

2021/22 ANNUAL report



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

2021/22 was another successful year for the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership, with a number of key milestones achieved. Since 2013, the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership has been hosted by the Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA). My sincere thanks to FBA and the team for a successful era for the Partnership and the smooth transition to the new hosting arrangement. GHHP is now hosted by CQUniversity, providing the Partnership with the opportunity to connect deeply with the Gladstone community and industry Partners. Thank you to CQUniversity for accepting to host GHHP, and I look forward to working with them to ensure a valuable contribution of GHHP to the local Gladstone community.

August 2022 saw new Project Officer, Hannah Russell, join GHHP and I welcome her onboard and wish her every success in this important role for the Partnership. In transferring to CQUniversity, GHHP had to say farewell to long-term Scientific Officers Mark Schultz and Mac Hansler. Their commitment and passion for GHHP has been a driver of the success of the report card. GHHP is currently recruiting a new Research Officer to be based within Gladstone, who will oversee project management, delivery provider coordination, and collation of data for future report cards.

The Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership synthesises data collected by contracted organisations to report annually on the health of the environmental, cultural, social, and economic functions of the harbour. GHHP aims to connect the Partnership, the community, Traditional Owners, and industry and provide objective, independent assurance regarding harbour wellbeing. The overall Environmental score declined slightly, going from a B grade in 2021 to a C grade in 2022. This result is due to a small decline in 'Fish and Crabs' score, and the 'Water and Sediment Quality' score. In 2022, the Gladstone Harbour received a good 'B' grade for seagrass for the third consecutive year, with ten of the 14 monitored meadows improving in score. For the first time since 2019, Social, Cultural Sense of Place, and Economic health was assessed, with resulting scores being very consistent to those received previously, scoring a good 'B', a satisfactory 'C' and a good 'B' score respectively.

The Independent Science Panel (ISP) have continued to provide robust scientific input into indicator scores and the research programme. This year, the ISP convened a coral monitoring and restoration workshop with presentations from organisations such as Reef Ecologic, James Cook University, and the Australian Institute of Marine Science. The workshop discussed the continuing poor health of corals within the Gladstone Harbour, and lessons learned from monitoring and rehabilitation activities in other regions. Thanks to the ISP for their ongoing service to the GHHP, and to Gladstone Ports Corporation who stepped in to share their own learnings on coral health management.

While the Report Card focusses on the monitoring of harbour health, the Stewardship Report harnesses the stories and actions taken by Partners and community members to improve our beautiful harbour. The report highlights the collaboration and positive outcomes that Partners and community achieve. I commend the organisations and individuals featured in the Stewardship Report for their ongoing commitment to Gladstone's natural environment.

Another testament to the continuing improvement of GHHP is shown within the second What's Our Grade report undertaken by Darwinian Consulting. The report aims to identify focus areas of improvement for each of the five report cards, and I am proud to state that GHHP improved from a B- in 2020, to a B+ in 2022. This improved score was a result of greater staff cohesion, the credibility of our science, and the relevance of our work to the stakeholders.

To end, I would like to thank the Partners for continuing to support the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership, and to the Management Committee for their continued engagement in delivering a strong operating performance.

I am proud to be the Independent Chair of a Partnership so committed to monitoring the health of the Gladstone harbour. Our unified determination to collaborate and engage with the community paves the way towards a brighter future. I look forward to 2023 in which GHHP will invite a 10-year assessment to reflect, review, and improve.



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STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022

	2021-22	2019-20
Income	\$	\$
Carryover	520,358.84	158,934.06
Interest Revenue	50.99	100.65
Membership	451,050.00	1,105,050.00
Grant Income - DES	277,500.00	0.00
Total Income	1,248,959.83	1,264,084.71

	2021-22	2019-20
Expenditure	\$	\$
Projects	505,221.01	646,141.45
Promotions	16,967.45	10,836.31
Delivery	-	12,201.72
Salaries	9,899.51	9,021.39
Sitting fees (ISP)	-	10,525.00
Governance	61,228.69	55,000.00
Total Expenditure	593,316.66	743,725.87
Surplus	655,643.17	520,358.84

HIGHLIGHTS

2021/22 BY THE numbers

5782 

fish caught and released to monitor fish recruitment

111 

mudcrabs caught and released for mud crab health analysis

6 

local reefs assessed for coral health

200 

residents participated in CATI survey to measure the harbour's social health

14 

seagrass meadows monitored for extent and composition



8th report card released

582 

followers of the GHHP Facebook page

4 

local events attended with over 500 interactions with community members at the GHHP stall



one new website

494 

on the Harbour Heroes e-newsletter mailing list

500+ 

community members surveyed on their thoughts and happiness

SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNICATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

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