

# A farewell message from Russell Stewart

For almost 4 years, it has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Burnett Mary Regional Group. During this time, I have worked to make major improvements in the way our Group conducts its important business of improving the environment of our region. I have overseen some very significant and positive changes, but strongly believe that much more needs to be done if our Group is to prosper in the long term.

Although I would relish this ongoing challenge, I must consider the needs of my family, and have therefore decided to retire.

Some of my achievements as Chairman include:

- Overseeing more than \$25 Million dollars in project works to address environmental problems
- Restructure of the Group operations including the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer
- Signing a Memorandum of Understanding outlining a partnership with Traditional Owners within the region
- Development of a commercial business "Earthtrade", which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Burnett Mary Regional Group.
- Successful nomination of the Great Sandy Biosphere, achieving international recognition
- Significant amendments to the Group's Constitution

One of my most satisfying jobs as Chairman was the opportunity to listen and talk with members of our Group from right across our large and beautiful region. To those who have offered support and friendship to me and my wife Genny, I sincerely thank you and hope you will stay in touch.

I wish the new Chairman, Dr Evelyne Meier every success in the position and hope you give her the same encouragement and help that I received.

I remain optimistic that our children and their children can inherit a healthy environment, provided that we all show genuine commitment. I will continue to do everything that I can to help repair the local environment, and hope you will do the same.



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