

The Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership would like to introduce Professor Iain Gordon, the first Independent Chair of GHHP.



Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership

A Message from the Chair

I sincerely thank Mr Gerry Graham for his outstanding contribution as Chair of GHHP over the past year. Thanks also to Lyndal Hanson for stepping into the role as Executive Officer and keeping a steady hand on the tiller of the GHHP until a new Executive Officer was recruited. I took on the role of Independent Chair in February 2021 at the launch of the 2020 Report Card. As always, the Report Card synthesises a breadth and depth of scientific information into a set of environmental, social, economic, and cultural indicators. The Report Card is a valuable communication tool to provide assurance to the Gladstone community about the health of the harbour. This year we have seen an improvement in water quality and in seagrass in the harbour. Whilst we do not report on the drivers of these changes, they most probably reflect the fact that we have had limited inputs of freshwater from the two major catchments flowing into the harbour. Unfortunately, corals and mud crabs are still rated as Ds in the latest Report Card. This may mean that stronger interventions are required to improve the scores for these indicators.

The Science Team and the Independent Science Panel (ISP) have continued to provide their rich scientific input into the indicators and the research programme funded through the partnership is delivering valuable information in support of the reporting. This year the ISP convened a workshop to hear more about the research on mud crabs that is happening across the east and north of Australia. The workshop discussed the different management of crab fisheries in the Northern Territory and New South Wales indicating that the release of females that is required in the harbour may be leading to the highly skewed sex ratio shown in the Report Card. The evidence that is brought into the Report Card is central to its standing in the community and across all five of the Regional Report Cards. We are very fortunate to have this scientific oversight of our indicators and scores.

The GHHP Report Card is a communication tool for the community to understand the health of Gladstone Harbour. This year, over 2000 Report Cards have been distributed. Apart from the launch of the report card we have been out and about in the community supporting Ecofest and Boyne Tannum Hook Up. We have also produced a 360 Virtual Harbour Tour that can be found on our website. We continue to work closely with schools, distributing our story books and enthusing children about the life and waters of the harbour.

We are now halfway through the current funding agreement with the Federal and State Governments. I am working with the other Chairs of the regional report cards to develop a proposal for the next tranche of funding from 2022 onwards. The GHHP finished the 2020/21 financial year with a small surplus. As always, the Science program is planned and managed to achieve the most comprehensive results possible from the available budget. This means that, as the Report Card progresses we monitor the stable indicators less frequently, and refresh the results for the social, economic, and cultural indicators less often. You can read all about the testing results on our website.

To end I would like to thank the Partners for continuing to support the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership, the Management Committee for their continued engagement in delivering a strong operating performance from the Partnership and specifically the staff of Armana for providing the communications and secretariat support for GHHP.

I am proud to be the Independent Chair of the GHHP. We are truly world leading in our engagement with industry, community, and government partners in reporting on the health of a major multicommodity harbour. I look forward to enthusiastically supporting all the Partners, Management Committee members, ISP and staff in our commitment in monitoring and reporting the health of Gladstone Harbour.

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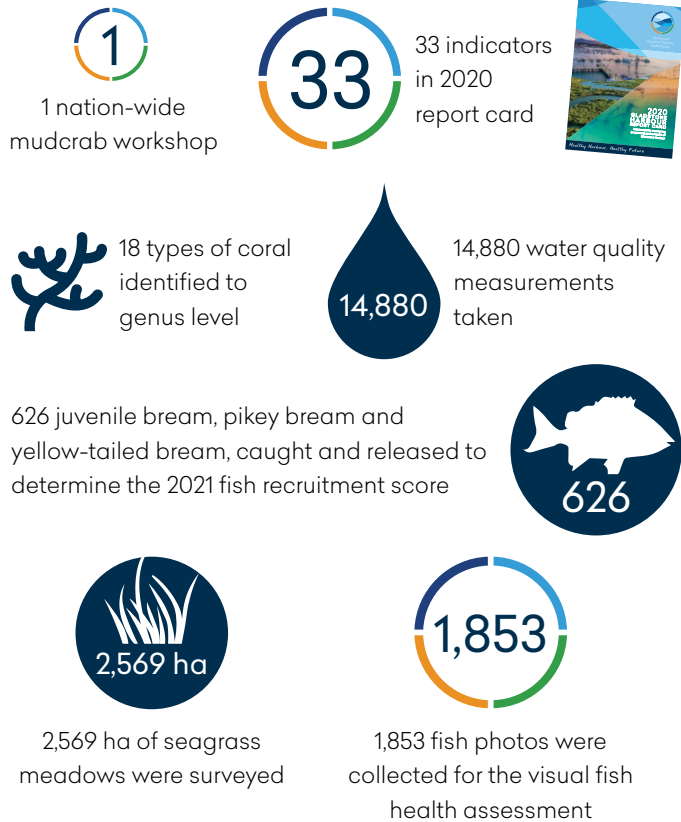


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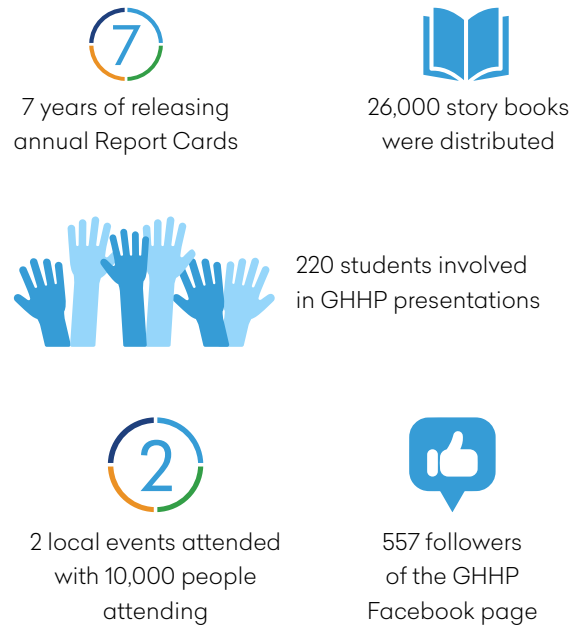
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GHP HIGHLIGHTS BY NUMBERS 2020-21

SCIENCE



COMMUNICATIONS



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STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT

Financial Year 2020-21

	2020-21	2019-20
	\$	\$
Income		
Carryover	158,934.06	337,371.05
Interest Revenue	100.65	208.75
Membership	1,105,050.00	702,550.00
Other Income*	0.00	62,000.00
Total income	1,264,084.71	1,102,129.80
Expenditure		
Projects	646,141.45	501,251.84
Promotions	10,836.31	17,398.91
Delivery	12,201.72	31,867.95
Salaries and oncost#	9,021.39	329,477.04
Sitting fees (ISP)	10,525.00	8,200.00
Governance	55,000.00	55,000.00
Total expenditure	743,725.87	943,195.74
Surplus	520,358.84	158,934.06

* \$312,500 membership income for 2021/22 received in 2020/2021 year.
Science Project Management contracted to FBA in 2020/21.



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