

# BEYOND BOLAC CATCHMENT ACTION GROUP

STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 – 2021

## VISION

The vision is for a biodiverse, productive, resilient and safe catchment supporting vibrant communities and land managers

## AIM

The aim of the group is to engage, enable and assist land managers to implement projects to improve biodiversity in a productive and healthy landscape

## KEY OBJECTIVES

	Key Objectives for BBCAG	Priority Area	Issues included in priority area
1	To protect & enhance waterway condition within the catchment	Waterway Health	Erosion, sedimentation, pollution, reduced water flow Salinity, flooding, groundwater extraction
2	To promote restoration of wetlands across the catchment	Wetlands Restoration	Wetland restoration and management
3	To encourage and support sustainable land use and productivity throughout the catchment	Sustainable Land Use and Productivity	Sustainable Farming practices
4	To protect riparian vegetation and enhance biodiversity throughout the catchment	Protect and Enhance Biodiversity	Riparian vegetation, threatened species, habitat protection
5	To reduce the impact of pest plant and animals within the catchment	Pest Plant and Animal Management	Weed and vermin management
6	To engage and empower the community and stakeholders to address environmental issues within the catchment	Community Engagement	Land managers, government agencies, indigenous cultural heritage, community members, advocating on behalf of community
7	To increase knowledge and share information about the H11 and H12 sub catchment	Knowledge and Research	Information gathering, monitoring, data capture and storage, information sharing
8	To maintain and build organisational capability to deliver vision	Group Governance	Memberships, funding, staff, group governance

## OBJECTIVE 1. TO PROTECT & ENHANCE WATERWAY CONDITION WITHIN THE H11 & H12 SUB-CATCHMENT

	Strategies to meet objective	Measuring Success	Timeframe	Responsibility
1.1	Advocate for increased water flow along Fiery Creek	Water authorities agree to provide an environmental water allocation for Fiery Creek	5 years	Facilitator, Committee
1.2	Provide incentives for land managers to fence off riparian zones	3 landholders fenced off riparian zones along waterways within the catchment	1 year	Facilitator, Committee
1.3	Provide incentives for land managers to undertake native revegetation along waterways	5km of revegetation completed along waterways within the catchment	1 year	Facilitator, Committee
1.4	Obtain management agreements for all projects undertaken along waterways	3 management agreement signed in the catchment	1 year	Facilitator, Committee

## OBJECTIVE 2. TO PROMOTE RESTORATION OF WETLANDS WITHIN THE H11 & H12 SUB-CATCHMENT

	Strategies to meet objective	Measuring Success	Timeframe	Responsibility
2.1	Develop education material to increase knowledge and value of wetlands within the catchment	2 factsheets/brochures/articles developed around wetlands within the catchment	1 year	Facilitator, Committee
2.2	Provide stewardship payments to land managers for restoration and management of wetlands	3 landholders undertaken restoration and management of wetlands	2 years	Facilitator, Committee
2.3	Obtain management agreements for all projects undertaken for wetlands	3 management agreements signed in the catchment	2 years	Facilitator, Committee
2.4	Provide incentives for land managers to fence off wetlands	3 wetlands fenced off from stock/machinery	2 years	Facilitator, Committee

**OBJECTIVE 3. TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE LAND USE AND PRODUCTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE H11 & H12 SUB-CATCHMENT**

	<b>Strategies to meet objective</b>	<b>Measuring Success</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>3.1</b>	Partner with Southern Farming Systems to encourage sustainable farming practices across the catchment	1 joint project and 1 event between SFS and BBCAG undertaken	2 years	Facilitator
<b>3.2</b>	Encourage a reduction in chemical use through the promotion of ICM principals to improve soil and waterway health	Hold 1 event showcasing ICM principals for land managers (20 land managers implementing ICM principals on their land)	2 years	Facilitator
<b>3.3</b>	Assist land managers to complete whole farms plans with a biodiversity focus	5 whole farm plans developed	2 years	Facilitator
<b>3.4</b>	Include where suitable extension officers/services within grant applications	1 extension officer employed by BBCAG	2 years	Facilitator, Committee

**OBJECTIVE 4. TO INCREASE RIPARIAN VEGETATION AND ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY THROUGHOUT THE H11 & H12 SUB-CATCHMENT**

	<b>Strategies to meet objective</b>	<b>Measuring Success</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>4.1</b>	To identify priority biodiversity hot spots across the catchment using mapping	3 biodiversity hot spots identified and management agreements created	1 year	Facilitator, committee
<b>4.2</b>	Work with landholders to develop site plans for future biodiversity projects	5 Site plans developed for financial member landholders	5 years	Facilitator, committee, members
<b>4.3</b>	Provide incentives for land managers to fence off remnant native vegetation	5km of fencing completed	2 years	Facilitator, Committee
<b>4.4</b>	Provide incentives for land managers to undertake native revegetation to increase biodiversity across the catchment	5ha of revegetation completed	2 years	Facilitator, Committee
<b>4.5</b>	Obtain management agreements for projects undertaken for biodiversity values	4 agreements signed	2 years	Facilitator, Committee
<b>4.6</b>	Provide incentives to land managers to fence and revegetate along Fiery where there are currently gaps in the riparian zone	10 km of fencing and 1ha revegetated	3 years	Facilitator, Committee

## OBJECTIVE 5. TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF PEST PLANT AND ANIMALS WITHIN H11 & H12 SUB-CATCHMENT

	Strategies to meet objective	Measuring Success	Timeframe	Responsibility
5.1	Seek funding through government programs for weed and vermin management where appropriate	1 weed and or vermin management project successful in receiving funding	2 years	Facilitator, committee, members
5.2	Encourage biological control of weeds and pest throughout the catchment	1 biological trial undertaken within the catchment	5 years	Facilitator, committee, members

## OBJECTIVE 6. TO ENGAGE AND EMPOWER THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WITHIN THE H11 & H12 SUB-CATCHMENT

	Strategies to meet objective	Measuring Success	Timeframe	Responsibility
6.1	Facilitate 'communities of interest' within the catchment i.e. landholders into smaller groups with common interest	A community of interest created and 2 meetings held	1 years	Facilitator, committee, members
6.2	Increase use of local media and website to promote events and projects undertaken by BBCAG	A process developed to update website and local media regularly with project/event news	6 months	facilitator, committee
6.3	Maintain relationships with schools and involve in tree planting projects where suitable	50 school children participated in local projects	2 years	Facilitator, School staff, Committee
6.4	Investigate development of mobile app to provide an interactive educational experience for visitors	Feasibility statement for development of mobile apps	5 years	Facilitator, committee
6.5	Develop annual program of community events, i.e. forums, expert talks on key topics, planting days, field trips, competitions	Annual Community events list created	Ongoing	Facilitator, Committee
6.6	Provide recognition of Landholders who have made a measurable contribution to enhancing and protecting the catchment i.e. Local awards, profile display at community centre	1 recognition program developed	3 years	Facilitator, Committee
6.7	Engage with the 'CMA upper fiery creek project' participants to continue on-ground works along Fiery Creek	5 landholders contacted and project developed	2 years	Facilitator, Committee

## OBJECTIVE 7. TO IMPROVE THE KNOWLEDGE BASE FOR H11 & H12 SUB CATCHMENT

	Strategies to meet objective	Measuring Success	Timeframe	Responsibility
7.1	Contact local universities and develop partnerships to encourage students to undertake research projects within the catchment	1 research project undertaken within catchment	3 years	Facilitator, Committee
7.2	Review and update website to enable easy access to all information relating to catchment	Website reviewed and information uploaded	Ongoing	Facilitator, committee
7.3	Develop easy to use Mobile App tool for landholders to record project information i.e. GPS maps, photos and statistical data (NB: Free online form builder applications available)	1 mobile app tool created to record project information	5 years	Facilitator, committee
7.4	Hold a workshop/event/expo for new technologies to assist land holders with sustainable land management	1 event held	1 year	Facilitator, Committee
7.5	Undertake analysis of salinity data for Fiery Creek each year	Annual report on Fiery Creek Salinity produced	Ongoing	Facilitator, Committee
7.6	Develop easy to use Mobile App tool for community members to record flora and fauna sightings with H11 H12 sub-catchment and link to larger online databases	1 mobile App toll created to record flora and fauna	3 years	Facilitator. Committee

## OBJECTIVE 8. TO MAINTAIN AND BUILD ORGANISATIONAL CAPABILITY TO DELIVER VISION

	Strategies to meet objective	Measuring Success	Timeframe	Responsibility
8.1	Review governance of BBCAG	Governance procedures developed	2 years	Executive Committee, Facilitator
8.2	Develop organisational operational plan for BBCAG	Operational Plan developed	2 years	Executive Committee, Facilitator
8.3	Review BBCAG Strategic Plan	BBCAG Strategic Plan reviewed annually	Ongoing	Facilitator, Committee
8.4	Develop partnerships with Stakeholders and other community groups to value add (funding or in-kind support) to future projects	1 project supported financially by stakeholder partnership	2 years	Facilitator, Executive Committee
8.5	Attract new members who have an interest in the group by remaining open, honest and welcoming	Promotional campaign developed for BBCAG	Ongoing	Facilitator, Committee
8.6	Encourage active participation from existing members	Promotional material developed to encourage existing members to take on committee positions for a set time period	Ongoing	Facilitator, committee