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# QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE 2022

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## SITE TOUR ONE: CONNECTION WITH WATER AND THE IMPORTANCE SPIRITUALLY AND FOR LIFE

This is an opportunity for Students and Water Professionals to learn from each other and learn from the traditional custodians of the area the importance of land and water management practices. A walking tour of the Botanical Gardens area will provide a knowledge sharing opportunity to build a better approach to establishing values and managing the area together. Lead by GudjuGudju and the Abiculture team who are passionate about reviving and promoting the ancient connections between people, land & ecosystems based on the philosophy that when the land is strong and healthy its people are dynamic and resilient. Cairns tribal community have survived climate change before and have stories which feature sea level rise, the extinction of megafauna, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, changing river courses, and changing land and seascapes. Defences have historically been built against sea level rise, erosion and aided the creation of the Great Barrier Reef which exists still today. Their living knowledge could benefit the current community facing these same issues now.

### Who should attend?

Students looking to learn about the water industry and Water Professionals who wish to learn from GudjuGudju regarding thousands of years of important custodian knowledge.

### Site Tour Details:

Date: Wednesday 19 October  
Time: 10:30am  
Duration: 2 hours  
Capacity: 50

### Schedule:

10:00am Meet at the Pullman Reef Hotel Casino. Coach to depart at 10:15am sharp.  
10:30am Arrival at the Botanical Gardens.  
12:30pm Coach to depart  
12:45pm Return to the Pullman Reef Hotel Casino

### PPE Requirements:

- Enclosed Shoes
  - Weather appropriate attire i.e. sun safe, wet weather
- NOTE: the walk will proceed in all weather

### Cost:

Member \$40  
Non-Member \$60

[Book both site tours for a reduced rate \(includes packed lunch\)](#)

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## SITE TOUR TWO: WASTE EDUCATION

Cairns Regional Council is the only council in the FNQROC region on the Tier 2 waste levy pathway where the annual advance payments will reduce year on year until it reaches 20% by 2030/31, making Cairns the only council significantly impacted in 2026 if no post Bedminster solution is in place. To respond to this challenge, the Resource Recovery 2040 Roadmap will develop a detailed business case to move Cairns towards the 2030/2040/2050 state targets. A key part of supporting targets is the recently invested \$15M in a state-of-the-art Material Recovery Facility.

The Material Recovery Facility has some of the latest optical sorting and screening processes in Australia – which the team were required to liaise with overseas contractors to ensure the machines were commissioned to operate at their optimal capacity. The Resource Recovery Precinct recovers and recycles almost 20,000 tonnes of Recycling each year from the Yellow bin and the Container Refund Scheme.

### Site Tour Details:

Date: Wednesday 19 October  
Time: 2:00pm  
Duration: 1.5 hours  
Capacity: 50

### Schedule:

1:30pm Meet at the Pullman Reef Hotel Casino. Coach to depart at 1:15pm sharp.  
1:50pm Arrival at the Resource Recovery Precinct.  
Welcome and education room walk through.  
Project overview and viewing of plant through specially created viewing areas.  
Walk through site if operational works allow.  
2:45pm Group travels by bus to Glass Processing Facility  
3:00pm Group travels by bus to Portsmouth Landfill  
3:30pm Coach to depart  
3:45pm Return to the Pullman Reef Hotel Casino

### PPE Requirements:

- Enclosed Shoes
- Long pants
- Hi Vis or Hi Vis Vest
- Water bottles, sunscreen, hats, umbrellas & insect repellent are recommended

### Cost:

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Non-Member \$60

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