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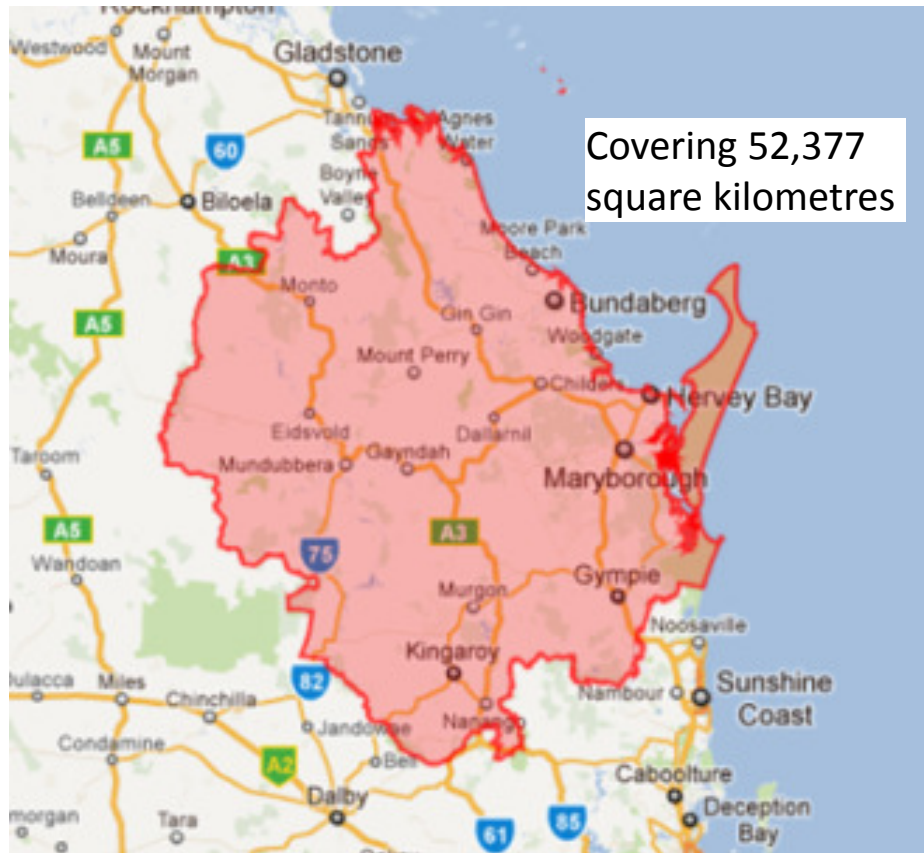
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## Wide Bay Burnett – Farm gate value exceeding \$600 Million



Comprising 6 LGA

- Bundaberg Regional Council
- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
- Fraser Coast Regional Council
- Gympie Regional Council
- North Burnett Regional Council
- South Burnett Regional Council





## What we do:

Advocacy to Federal, State and Local Governments, Media representation, Project activities and Industry relevant fee-for service agreements.

Queensland  
Agricultural  
Workforce  
Network (QAWN)

National Vegetable  
Extension Network  
(VegNET)

Extension &  
Outreach:  
The Carbon Project

Growcom Reef  
Trust Phase 3



# QUEENSLAND AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE NETWORK

## QAWN

- Qld Govt funded with in-kind industry support
- Servicing Wide Bay Burnett, Gladstone & Banana Regions
- Part of a package of the rural jobs initiatives:
  - Rural Jobs and Skills Alliance
  - Agriculture Schools to Industry Partnership Program (SIPP)
  - Agribusiness Gateway Schools Program

February 2016 - March 2018



# NATIONAL VEGETABLE EXTENSION NETWORK

## VegNET (SE Qld)

- The National Vegetable Extension Network comprises of 10 Australia wide regional members;
- To disseminate & distribute R&D Outcomes & Opportunities
- Our AIM is to work with regional vegetable producers to determine production gaps and relevant opportunities for on-farm improvements whereby production capacity and capability will be enhanced.

April 2016 - April 2019



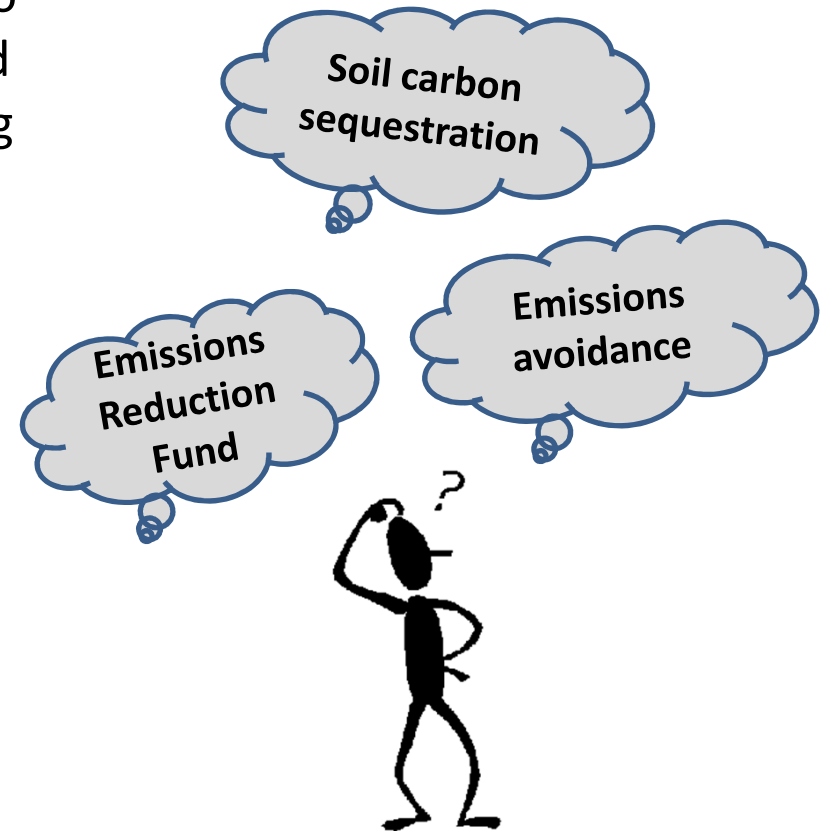


# The Carbon Project

The purpose of the **Carbon Farming Project** is to extend greenhouse gas management (GHG) and carbon sequestration development and learning to primary producers in the Burnett Mary Region.....

## ***What is carbon farming?***

Any activity on your farm that stores carbon in the landscape or reduces the greenhouse gases (GHG) emitted in conducting your operations



# Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF)

## Helping Australia's 2020 emissions reduction target

The ERF is a voluntary scheme where businesses may choose to be involved by following specific methods (guidelines) that reduce GHG emissions or sequester carbon. These methods allow them to earn carbon credits which may be sold at an ERF Auction or on the voluntary market.

Currently there are 33 methods under the ERF



Agriculture  
(9)



Mining,  
oil & gas  
(2)



Waste &  
waste water  
(4)



Energy  
efficiency  
(6)



Veg.  
M'tment (9)



Transport  
(2)



Facilities  
(1)





## Energy efficiency methods



- Aggregated small energy users
- Commercial and public lighting
- Commercial building energy efficiency
- Industrial electricity and fuel efficiency
- High efficiency commercial appliances
- Refrigeration and ventilation fans

**Whilst there may not  
be any suitable ERF  
Methods for your  
farming practice we  
can all be Carbon  
Farmers !**



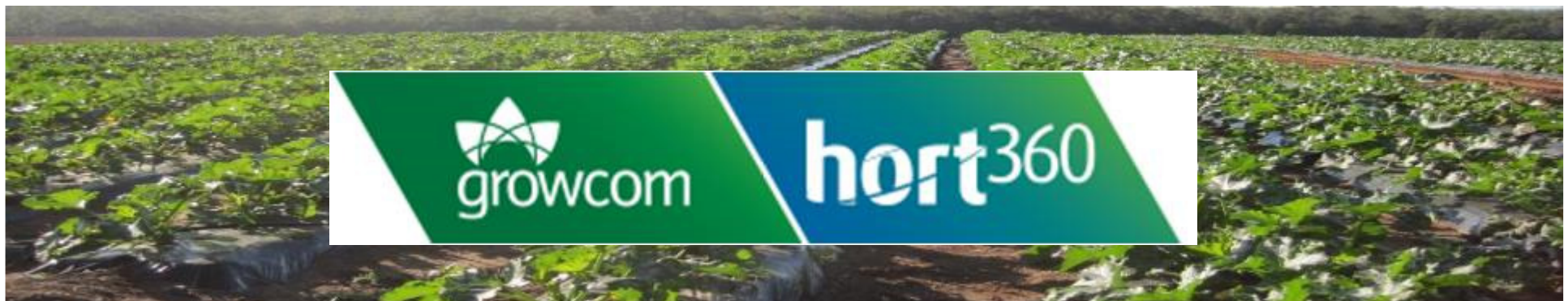


# Reef Trust: Reef Alliance

## Burnett & Fitzroy Catchment Areas



- Seeks to advance farm management practices beyond industry Best Management Practice and fast track the implementation of innovative practices.
- In horticulture, the focus will be on continuing water quality improvements using Growcom's Hort360 Best Practice Management programme.



# Reef Trust & Rural Water Use Efficiency

The Rural Water Use Efficiency & Reef Trust Programs have been assisting growers to assess their on-farm water efficiency practices and upgrade their systems to address run off.

## CASE STUDY:

[Craig Van Rooyen – Lychee, Mango, Macadamia Grower Bundaberg](#)





# Thank you Gympie!



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