

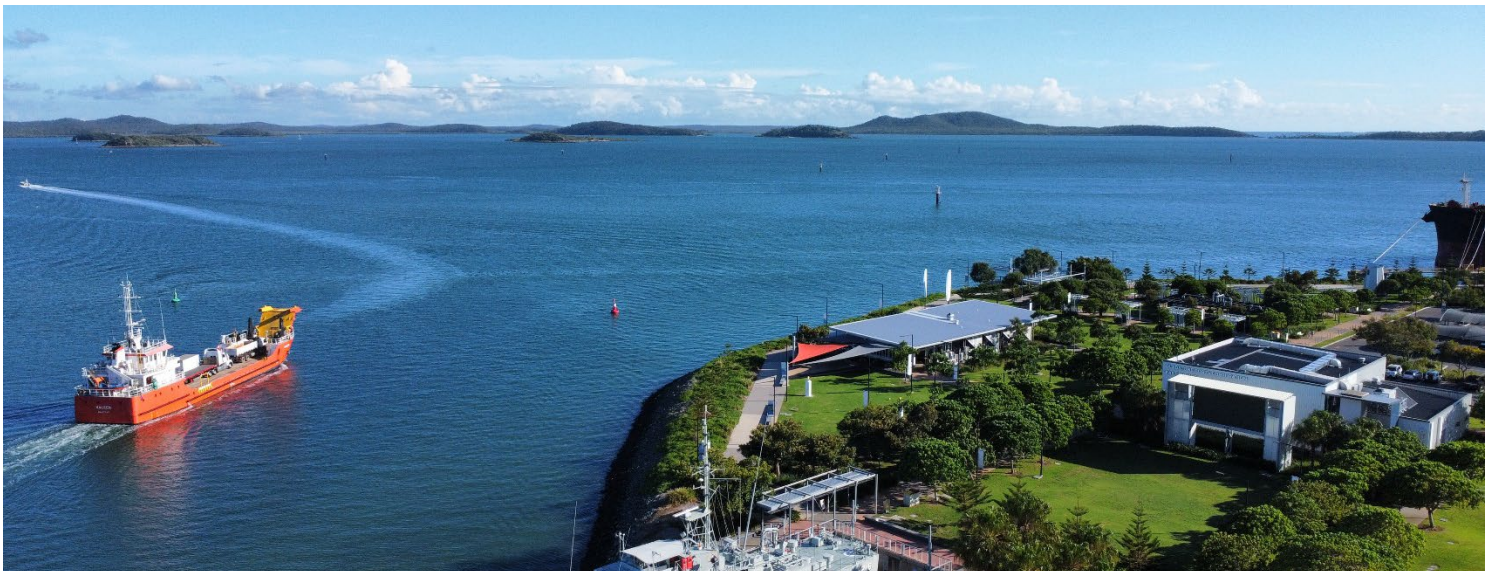


Gladstone Healthy
Harbour Partnership

GHHP: Insights in Brief

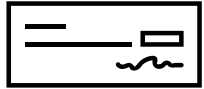
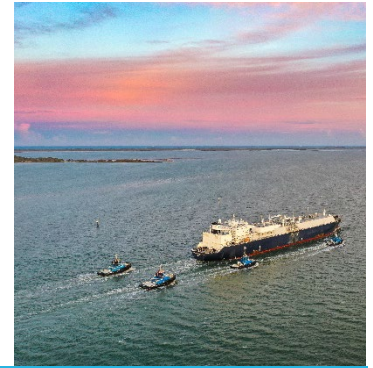
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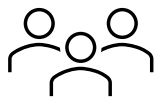
Value Proposition Statement

The Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership was formed in 2013 and connects community, research, First Nations, industry, and all levels of government to monitoring the health of Gladstone Harbour. As an overview:

1. The Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership is a collaborative and comprehensive initiative dedicated to monitoring the environmental, social, cultural and economic well-being of Gladstone Harbour.
2. Through data-driven decision-making, credible science, and stakeholder engagement, the Partnership works to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of Gladstone Harbour through environmental stewardship.
3. Join the GHHP to be part of a collective effort dedicated to preserving the Gladstone Harbour ecosystem, promoting innovation, and supporting economic growth while maintaining environmental responsibility.

Together, we can work together to fulfill GHHP's vision that:

Gladstone has a healthy, accessible working harbour.

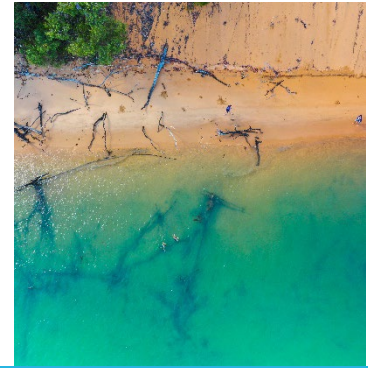
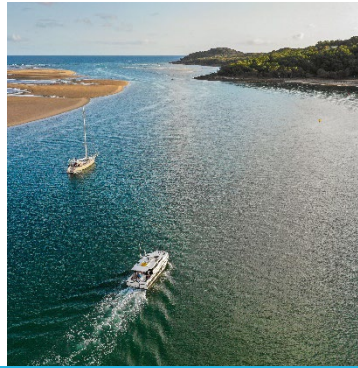


GHHP Partner Organisations





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Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership (GHHP)

Gladstone Harbour is an important deep-water port and stands as a vital connection of economic and ecological significance. Its strategic coastal location has positioned it as a linchpin for trade and exports, particularly within the mining and agriculture sectors. This bustling port serves as a conduit for regional economic prosperity, streamlining the global shipment of goods and fostering growth.

The harbour also has undeniable ecological importance, as it supports diverse marine ecosystems, including seagrass meadows, mangroves, and reef communities. These habitats contribute to the area's rich biodiversity and provide crucial breeding grounds for marine life. Managing the harbour's operations in harmony with the delicate ecological balance is essential for preserving these intricate ecosystems.

The Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership (GHHP) has a vision; that *Gladstone has a healthy, accessible, working harbour*. As a Partner, you can leverage cutting-edge research, innovation, and a network of stakeholders all dedicated towards individual and community sustainability for the future.

GHHP is dedicated to monitoring the health and sustainability of Gladstone Harbour. It unites community, research, First Nations, industry, and government to conduct regular environmental monitoring, research, and community engagement. By assessing issues like water quality and ecosystem health, the partnership strives to protect and restore Gladstone Harbour's well-being while fostering public awareness and participation in its conservation.

At the forefront of GHHP's values is the provision of independent, robust and credible science. All monitoring is undertaken by external research organisations and reviewed by an Independent Science Panel. There are four components of the GHHP Report Card: Environmental, Social, Cultural, and Economic. Within these, there are 33 indicators, each of which are also scored individually. Results are published in the annual Report Card on an A, B, C, D or E grading system.

GHHP also releases an annual Stewardship Report that highlights the many stewardship actions taken by the Partners to improve the health and future of the Gladstone Harbour.

Links and Resources

GHHP Governance Charter - <https://www.ghhp.org.au/governance>

GHHP Report Card - <https://www.ghhp.org.au/2022-report-card>

GHHP Stewardship Report - <https://www.ghhp.org.au/2023-stewardship-report>



Partner Benefits and Contributions

As a Partner of GHHP, you will receive the following benefits:

1. Acknowledgement of your organisation's contribution to GHHP, including in-kind, and its commitment to environmental and economical sustainability, cultural awareness, and the social wellbeing of the region.
2. Utilisation of data backed by an Independent Science Panel, to assist in making informed decisions.
3. Stronger and more favourable links to the community by demonstrating your organisation's commitment to the environment in which you operate, providing positive marketing and public relation opportunities.
4. Collaboration and networking opportunities with other stakeholders operating in the Gladstone region.
5. Your logo on all GHHP branding and reports.

As a Partner of GHHP, the Partnership will ask for the following contributions:

1. Assist to disseminate the GHHP Report Card, Stewardship Report, and other publications.
2. Participate in the decision-making processes in relation to the science and operation of the Partnership, including review and approval of the annual budget, governance, the Report Card, and other publications.
3. An annual monetary or in-kind contribution towards GHHP, as per the Governance Charter.



Joining the Partnership

Membership to the GHHP is open to all organisations with an interest in monitoring the health of Gladstone Harbour, and potentially using the Report Card to identify areas of improvement in their own operations.

All Partners of GHHP meet twice per year in June and December. All Partners are represented by the Management Committee, who are nominated by the Partners within the same membership category for a tenure of two years.

To become a member of the Partnership, the interested organisation must be approved by the Management Committee, sign the GHHP Memorandum of Understanding, and read the Governance Charter.

To see more detail on key categories and indicators (including aspirational indicators for monitoring and reporting in the future), program design and report card results – visit the respective websites listed below.

Reef Water Quality Report Card

www.reefplan.qld.gov.au

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Regional Report Card Partnerships

Wet Tropics Waterways

The Wet Tropics Waterways partnership's vision is Partnering for healthy tropical waterways and vibrant communities. Wet Tropics Waterways partners include all levels of government, peak bodies for regional industries (agriculture, tourism, transport, development, aquaculture), natural resource managers, research organisations and community groups working together towards a common goal.

www.wettropicswaterways.org.au

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Townsville Dry Tropics Partnership for Healthy Waters

The Dry Tropics Partnership's vision is to have healthy waterways, Reef, and a thriving Townsville community. The Partnership uses collaborative approaches to integrate environmental, social, economic, and cultural information to monitor and report on waterways, identify knowledge gaps, and provide guidance on management priorities.

drytropicshealthywaters.org

DT

Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership

The Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac Partnership has a shared vision of healthy rivers and Reef contributing to a prosperous region. The Partnership aims to provide a complete picture of the region's waterway condition and advocate for improvements. The report card uses the best available independent science and integrates a range of Great Barrier Reef- wide and regional monitoring programs to measure waterway health in an environmental, social, economic and cultural context.

www.healthyriverstoreef.org.au

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Fitzroy Partnership for River Health

The Fitzroy is the largest eastern draining basin into the Great Barrier Reef and is influenced by a range of impacts including land clearing, population growth, agriculture, and industry. Fitzroy Partnership for River Health is committed to providing transparent, independent science to our communities to help them better understand the health of its waterways. After releasing the 13th Report Card in 2023, the historic trends within the system are becoming clearer and a newly designed monitoring program is providing more up to date reporting. Fitzroy Partnership for River Health also provides a unique platform for collaboration between its 23 Partners to better manage waterways and runs a successful Water Watch citizen science program.

www.riverhealth.org.au

FB

Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership

Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership's vision is that Gladstone has a healthy, accessible, working harbour. The partnership was formed to independently monitor and report on the health of the harbour – environmentally, socially, economically and culturally, as well as to identify opportunities based on rigorous science and strong stakeholder engagement to assist in future decision making.

www.ghhp.org.au

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Report Card Explainer

Report cards in the Great Barrier Reef catchment: The Reef Water Quality Report Card and the Regional Report Cards

Report cards associated with Great Barrier Reef catchments, waterways and marine areas communicates scientific information, and informs management decisions to improve water quality and ecosystem health.

There are two distinct types of report cards.

- The **Reef Water Quality Report Card evaluates and reports on progress** towards the [Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan](#) (Reef 2050 WQIP) targets, objectives and long-term outcomes. The information is reported on a range of scales including paddock, sub-catchment, catchment, regional and Great Barrier Reef wide.
- The five **Regional Report Cards** are distinct from the Reef Water Quality Report Card in that they report on **local waterway condition** at a finer regional level as well as reporting on a range of indicators across the different regions such as social, cultural, economic health and stewardship.

Reef water quality report card

The Reef Water Quality Report Card is developed through the [Paddock to Reef Integrated Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program](#) (Paddock to Reef program). The Paddock to Reef program is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments and unites more than 20 industry bodies, government agencies, Natural Resource Management organisations, landholders and research organisations.

The information in these report cards determines the success of actions and identifies whether further measures need to be taken to improve water quality in Great Barrier Reef catchments.



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Regional report cards

There are five regional report card partnerships: [Wet Tropics](#), [Townsville Dry Tropics](#), [Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac](#), [Fitzroy](#) and [Gladstone Harbour](#).

Regional Report Card Partnerships are one of a number of activities under the Reef 2050 WQIP. These locally-based partnerships include stakeholders from a range of key organisations who collectively represent their region in the context of waterway health. The partnerships provide a valuable regional mechanism for information sharing, decision-making and action.

The partnerships bring together regional stakeholders including the agricultural, resource and engineering industries, ports, airports, scientists, Traditional Owners, community and environmental groups and all levels of government.

The regional partnerships produce a report card that presents scientific and technical information on the health of the waterways in an accessible and easily understandable way for their partners and communities, using indicators that are relevant to their region. The partnerships have a common goal of improving the understanding of local waterway health and the quality of water flowing into the Great Barrier Reef. In addition to the waterway health report card, the partnerships produce a stewardship report, which includes information on various actions taken in the region to respond to waterway issues, and details on urban water stewardship activities and relevant local programs such as citizen science programs.

Support and funding comes from their partners and the Australian and Queensland governments. Results from the Paddock to Reef program also feed into regional report cards.

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Australian Government

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Reef Water Quality Report Card

Stewardship (MPA)

Management practice effectiveness

Human dimensions



Catchment condition



Estuarine condition



Inshore marine condition



Offshore marine condition



Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and World Heritage Area

COOKTOWN

CAIRNS

TOWNSVILLE

MACKAY

ROCKHAMPTON

GLADSTONE

BUNDBERG

Data sources

○ Paddock to Reef Monitoring and Modelling Program

○ Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) Long-Term Monitoring Program

No dashed or solid circle indicates other data sources which includes industry partners, Local Governments, Ports and citizen science programs. Half circles (dashed or solid) indicates a mixture of data sources.

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Wet Tropics Waterways Report Card

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Gladstone Harbour Report Card

Stewardship (MPA)

Management practice effectiveness

Human dimensions



Catchment condition



Estuarine condition



Inshore marine condition



Offshore marine condition



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Townsville Dry Tropics Report Card

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Inshore marine condition



Offshore marine condition



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Fitzroy Basin Report Card

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Inshore marine condition



Offshore marine condition



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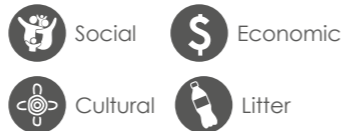
Stewardship - Management Practice Adoption (MPA)



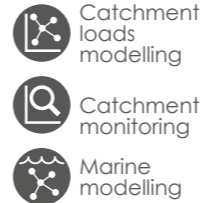
Management practice effectiveness



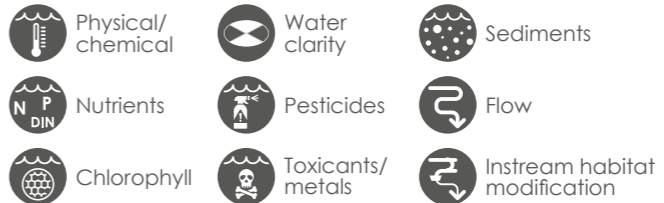
Human dimensions



Catchment estuarine and marine condition



Water



Biodiversity (habitat and fauna)

