

TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Caring for Country

Background

The 'Caring for Country' project centers on the relationships between Townsville Traditional Owners and their Country, which includes their lands, waters, plants, animals, heritage, culture, ancestors, laws, religions and more.

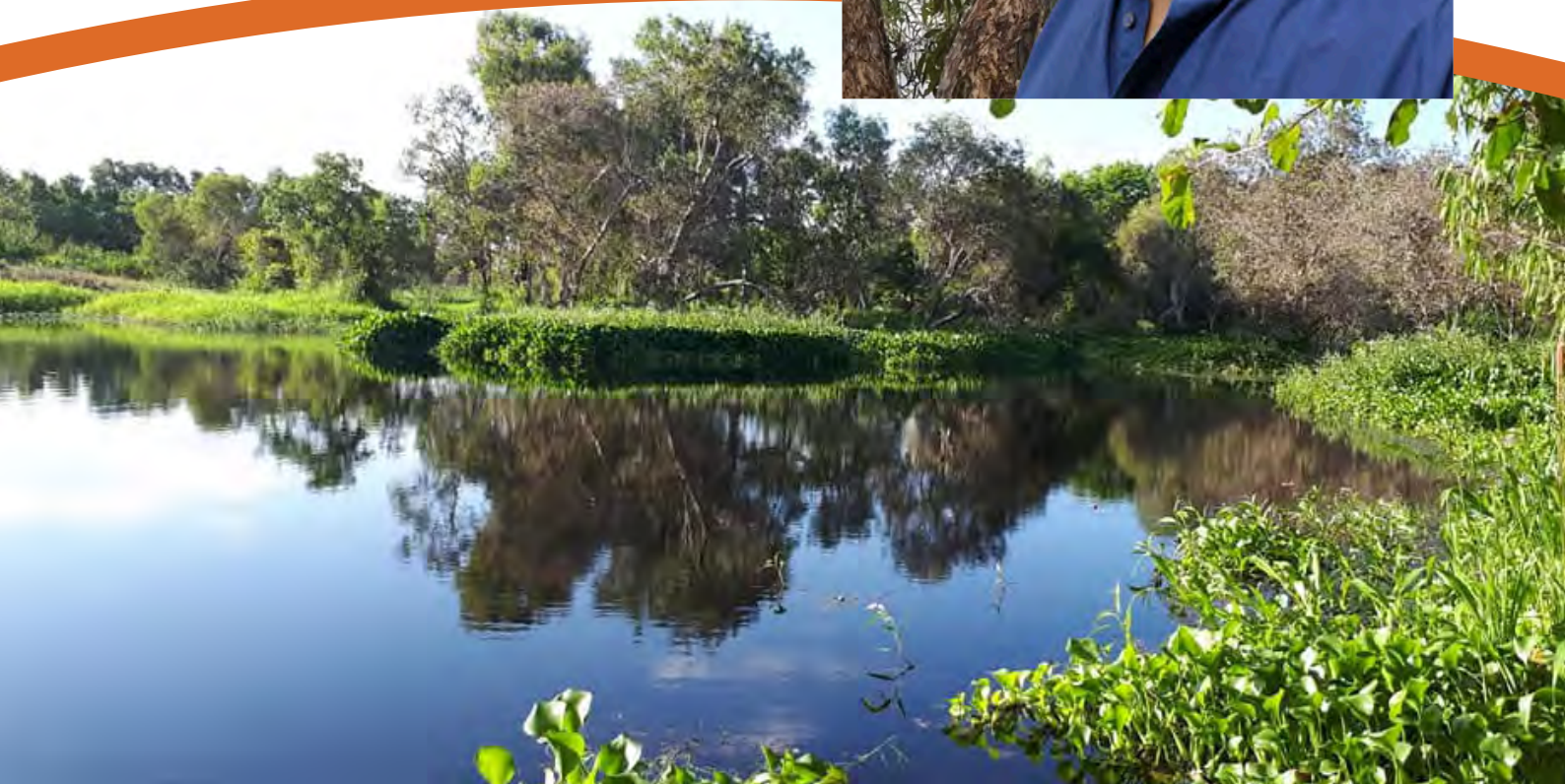
The growth in government programs supporting Indigenous land and sea management at every level in Australia reflects the synergy between caring for Country and environmental issues, and the productivity of collaborations for environmental outcomes in which Traditional Owners play a key role.

The Bohle River basin has been identified in the Townsville Dry Tropics Waterways Report Card as receiving consistently poor grades for water quality due to nutrient pollution in the area, and is an area in which a number of Traditional Owner groups already engage in restoration and cultural interpretation activities.



KEY ACTIONS on project roadmap

- ✓ Identify opportunities for riparian restoration along the Bohle River
- ✓ Involve Traditional Owner workers in on-ground work — up to 50 potential roles have been identified
- ✓ Training, capacity building, and mentorship for Traditional Owner youth





Outcomes

- On-ground/in-water action and community engagement undertaken
- Cultural values are protected and enhanced
- Increased knowledge of citizen science of Traditional Owners

Potential partners for project delivery

TJ Indigenous Business Consultancy, Wulgurukaba Aboriginal Corporation, Wulgurukaba Walkabouts, North Queensland Cowboys, Jonathan Thurston Academy, Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, Australian Institute of Marine Science, Reef Ecologic, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Marine Science (ATSIMS), Clontarf Foundation, Ausfield Services, Youth Justice, Townsville City Council (TCC).

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Community values directly protected

- Indigenous cultural heritage
- Riparian zone
- Coastal habitats
- Marine water quality
- Coral reefs



