

Michael Petter Biographical Information January 2017



Michael Petter has been involved in the conservation movement since the late 70's

He was the foundation president for both the Norman Creek Committee and the Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee (B4C). B4C is an acknowledged leader in ecological restoration in Brisbane. Through his time as chair of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) assessment panel, South East Queensland (SEQ) NHT technical assessment panel and SEQ Regional Strategy Group he developed an intimate understanding the landscape and rehabilitation priorities in SEQ.

Michael has also served on the QLD Landcare Catchment Management Council and the Qld Ministerial Advisory Committee on Vegetation Management. He was also the coordinator for the Brisbane Region Environment Council for 10 years and was awarded a Land and Water Australia Community Fellowship 2003 and recognised as Queensland Conservation Council Champion of Conservation in 2009. With the B4C he helped win the Thiess National Riverprize 2005 for the Oxbow Restoration Project.

For the last 10 years as well as being the chair of the B4C he has been involved, at SEQ Catchments, in the development of the SEQ Natural Resource Management Plan and Atlas for SEQ. In this role he has also assisted in the development of Nature Conservation Strategies with Council and State Agencies across SEQ.

Mik was also the specialist GIS expert for the SEQ Ecosystem Services Project where in collaboration with stakeholders he developed a methodology to map ecosystem functions (Petter, M., Mooney, S., Maynard, S., Davidson, A., Cox, M. and Horosak, I. (2013). 'A methodology to map ecosystem functions to support ecosystem service assessments', *Ecology and Society*, 18(1): 31).