



Gladstone
Healthy Harbour
Partnership

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL HERITAGE



FIVE FAST FACTS

1. Indigenous Cultural Heritage is an indicator under the cultural component of the Gladstone Harbour Report Card.
2. Indigenous Cultural Heritage is assessed in **FOUR** zones: The Narrows, Gladstone Central, Facing Island and Wild Cattle Creek.
3. Traditional Owners and Elders assisted in field surveys and the development of weightings.
4. The results are stored in an Indigenous Cultural Heritage database for future reference.
5. The data was collected using a range of quantitative and qualitative data collection techniques.

THE GRADES

2016	2017	Grading system
		A Very good (0.85 - 1.00)
		B Good (0.65 - 0.84)
		C Satisfactory (0.50 - 0.64)
		D Poor (0.25 - 0.49)
		E Very poor (0.00 - 0.24)

? HOW IS INDIGENOUS CULTURAL HERITAGE MEASURED?

Indigenous cultural heritage values associated with the land and waterways adjacent to the harbour reflects the rich indigenous heritage values and various cultural aspects of the first Australians in connection to the country.

Indigenous cultural heritage is assessed through two indicators:

- **Cultural health:** informed by three sub-indicators; spiritual and social values, scientific values and physical condition. A range of qualitative (e.g. connection to the cultural landscape) and quantitative (e.g. ground surface disturbance) measures are used to assess the cultural health of each site.
- **Management strategies:** informed by three sub-indicators; protection, land use and cultural maintenance.

Annual field surveys are conducted in **four** zones using a range of quantitative and qualitative data collection techniques such as 360 degree imagery, drone footage and one-on-one interviews with Traditional Owners and Elders.

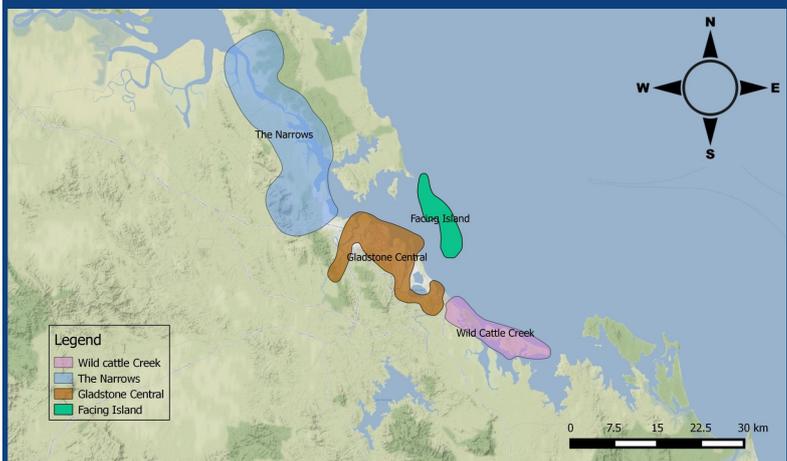
? WHAT DO THE GRADES MEAN?

The 2017 grade was strongly influenced by a number of factors such as:

- Land use pressures
- Erosion of coastal foreshore and sand dune systems
- Damage by recreational vehicles accessing reporting zones
- Lack of documented information about cultural heritage sites

The ongoing annual monitoring will allow GHHP to develop trends for indigenous cultural heritage health around the Gladstone Harbour.

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL HERITAGE ZONES MONITORED BY GHHP



Indigenous cultural heritage is monitored in four zones – The Narrows, Gladstone Central, Facing Island and Wild Cattle Creek.