

Specialist facilitation services for strategies, plans, projects and community engagement

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Facilitation & communication services

Areas of professional expertise in 2007 include:

- Urban development
- Water planning
- Energy efficiency strategy
- National and regional strategies for natural resource management
- Sustainability planning
- Infrastructure planning
- Corporate sustainability, business planning
- Social and economic assessments
- Facilitation and communication processes

Facilitation projects in 2006

Facilitation, training and communication strategies formed the basis of project work in 2006 and 2005. The main projects are outlined below together with key contact people.

Environmental Protection Agency, Burnett-Mary Regional Group, SEQ catchments & Local Government Association of Queensland

Mark Cushing,
SoE Unit
Mark.cushing@epa.qld.gov.au

Facilitation of a series of workshops in a team with Lloyd Consulting to design and evaluate a pilot exercise for SoEOnline, an internet-based reporting tool.

Reef Water Quality Partnership & CSIRO Water for a Healthy Country Flagship

Jane
Waterhouse
Science
Coordinator,
Reef WQ
Partnership
07 4753 8528

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.

Caloundra City Council

Facilitation of a 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

Reef Protection Plan - Proposed Framework for the Reef and Catchments Partnership

Design and conduct 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.

Rachel
Eberhard
Program
Coordinator,
Reef
Partnership
0432 683 598

SEQ Catchments (South-east Queensland NRM Regional Body)

Design and conduct of 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.

Deborah
Metters
dmetters@seqcatchments.com.au

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
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State level Regional Groups’ Collective for NRM

CEO’s workshop and preparation of Collective’s strategy paper: *Directions Paper for Regional Natural Resources Management beyond 2008*, Regional Groups Collective, 2006

Andrew
Drysdale
CEO, RGC
0407 634224

Department of Natural Resources and Water & FNQ NRM

NRM Knowledge Systems Symposium
Work with DNRW team and academics to design and facilitate a two-day workshop on diverse knowledge systems and their incorporation into the change processes for improved natural resource management in Australia.

Christina Dwyer, Natural Resources Science Program
Christina.Dwyer@nrw.qld.gov.au

**CSIRO Division of Energy Technology
National Energy Futures Forum**

Design and facilitate two workshops to finalise the two-year project the CSIRO undertook with industry bodies and peak interest groups to define Australia's energy future and to prepare the Forum's report to governments at all levels.

Dr Paul Graham
CSIRO
Paul.graham@csiro.au

FNQ NRM Lessons from Cyclone Larry

Working with FNQ NRM's team to design and facilitate a 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

Ms Penny Scott
FNQ NRM Ltd
07 54208942

**Department of Natural Resources and Water
Wetlands Program National Indicators Design workshop**

Design and conduct of a two day national workshop analysing conceptual models for wetlands protection and management and scoping indicators for scientific, community and policy needs.

Dr Diane Conrick
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**WWF Australia, & SKM, Brisbane office
Facilitation Plus**

Design and conduct of Mary Maher & Associates one-day staff training course: *Facilitation Plus-10 Tools for Facilitation*

Kimberley Dixon
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Susanne Cooper
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**Department of Natural Resources and Water
Social and Economic Impact Assessment for
Regional NRM**

With SKM, design and conduct of a six module training
Course: *Social and Economic Impact Assessment for
Regional NRM*

John Mackenzie
Social
Assessment
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**DNRW, Premier's and Commonwealth Department
of Environment & Heritage**

Conduct of a series of regional workshops in the Reef
catchment to prepare the intergovernmental evaluation
report: *Review of NRM Plans' alignment with Reef
Protection Plan 2006* (with Dr A Peterson and Michelle
Walker)

Susanne
Hoverman
DNRW

**Brisbane City Council, Water Resources Branch
Oxley Creek Rehabilitation Feasibility Study**

Communication manager, Oxley Creek Corridor
Rehabilitation Strategy – *Communication Strategy*
design and delivery, Brisbane City Council, 2004-05

Barry Ball,
Director, Water
Resources

**Brisbane City Council, City Planning Branch
Key Result Areas for City Planning**

Workshop series with senior planners to develop
performance measures for the planning function in
Brisbane City

Michael
Papageorgiou,
Director, City
Planning

**Institute of Sub-tropical Design, Queensland
University of Technology
Ventilation solutions – a research framework**

Workshop to audit what is known about ventilation in
design and to agree further research directions

Rosemary
Kennedy,
Director

Some facilitation projects 2002 - 05

Environmental Protection Agency

Operational Policy for High Environment Value (HEV) Waterways

Facilitation of a multi-agency workshop to scope industry needs and issues in relation to the design of the HEV Operational Policy for the State.

Jim Fewings, Planning Division, Environmental Protection Agency	07 3227 6776
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Department of Natural Resources & Mines

Aquatic Ecosystem Management in Queensland in 2010

A series of two workshops with senior management was held to scope the strategic framework for the State's management of waterways and other aquatic ecosystems over the next five years.

Brian Bycroft, Water Planning, Department NRW	07 3224 7892
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CSIRO, Sustainable Ecosystems Division

Lessons Learnt Workshop with planning professionals from Regional NRM bodies

Facilitation project to review the lessons learnt about preparing Regional NRM Plans. Facilitation involved review of the workshop trigger paper, workshop design, conduct of the workshop and review of the workshop findings report.

Far North Queensland Natural Resource Management Ltd

Water quality targets for the FNQ catchments

Facilitation of four target-setting workshops and preparation of reports:

- Key stakeholders agreed water quality targets
- Community stakeholders' agreed water quality targets
- Local Government workshop on water quality targets
- Scoping workshop for Feasibility Study for a Collaborative Regional Information Centre for Wet Tropics.

Professor Geoff McDonald, Sustainable Ecosystems, CSIRO	073214 2290
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Natural Heritage Trust, Department of Local Government & Planning

Improving Water Quality through Planning Schemes in the Fitzroy Basin

Conduct of two scientific water quality workshops with Buckley Vann & EPM to finalise a proposed Fitzroy Basin Water Quality Report Card.

Mr Chris Buckley, Buckley Vann Planners, Brisbane.	07 3852 1800
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Moreton Bay Waterways and Catchments and Partnership

Healthy Waterways Science Road-show

Facilitation of eight regional workshops with community and industry stakeholders across South-east Queensland to identify the priorities projects to be funded for 2003-06.

Dr Eva Abal, Coordinator, Scientific Experts' Panel	07 3403 6135
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Mary's background and areas of professional expertise

Professional areas	Relevant experience in summary
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters of Science research thesis on energy efficiency education • 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 environmental 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	<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"> • >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