local Government sustainability strategies • Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors • Business plans for several professional institutes (pro bono) |
| Social and economic assessments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social impact assessment for environmental flows in Murray Darling Basin • Social and economic assessment training for Dept of Natural Resources and Water (Qld) |
| Facilitation and communication processes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >5 major Commonwealth-State community summits (200+ participants) • >10 Community engagement strategies for conservation, urban planning, impact assessment • >80 workshops for Councils, CSIRO, Regional Bodies, State Departments, professional associations and infrastructure proponents • Mary Maher & Associates <i>Facilitation Plus</i> training course |

Mary's brief curriculum vitae

Mary Maher is a communicator and facilitator in the fields of environmental, social, urban and corporate planning and performance.

With more than 25 years experience in over 150 technical, consultative and strategy development projects she has worked across the disciplines which form the basis of natural resource management, energy and water efficiency, community development, urban planning and corporate arrangements for sustainability.

Working for clients in Commonwealth, State and Local Government, national research organizations, regional and industry bodies and community associations, **Mary has designed and implemented communication and consultation processes** to ensure project decision-makers are conversant with key stakeholders' aspirations, needs and recommendations.

She has been a professional representative on a number of Committees and Boards. She has been a Director on two Government-owned Corporation Boards - Port of Brisbane Corporation and SunWater. She has also undertaken the following: deputy Chair of the Coastal Protection Advisory Council 2000 - 2004, Chair of the Brisbane River Management Group's Management Plan Committee (1994 - 1998), president of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (Qld 1998-2003). Until 2008 she was a member of the Urban Environment Professional Advisory Group, School of Urban Environment at QUT and of the Advisory Board to the Queensland Museum's Southbank Campus. She is currently Chair of West End Community House, a neighbourhood centre.

Mary has been a team member in five award-winning environmental planning projects with the Planning Institute of Australia, one of which have won the national award and another which was the overall winner.

In 2007, Mary trained as an Al Gore Climate Project presenter and communicates climate change issues in a number of forums including schools, community organizations as well as businesses. She has also been a community representative in a number of Brisbane planning initiatives. She was the inaugural President of the West End Community Association and is a board member of the neighbourhood centre, West End Community House, in Brisbane.

Mary Maher is an experienced facilitator and community engagement program manager. She specialises in design and conduct of strategic planning, collaborative planning and stakeholder engagement activities for organisations at corporate, shire, regional and national scales.

Mary has extensive experience in design and conduct of stakeholder engagement and dialogue strategies - from initial scoping and search exercises, to creating ways to generate stakeholder interest in projects, developing information packages which build people's capacity to participate and have dialogue, and to options development and negotiation of preferred strategies and how stakeholders will contribute to implementation of the agreed directions. Her facilitation and planning projects include strategic and corporate plans for Councils and a number of professional bodies.

Project experience since 2006

Climate change, energy and sustainability

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| <p>CSIRO Energy Transformed Flagship, Aviation Fuels Scenarios Project Design and facilitation of collaborative process with aviation industry suppliers, government and non-government organisations to build and examine scenarios for future fuels in the aviation industry</p> | <p>Carbon Futures Theme Leader Paul.graham@csiro.au</p> |
| <p>University of Queensland, Sustainability in Practice Course Course Coordinator for semester course offering for 70 third year and Post graduate students</p> | <p>Dr David Neil, d.neil@uq.edu.au</p> |
| <p>NCCARF, Forestry Scenarios for adapting to Climate Change 2009 Two-day workshop with industry, government and scientific organizations to identify key drivers of Forestry Futures to build, test and reconstruct Forestry scenarios</p> | <p>Professor Jean Palutikoff, Director, j.palutikof@griffith.edu.au</p> |
| <p>National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility: Strategic directions 2009 Two workshop sessions to identify major challenges Australia faces for its CC adaptation and to define the role and key focus areas for the NCCARF for the next 3 years >2012</p> | <p>Marie Warschka, Coordinator m.waschka@griffith.edu.au</p> |
| <p>Energy Transition Taskforce, Sunshine Coast Regional Council Facilitation of inaugural meeting to define priorities and key actions for transitioning the region in the face of CC and fuel supply uncertainties</p> | <p>Philip Woods, Coordinator Philip.woods@sunshine.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>U21 Summer School - Climate Change Adaptation Master planning of two-week Conference program for delegates from 18 Universities from 14 countries http://www.universitas21.com/event/090714SummerSchool.html</p> | <p>Professor Martin Bell Martin.bell@uq.edu.au</p> |
| <p>Twenty presentations 2007-2008, The Climate Project, ACF Voluntary presentations to Brisbane businesses, community groups and consultancies as an Al Gore presenter</p> | <p>View Project website http://www.acfonline.org.au/default.asp?section_id=224</p> |
| <p>Key note address, Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand Climate change Boot Camp, key note address: <i>Everyone is a Climate Change practitioner</i></p> | <p>Simon.cavendish@enviropartners.com</p> |
| <p>Southern Gulf Climate Change Forum, Mt Isa Risks and Responses working session, local initiatives presentation</p> | <p>Donald Coventry, Southern Gulf NRM ceo@southerngulf.com.au</p> |
| <p>COAG Adaptation Working Group, Climate and Water Subgroup Two working sessions of the Subgroup of Commonwealth and State agencies with invited specialists to scope impacts and adaptation initiatives for COAG consideration</p> | <p>Adrian Jeffreys Adrian.jeffreys@premiers.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>CSIRO, Energy Transformed Flagship Program - Future Fuels</p> | <p>Dr Paul Graham</p> |

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| <p>Scenarios Forum 2008</p> <p>Design and conduct of five workshop sessions with industry-NGOs-agencies to examine the future fuels scenarios to 2050</p> <p>Report: http://www.csiro.au/science/FutureFuelsForum.html</p> | <p>Energy Technology Division</p> <p>Paul.graham@csiro.au</p> |
| <p>CSIRO, Energy Transformed Flagship Program - Future Fuels Forum 2007</p> <p>Energy Futures Scenarios - design and conduct of five workshop activities with industry-NGOs-agencies to examine a series of energy futures for Australia</p> <p>Report: http://www.csiro.au/science/EnergyFuturesForum.html</p> | <p>Dr Paul Graham</p> <p>Paul.graham@csiro.au</p> |
| <p>Brisbane City Council, Carbon Sink for South-east Queensland 2007</p> <p>Workshop with regional Council officers and industry to examine implications of achieving major increases in the remnant vegetation cover to maximize the carbon sink function within region.</p> | <p>Lex Drennan, Brisbane City Council</p> <p>Lex.drennan@brisbane.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Reef Protection Plan - Proposed Framework for the Reef and Catchments Partnership</p> <p>A workshop with Commonwealth and State agencies and 6 NRM Regional Bodies to determine the recommended Partnership framework for the long-term protection of Reef water quality.</p> | <p>Rachel Eberhard</p> <p>Program Coordinator, Reef Partnership</p> <p>0432 683 598</p> |
| <p>Queensland Water Commission, Industry Compliance Workshop 2007</p> <p>Workshop facilitation with industry & LG to build a joint approach to achieving Level 6 Water Restrictions primarily in buildings and industrial user groups</p> | <p>Greg Oliver, strategic</p> <p>OliverG@qwc.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Urban Water Research Alliance, SEQ region</p> <p>Design and delivery of a planning workshop for the consortium of universities, agencies, Qld Water Commission and local governments to set priorities for urban water research.</p> | <p>Mark O'Donohue</p> <p>modonohue@ozemail.com.au</p> |

Reef, Murray-Darling Basin, Moreton Bay and Natural Resource Management programs

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| <p>Reef Summit, Department of Premiers and Cabinet 2008</p> <p>Design and conduct of a multi-stakeholder Summit in Parliament House to define critical issues and way forward for the five-year Reef Protection Plan 2008-2013</p> | <p>Bruce Stewart, Director, Policy Division</p> <p>Bruce.stewart@dpc.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Market based instruments, Department of Natural Resources & Water 2008</p> <p>Two-day training course design and delivery of six sessions in Queensland and NSW; presentation at the national MBI Forum in September 2008</p> | <p>Claire Heath, MBI project coordinator,</p> <p>Claire.heath@nrw.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Great Sandy Strait Draft Marine Aquaculture Plan, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries 2008</p> <p>Facilitation of six public forums to inform multiple stakeholders about the Plan and to identify key issue areas and ways forward</p> | <p>Samantha Miller, principal planner</p> <p>Samantha.miller@dpi.qld.gov.au</p> |

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| <p>Nitrogen applications workshop, CSIRO 2007</p> <p>Workshop with multiple stakeholders to assess nitrogen application options for canefarming.</p> | <p>Principal scientist Peter.thorburn@csiro.au</p> |
| <p>Horizons Strategy, State level Regional Groups' Collective for NRM 2007</p> <p>With Drs Michael Gutteridge and Ann Peterson, <i>Horizons Strategy for Regional Natural Resources Management beyond 2008</i>, Regional Groups Collective, 2006</p> | <p>Andrew Drysdale CEO, RGC 0407 634224</p> |
| <p>SEQ Catchments (South-east Queensland NRM Regional Body) 2006</p> <p>A one-day workshop to develop the 2006-09 business plan for Land for Wildlife Consortium operating across State agencies and Local Governments in SEQ.</p> | <p>Deborah Metters dmetters@seqcatchments.com.au</p> |
| <p>Reef Water Quality Partnership & CSIRO Water for a Healthy Country Flagship 2006</p> <p>A two-day workshop on the past, present and future of water quality modelling in Great Barrier Reef catchments and designing for an integrated approach to all future modelling exercises</p> | <p>Jane Waterhouse Science Coordinator, Reef WQ Partnership</p> |
| <p>Murray-Darling Basin Commission, Community Advisory Committee</p> <p>Design and delivery of Sector Forum & Workshop to prepare submission to MDBC & Federal Government on urgent intervention.</p> | <p>Dr Ian Falconer cac@mdbc.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Department of Natural Resources and Water & FNQ NRM 2006</p> <p>NRM Knowledge Systems Symposium</p> <p>A two-day workshop on diverse knowledge systems and their incorporation into the change processes for improved natural resource management in Australia.</p> | <p>Christina Dwyer, Natural Resources Science Program Christina.Dwyer@nrw.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>National Chairs Working Group & Department of Natural Resources & Management 2006</p> <p>Review of National Chairs Forum and future strategy for 56 Chairs of Australia's Natural Resource Management Regional Bodies</p> | <p>Jenny Awbery j.awbery@nrw.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>DNRW, Review of the Vegetation Management Act (1999) 2007</p> <p>With the charter of preparing the Government's Independent Review of the Act, the consultation process involves focus groups, an on-line survey, meetings with peak bodies on Reference Group and a stakeholder workshop.</p> | <p>Evelyne Meier, special projects manager, Evelyne.meier@nrw.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Queensland Wetlands Program, NRW</p> <p>Facilitation of a State-wide workshop series for wetlands practitioners to evaluate progress and future needs / arrangements; input to final Wetlands Census report</p> | <p>Peter McDonald QWP Peter.McDonald@epa.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Land and Sea Management Centres Review - Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Australia</p> <p>Input to Review of Land & Sea Management Centres on Cape York</p> | <p>Dr Ann Peterson a.peterson@uq.edu.au</p> |
| <p>DNRW, Premier's and C'wealth Department of Environment</p> <p>Regional workshops in the Reef catchment for the intergovernmental evaluation report: <i>Review of NRM Plans' alignment with Reef Protection Plan 2006</i> (with Dr A Peterson and Michelle Walker)</p> | <p>Susanne Hoverman DNRW</p> |

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| <p>FNQ NRM Lessons from Cyclone Larry</p> <p>Community forum to document impacts on the natural environment and lessons learnt about clean-up and promotion of natural recovery processes in the Wet Tropics region of FNQ</p> | <p>Ms Penny Scott FNQ NRM Ltd 07 54208942</p> |
| <p>Qld Murray Darling Basin Committee, Indigenous Program</p> <p>Working with IP manager and elders to develop the indigenous community's communication strategy for engagement in the natural resource management program</p> | <p>Fiona Wellington, formerly of QMDC</p> |
| <p>State Investment Program Evaluation project</p> <p>Facilitation of workshops and evaluation report input for the NRM State Investment program projects under NHT2.</p> | <p>Susanne Hovermann (formerly of NRW)</p> |
| <p>Department of Natural Resources and Water</p> <p>Wetlands Program National Indicators Design workshop</p> <p>Design and conduct of a two day national workshop on conceptual models for scoping indicators for scientific, community and policy.</p> | <p>Dr Diane Conrick Diane.conrick@nrm.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Environmental Protection Agency, Burnett-Mary Regional Group, SEQ catchments & Local Government Association of Queensland</p> <p>Facilitation of a series of workshops in a team with Lloyd Consulting to design and evaluate a pilot exercise for SoE Online.</p> | <p>Mark Cushing, SoE Unit Mark.cushing@epa.qld.gov.au</p> |

Urban land use and master planning

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| <p>Gold Coast City Council, Bold Futures & Planning Scheme Review, with Humphrey Reynolds Perkins and Plan C</p> <p>Facilitation of options development and stakeholder 'speakouts' to review the strengths and weaknesses of the current Scheme and to identify key influences, trends and obstacles for the future Scheme</p> | <p>Dominic Hammersley, PM dominic.hammersley@hrppc.com.au</p> |
| <p>Sustainability workshop, South-east Queensland Regional Plan, Department of Infrastructure and Planning</p> <p>Workshop with multiple stakeholders to set key directions for the SEQ Regional Plan for delivering desired regional outcomes for sustainability</p> | <p>John Abbott, principal town planner John.abbott@dip.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Local Growth Management Strategy Review workshop, Sunshine Coast Regional Council</p> <p>Councillors and executives' workshop to redefine Sunshine Coast's future settlement Plan to 2031</p> | <p>Warren Bunker, Planning manager, Warren.bunker@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Australian Green Development Forum & Gold Coast City Council</p> <p>Developers and Council staff working session to scope issues and opportunities for improved delivery of sustainability through the Planning Scheme</p> | <p>Chris Tanner, AGDF Chris.tanner@blighttanner.com.au</p> |
| <p>Waste Summit, Sunshine Coast Regional Council</p> <p>Minister McNamara and Councillors' Summit with key stakeholders to examine waste management options to landfill</p> | <p>Stephen.skull@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>Delfin Project, Rocky Springs Environmental Impact Statement</p> <p>Conduct of consultation focus groups on key EIS topics with multi-stakeholder groups for proposed development for 35000 people</p> | <p>Tanya Hoare, project manager Tanya.hoare@lendlease.com.au</p> |

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| outside Townsville. | |
| Redland Shire Council, Koala Policy and Strategy Staff training, strategy development and summit design and delivery with 25 presenters and 4 workshop sessions to develop Council's Koala Policy based on wide stakeholder input. | Dan Carter, Environment Danielc@redland.qld.gov.au |
| Southport Foreshore Parklands Concept Workshop, Gold Coast City Council Multiple stakeholders workshop reviewing the background studies to the Master Plan concept for the foreshore parklands and design key outcomes | Sarah Chalkley, GCCC Schalkley@goldcoast.qld.gov.au |
| Caloundra City Council, Local Growth Management Strategy to 2026 Facilitation of a 6-workshops series with Councillors and executive management to define the settlement pattern for Caloundra City in 2026 and 2046, and to identify the key policy requirements for that pattern. | Tony O'Keeffe, Principal Strategic Planning, 07 54208942 |
| SEQ Catchments and Queensland University of Technology: Urban Management School Design and conduct of a one-day workshop based on fourteen students' presentations about the rural-urban fringe in the region and its planning framework to ensure sustainable future development | Andrew Davidson, coordinator adavidson@seqcatchments.com.au |
| Brisbane City Council, Water Resources Branch Oxley Creek Rehabilitation Feasibility Study Communication manager, Oxley Creek Corridor Rehabilitation Strategy - <i>Communication Strategy</i> design and delivery 2004-05 | Barry Ball, Director, Water Resources Barry.ball@brisbane.qld.gov.au |
| Caboolture Shire Council, Concept for Caboolture-Morayfield Principal Activity Centre Internal management workshops to examine options for progressing the SEQ Regional Plan designation of the CM area as a PACentre. | Mr Noel Harvey, Economic Development HarveyN@caboolture.qld.gov.au |
| Caloundra City Council - Maleny Community Precinct Plan Caloundra City Council - Maleny Community Precinct - design and delivery of a facilitation Strategy based on a community open day, summit workshop and focus groups to design the future of the precinct | Leah Bancroft, strategic planner l.bancroft@caloundra.qld.gov.au |
| Bayside Creeks Catchments Group, Brisbane City Council Community workshop to develop environmental performance standards for the Bayside component of the City Plan | Mike Patchett baysidecreeks@westnet.com.au |

Corporate strategy and organizational arrangements

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| Planning Program Review and Strategy, Planning and Environmental Management, University of Queensland, 2010 Staff review session, critical directions setting and curriculum framework development | John.minnery@uq.edu.au |
| Strategic Plan for USC Faculty, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, 2010 Faculty staff planning day to identify key elements of the Faculty | Julie.matthews@usc.edu.au |

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| vision and to examine options for improved knowledge sharing and direction-setting | |
| Strategic Planning Day, Southern Gulf Catchments, 2010 Facilitated strategic planning session with Board and Staff with a focus on commercialisation arrangements and communications | ceo@southerngulf.com.au |
| Mental Health Alliance in Ipswich Region, Boilerhouse, University of Queensland Facilitation of a collaboration design exercise with ~25 non-government organizations in Ipswich Region to progress cooperative arrangements between themselves and Government funding bodies | Dr Dana Kelly, d.kelly@uq.edu.au |
| University of Queensland, Global Change Institute Concept plan and internal consultation process for establishment of GCI as a major University portal for sustainability-focused research and development | Jo Connah, PA to Deputy Senior Vice Chancellor j.connah@uq.edu.au |
| Affordable Housing Taskforce, Sunshine Coast Regional Council Action plan workshop for the taskforce's term of office | Robyn Douglas Robyn.Douglas@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au |
| Future Directions Workshop, NRM Qld Regional Groups' Collective Strategic planning session with Regional NRM Group chairs and CEOs to define the future directions for the Qld collective | Andrew Drysdale, CEO Andrew.drysdale@regionalgroupscollective.com.au |
| Sunshine Coast Regional Council Workshop with staff to set directions for priority projects following amalgamation of environmental management functions | Warren Bunker, Planning Warren.bunker@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au |
| Moreton Bay Regional Council, Environment Policy Unit Structure Workshop with staff to set directions for priority projects following amalgamation of environmental management functions | Melanie Brennan , Environment officer, Redcliffe SC |
| Australian Green Infrastructure Council, Business Planning Workshops with committees developing AGIC business plan for market-readiness of the Green Infrastructure rating tool | www.agic.net.au |
| Powerlink staff mentoring Mentoring of environmental manager responsible for sustainability strategy | Stephen Martin Stephen.martin@powerlink.com.au |
| Board Director, Port of Brisbane Corporation Corporate and sustainability strategies, and Environment Committee member | Jeff Coleman CEO, Port of Brisbane Corporation |
| SunWater Corporate and sustainability strategies, and Environment Committee member | Peter Boettcher CEO, SunWater |
| Brisbane City Council Preparation of a presentation defining the Key Result Areas and Key Performance Indicators for the Livable City's Twenty Outcomes | Jennifer Bartlett, Sustainability Mgr Jennifer.bartlett@brisbane.qld.gov.au |

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| <p>Brisbane City Council, City Planning Branch, Key Result Areas for City Planning</p> <p>Workshop series with senior planners to develop performance measures for the planning function in Brisbane City</p> | <p>Michael Papageorgiou, Director, City Planning</p> |
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Training in sustainability, natural resource management and facilitation

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| <p>Three Thursdays Advanced Facilitation Course</p> <p>Since 2009 Mary has conducted 4 sessions of her three-day training course in Advanced Facilitation skills.</p> | <p>Further details from mail@marymaher.com.au</p> |
| <p>Market based Instruments Training Course, Department of Natural Resources & Water</p> <p>Design and delivery of the Six offerings of the two-day training in Queensland and NSW; and presentation at national MBI Forum 2008</p> | <p>Claire Heath, MBI project coordinator, Claire.heath@nrw.qld.gov.au</p> |
| <p>WWF Australia, & SKM (Brisbane), BCC, <i>Facilitation Plus</i></p> <p>3 offerings of one-day staff training course: <i>Facilitation Plus - 10 Tools for Facilitation</i></p> | <p>Kimberley Dixon KDixon@wwf.org.au Susanne Cooper Scooper@skm.com.au</p> |
| <p>Department of Natural Resources and Water</p> <p><i>Social and Economic Impact Assessment for Regional NRM</i></p> <p>With SKM, design and conduct of a six module training Course: <i>Social and Economic Impact Assessment for Regional NRM</i></p> | <p>John Mackenzie SIA Unit John.Mackenzie@nrw.qld.gov.au</p> |

Mary Maher: career positions

Mary has professional experience spanning the career areas of university lecturing, policy development, consultancy and a number of high level Committee and Board positions.

- 11 years lecturing in universities for (QUT, University of Surrey UK, and the University of Nanjing, China),
- Four years as senior policy adviser and inaugural director of the Environmental Management Branch in Brisbane City Council establishing a team of 24 environmental scientists and planners,
- 12 years in private consultancy, managing a small business comprising 2 to six staff;
- Various appointed positions including Board Director, Deputy Chair, statutory panel member and community representative on a range of Government and Council committees; two directorships on State Government owned Corporations - Port of Brisbane Corporation (7 years) and SunWater (3 years).

Professional milestones

- Collaborative design and conduct of the EIANZ 2010 Summit of national speakers on: *Courageous Decisions - Queensland's economy under Climate Change 2050*
- Presentation at Singapore Management University on Women & Climate Change 2010
- Community representative on Brisbane City Council's Brisbane Inner City Advisory Committee 2006 - 08
- State Government appointment to Board of Directors, SunWater 2003-07
- President, West End Community Association, 2004 - 2007, and Board member, West End Community House 2005-2008 then President >2008
- Fellowship status, Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand > 2004
- State Government appointment, Department of Natural Resources & Mines Referral Panel, Resource Operations (Water Allocation) Plans 2002 - 03
- Consultancy team work to win two Certificates of Merit in the 2002 awards, Planning Institute of Australia (Q)
- State Government appointment, Ministerial Advisory Review Board - *Moratorium on Farm Dams 2002-03*
- State government appointment to Board of Directors, Port of Brisbane Corporation 2000 - 2007
- Advisory Board member, Environmental School of Planning, Griffith University 2001+
- Graduate - (1) Mediation Skills Program of Queensland Community Justice Program, (2) Australian Institute of Company Directors Training for Directors course
- Deputy Chair - State Government's *Coastal Protection Advisory Committee* (2000-2005)
- President - Environment Institute of Australia & New Zealand (SE Qld chapter) 1998-2002
- Chair - *River Users Group*, Brisbane River Management Group 1999 - 2001
- Board member - Australian Environmental Studies Program, Griffith University 1999 - 2001

- Team member - State Award 1999, Royal Australian Planning Institute,
- Executive member - Queensland Conservation Council, 1997-8
- National award for Excellence with Chenoweth & Associates - Royal Australian Planning Institute, *Pine Rivers Shire Greening Plan* 1994
- State-appointed chairperson - Brisbane River Management Plan *Development Team*, 1994 - 6
- Key note speaker - Symposium of the Japan Environmental Agency, Tokyo, 1994
- Inaugural Director, Environment Management Branch, Brisbane City Council 1988-1992
- Award winner 1993 - Environment Management Branch won the national *Banksia Award for Environmental Excellence*
- Environment Officer - appointed Brisbane City's Council's first environment officer, 1988
- Author - prepared the first handbook *Environmental Management In Local Government*, 1988 (Commonwealth Government Grant)
- Guest Lecturer - Nanjing University, People's Republic of China, 1983 (first half of 1983)
- Masters Program student - selected into first intake for Griffith University's *Masters of Science* program in Environmental Studies, 1976
- Graduate School Coordinator and *Energy Studies* Lecturer in London - Graduate School, Architectural Association, London (UK) 1974-5
- Geography lecturer - University of Surrey, United Kingdom, 1973- 4.

History of consultancy projects since 1992

- 4 feasibility studies for major land development projects including options development, scenario-testing and preferred strategy
- 15 major environmental training and awareness projects
- 30 conservation and natural resource (greening plan) strategies
- 6 waterways and coastal protection plans
- 3 major environmental communications and community consultation projects.
- 5 legislative and program reviews for the Commonwealth government
- 5 program evaluation projects
- 3 environmental impact statements for Queensland projects valued at >\$10million
- 4 national handbooks in environmental planning, ISO 14001, Sustainability and Green Jobs training
- 25 strategic and corporate plans
- 18 stakeholder consultation processes and stakeholder input to technical reports
- 16 environmental management plans and policy guidelines
- 4 state of the environment and 10 corporate sustainability reports.

Climate change and climate response focus

Between 2008 and 2010, Mary has delivered more than 25 presentations to a wide range of community, education and businesses on the topic of Climate Change. In 2007 Mary completed the international training program for presenters in the Climate Project led by Mr Al Gore. This work built on her UK experience as a lecturer in the graduate school's program in 'Energy Studies' in the Architectural Association, London.

Mary was a key note speaker in Singapore in February 2010 on the topic of Women and Climate Change at the Singapore Management University's Wee Kim Wee Centre for Business Management.

In Brisbane in the 1970s, Mary initiated and implemented the community-based energy conservation campaign '*Smallternatives*'. In 1982 she completed a Masters of Science degree on the adoption rates and general community response to the *Smallternatives* energy efficiency campaign. Her second Masters degree examined the interrelationship between science, technology and society.