

QFBC

Membership prospectus

2025-26



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Your **strategic network** in building **capacity and resilience** in fire-prone landscapes and communities through **applied science and best practice bushfire management**





Who we are

A trusted strategic network enabling shared knowledge, coordinated strategies, and comprehensive solutions that create stronger, more effective fire management outcomes across Queensland.

Healthy Land & Water's Queensland Fire & Biodiversity Consortium (QFBC) is South East Queensland's leading authority on integrated fire management, delivering innovative solutions through science and hands-on expertise.

As one of Australia's longest-running collaborative fire programs, the QFBC comprises diverse partners, including utilities, government agencies, communities, and Traditional Owners. Together, we drive environmental and social improvements aimed at reducing natural hazard risks to biodiversity, human life, and infrastructure through evidence-based fire management practices and applied research.

**Fire management
and preparedness
solutions
delivering
triple-bottom-line
returns.**

Our Mission

We protect and enhance Queensland's diverse ecosystems through high-impact fire management initiatives.

Our work focuses on strengthening ecosystem resilience, protecting biodiversity, preserving cultural landscapes, supporting agricultural productivity, and building community capacity for fire preparedness and response.

We help primary producers utilise fire effectively for both risk mitigation and pasture improvement, balancing production needs with environmental outcomes.



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Why choose us

Our services give industry and landholders the tools, support, and knowledge they need to be fire-prepared and resilient.

For 27 years+, we have pioneered Queensland's longest-running fire engagement program, providing science-backed management and capacity-building workshops for communities and industry across diverse landscapes.

Proven track record transforming research into practical solutions through extensive stakeholder partnerships, with direct access to Queensland's largest fire management expert network.

Nationally recognised training programs tailored to Queensland's unique environmental challenges, coupled with hands-on community and landholder capacity building.

Trusted advisor to government and industry on fire policy, legislation, and best practice implementation.

Trusted provider in delivering fire management planning solutions to all levels of government, considering risk, ecological and landscape resilience.



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FY 2024-25 Impact



Over 100
engagement
events



Over 900
people
attending



Over 37
workshops



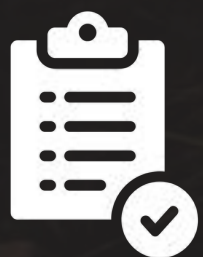
4 member
forums



8 webinars
with **over 345**
attendees



88 Property-level
fire management
plans facilitated



Multiple
regional fire
guidelines
published



Extensive
partnerships
with **Traditional
Owner groups**

Our Membership offering



Landholder capacity building - workshops outlined on the [next page](#)

Landholder capacity building through the delivery of education workshops. Stakeholders have the **option to select from: 1 x** How to Plan a Burn workshop **OR 2 x** workshops of your choosing, from our workshop offering list (Backing onto Bush, Fire Information Night-Landholder, Fire Management Information Night-Rural Fire Brigade, Property Fire Management Planning).



Knowledge sharing

9 x Fire-based webinars per year - open to all your staff.



Member forums

Delivery of **four QFBC member forums** to engage with experts and peers (for the 2025/26 FY):

- 3 September 2025 (online).
- 19 November 2025 (in-person + field component) - Location TBC.
- 11 February 2026 (in-person + field component) - Location TBC.
- 13 May 2026 (online).



Landholder and manager resources

Creation and/or review of:

- 1 x landholder resources - QFBC Fire and Biodiversity Monitoring Manual.
- 1 x land-manager resource - The Science of Planned Burning.



Discounted training

Access to discounted land management training opportunities, such as the Overall Fuel Hazard Assessment and Radiant Heat and Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) Awareness Workshop, reduces costs for specialised training.



QFBC e-news

Bi-monthly editions of the QFBC E-news Flames.



Research prioritisation and collaboration

Input and strategic development of research proposals, providing:

- Developing and supporting research initiatives that address critical needs.
- Ensuring alignment with practitioner requirements.
- Fostering collaborations with research institutions and leveraging available opportunities.



Grant and collaboration opportunities

Opportunities to collaborate on new grant applications and inform future project proposals, enhancing the ability to secure funding for key projects.



QFD training opportunities

When opportunities arise, members can attend land manager training sessions, such as QFD-led Fire Weather 1 and 2.

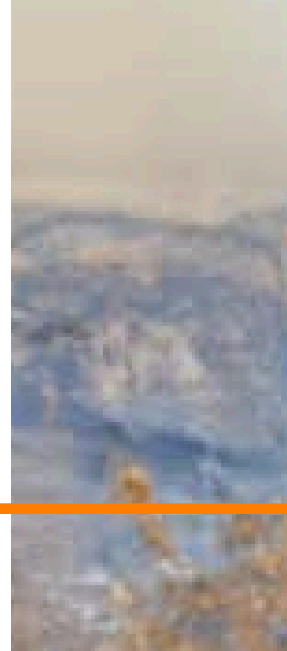


End-of-year report

A report summarising SEQ QFBC Members' activities and overall State-based outcomes at the end of the year, providing an overview of involvement and achievements for accountability.

Our workshops' purpose & outcomes


Our workshops are designed so that **we can tailor them to the unique needs of the communities** we work in. Our four main workshop types are:



Workshop	Duration	Audience	Purpose	Outcome
Fire info session: Landholder	3 hours	General public and landholders of any property size.	Gain practical advice and guidance on reducing bushfire risk in their specific landscape. Collaborative delivery with Councils, Rural Fire Services and other key local land managers	Attendees get an informative overview of bushfire and fire preparedness. Often delivered in series as a precursor to a Property Fire Management Planning workshop (around 2-4 weeks between the two workshops).
Fire management information session: Rural Fire Brigades	3 hours	Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) Members and govt land managers.	Enhance RFB members' knowledge of fire ecology and land management strategies. Learn from local government and Qld Parks and Wildlife Service about land management practices and discuss collaboration opportunities.	Attendees have the opportunity to connect with local land managers, gain a better understanding of fire in the landscape, and learn how to improve their annual mitigation planning.
Backing onto bush	Half day	Peri-urban, small rural residential and suburban landholders living near the bush.	Build basic understanding of fire ecology and landscape health. Participants engage in bushfire safety discussions and an interactive bushwalk to gain skills in observing local ecosystem health, vegetation types, animal habitat, fuel risk, fire history, and adhering to local regulations.	Attendees gain a better understanding of the role of fire in the landscape, an enhanced understanding of their risk, and advice on how to prepare for bushfires.

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Property fire management planning	Full day	Medium – Large property landholders (3 ha +) with bushland on their property.	To assist landholders and land managers in reducing wildfire threats to life and assets, whilst protecting and enhancing biodiversity, with considerations for primary production and cultural values. Collaborative delivery with Councils, Rural Fire Services and other key local land managers.	Attendees develop a large A0 fire management map and action plan tailored to their individual property and priorities. Enhanced understanding of the role of fire in the landscape, enhanced understanding of their risk, advice on how to prepare for bushfires.
How to plan a burn			For landholders interested in using fire as a land management tool. This workshop is an interactive, outdoor walk-and-talk where we will demonstrate concepts and build understanding of how it all fits together in the bush. Collaborative delivery with a particular focus on working with local Rural Fire Brigades.	Attendees will learn the decision-making process required to determine an appropriate burn area, regulations and permits, on-ground preparation required. Covering the impacts of weather, slope and vegetation (including weeds), fuel hazard assessment techniques, essential safety protocols and landholder responsibility.



A woman wearing a wide-brimmed hat, a light-colored button-down shirt, and shorts is standing in a forest, holding a clipboard and pointing towards a tree. She appears to be leading a field tour or presentation. In the foreground, the backs of several people wearing caps and casual clothing are visible, indicating they are listening to her. The background is a dense forest with many thin trees and green foliage.

“QFBC excels in community engagement, advocacy, and project support. They serve as a valued link between land management partners and ensure we have the best information available to support our decisions.”

Adam Nicholas – City of Moreton Bay Fire Management Coordinator



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A member-based organisation



QFBC multi-stakeholder approach enables shared knowledge, coordinated strategies, and comprehensive solutions that individual organisations couldn't achieve alone, creating stronger, more effective fire management outcomes across Queensland.

Backed by a team of experts



Fire ecology



Operational fire management & on-ground works



Research & reporting



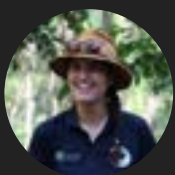
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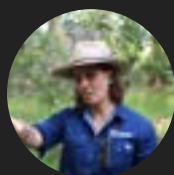
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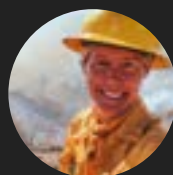
Cultural competency & First Nations empowerment



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