

Reef Catchments hosts Reef Trust Landscape Repair Forum 2026

Sixty-seven researchers, government representatives and on-ground delivery partners gather in Mackay this week to take stock of a \$200 million investment in reef water quality.

Rydges Mackay | 27-29 April 2026

Media are invited to cover the Reef Trust Landscape Repair Forum in Mackay, bringing together Delivery Partners, Government representative and industry stakeholders to reflect on progress, share learnings and strengthen delivery of one of Australia's largest landscape repair investments.

Hosted by Reef Catchments, the three-day forum will showcase early outcomes from the Reef Trust Landscape Repair Program (LRP) and explore how on-ground erosion management is helping improve water quality flowing to the Great Barrier Reef.

About the Reef Trust Landscape Repair Program

The [Reef Trust Landscape Repair Program](#), administered by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), is a key component of the Australian Government's [\\$1.2 billion Reef Protection and Restoration Package](#), with an initial [\\$200 million investment](#) committed to large-scale landscape repair.

Running from July 2024 to June 2030, the seven-year program supports sustained capacity building across the six Great Barrier Reef Natural Resource Management (NRM) regions, enabling a coordinated and scalable approach to erosion management.

The program focuses on reducing sediment loss to the Great Barrier Reef by addressing:

- Streambank erosion
- Gully erosion
- Hillslope erosion

These works are supported by improved and sustained grazing land management, with a strong emphasis on integrated, "reach-scale" projects that combine multiple erosion processes within targeted catchments to deliver long-term water quality outcomes.

Forum Objectives

- **Report on progress** in the on-ground implementation of landscape repair projects during the first 18 months, highlighting key successes and addressing challenges.
- **Build capacity and foster collaboration** among regional Delivery Partners by workshopping challenges and co-developing practical solutions and options for the Landscape Repair Program (LRP).
- **Present preliminary findings** from the mid-term review of the LRP to inform ongoing program delivery.
- **Share early insights** from supporting initiatives, including LiDAR analysis, research and development (R&D), and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) projects.
- **Visit field sites** that include a combination of mature and new Reef Trust investments in the Mackay Region.

Program Highlights

Monday 27 April | 12:30pm - Onwards

Welcome - Learning from doing: 18 months into the Landscape Repair Program

Presentations from Great Barrier Reef Natural Resource Management Organisations on key achievements in the reef space since project inception.

- Reef Catchments
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Burnett Mary Regional Group
- NQ Dry Tropics
- Terrain NRM
- Cape York NRM

Tuesday 28 April | 8:30am – 4:00pm

Continuation of Forum

Program achievements and how learnings apply to broader Reef restoration efforts.

- CSIRO
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development
- C2O
- Department of Primary Industries
- Water IP
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
- Office of the Great Barrier Reef
- Healthy Land and Water

Wednesday 29 April | 9:00am – 3:00pm

Reef Catchments - Field Trip

Tour project sites and view the works Reef Catchments installs to achieve environmental restoration across the Mackay-Whitsunday region.

Media Opportunities

Interview opportunities will be available before and after formal presentations. Media are encouraged to confirm attendance in advance to coordinate access.

Footage, imagery and recorded interviews will be compiled into a post-event media package, including vision captured during the Wednesday field trip.

Media Inquiries

Media wishing to attend or arrange interviews should contact the Reef Catchments Communications team:

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About Reef Catchments

Reef Catchments is the Natural Resource Management (NRM) group for the Mackay Whitsunday Isaac region. We are a non-government, not-for-profit organisation. We facilitate change and work for long-term solutions to sustain, safeguard and improve our region's natural resources and environment, now and into the future.

Our team are skilled and outcome-focused people, all dedicated to looking after the environment in the Mackay Whitsunday Isaac region. For more information: www.reefcatchments.com.au