

Tourism Recovery Fund Project – March Project Status Report

Project	Proponent/s	Funding (\$)	Description	Status (as at 1 March 2019)
Island Short Walks	Queensland Parks and Wildlife, Department of Environment and Science	500,000	This project will deliver all-weather walking trails with interpretive panels on Border, Langford and Haslewood Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langford Island: short walk opened 31/01/2018. Completed with installation of interpretive signs 15/12/2018. • Border Island: short walk opened 20/08/2018. Completed with installation of interpretive signs. <p>Haslewood Island: detailed design received and with QPWS for comment. Procurement contractor process finalised 4/10/2018. Procuring stairs and track material. Extensive trough system delayed works due to associated rain and wind resulting in revised completion date of May 2019.</p>
Hill Inlet Lookout upgrade and expansion	Queensland Parks and Wildlife, Department of Environment and Science	2,000,000	<p>The project will deliver new and upgraded infrastructure to support land and water-based tourism activities at Hill Inlet. Work includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extension of existing and construction of new viewing platforms; • construction of all-weather hardened circuit track; • construction of shaded rest areas; • design, manufacture and installation of interpretation panels; and <p>improve access to Tongue Point</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lookout 3 completed 23/10/2018. • Lookout 1 extension completed 30/11/2018 and open to public 3/12/2018. • Construction of track alignments 3, 4 & 5 completed 23/10/18. • Detailed design for the arrival area, staging area and track alignments 1, 2 & 6 in final draft for building approval. • Improved tidal access completed 20/02/2019.

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				Interpretation - Replacement signage ordered while new signage is in draft format.
Peter Faust Dam Tourism Infrastructure Development	Whitsunday Regional Council and Tourism Whitsundays	1,000,000	This project will deliver new tourism infrastructure at Peter Faust Dam (Lake Proserpine) to support new tourism experiences in the region. Works include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction of facilities to support day fishing experiences and tours; and design, manufacture and installation of interpretive panels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lake Proserpine Master Plan has been endorsed and adopted by Whitsunday Regional Council on the 28th of November 2018 • Draft specification of scope of works forwarded to procurement for review to be sent out to consultants • Lease to be signed off by the Sunwater Board and additional insurance is being sought. • Site inspection undertaken by pontoon supplier.
Indigenous Bush Tucker Trail and Paddock to Plate venue – Flagstaff Hill	Whitsunday Regional Council and Tourism Whitsundays	1,000,000	This project will redevelop an existing restaurant on Flagstaff Hill, delivering a new tourism venue which will support the delivery of Indigenous tourism activities, festivals, cooking classes, and farmers markets. Works include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • engineering assessment of the building for extension or replacement; • construction of new building structure; and business development assistance for Indigenous tourism, local produce displays and sales, pop-up restaurants, cooking classes and farmers markets and festivals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architect has been engaged for concept and final design. • Council has approved purchase of additional land. • Demolition tender due for release.
Auditorium @Bougainvillea Marquee	Hamilton Island Enterprises Limited	500,000	This project is for the construction of an auditorium to attract large expo and conference events at Bougainvillea Marquee, Hamilton Island.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site established and hoardings (fencing) erected • Surrounding landscaping and planting removed • Building Approval received • Bulk excavation completed

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Feasibility study into the restoration and relocation of a Catalina	Catalina Flying Memorial Ltd	48,390	This project is for a feasibility study into the restoration and relocation of a Catalina flying aircraft to Bowen for static and flying display as a tourist and educational attraction.	Completed and report submitted
Interpretive space at the Bowen Visitor Information Centre	Bowen Tourism and Enterprise	90,000	The project is for the creation and installation of a digital interpretive space, featuring CGI virtual reality, at the Bowen Visitor Information Centre. The content developed will focus on key experiences across the Whitsundays.	Completed and officially launched 25 October 2018
Whitsunday Skyway Feasibility Study	Jimmy Crow Limited	260,000	This project is for a feasibility study for a proposed all-weather cable car, interpretative centre and café, hiking and cycling tracks and adrenaline activities located both near and within Conway National Park, overlooking Airlie Beach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed aerial lidar survey work and alignments for ropeway; including building concept plans completed. • Concept roads, walking and bike trails; including proposed luge ride and canopy ropes activities completed. • 3Dmodels of the concept base and summit buildings completed. • 3D Models of final building structure to be complete once site secured. • Detailed Feasibility Model Consultant engaged. • Ecological report completed including pre-environmental impact, site, flora and fauna assessments and submitted for review.

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Underwater tourism infrastructure in the Whitsundays	Reef Ecologic	971,610	This project is for the design, creation and installation of underwater and inter-tidal interpretive art pieces across the Whitsunday region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 400 social surveys of peoples' attitudes to art, tourism, education and the reef received over 3 months to November 2018 during the temporary installation

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				<p>of 4 artwork pieces at Langford Bird Reef (beach, intertidal and underwater). Draft report prepared and scientific paper commenced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following EOI process, 3 individual artists and 1 team of 3 artists were selected and contracted to design and build 6 artworks for the Whitsundays-Bowen region. All artists have made models and seeking engineer certification. Certification has been received for the Turtle Dream sculpture. • The subjects of the public art include Manta rays, Turtle, Maori wrasse, Coral polyp (Anthozoa) and an indigenous themed 'Bwya'. The largest sculpture is 6m. Two artworks (Turtle Dream and Manta) over 60% complete. • Permit application for the artworks submitted September 2018 to GBRMPA. A Public Information Package has been prepared and consultation occurring 27 Feb-29 Mar 2019. • GBRMPA research permit received for reef restoration at Manta Ray Bay and Blue Pearl Bay, with installation of 4 trays and 200 corals completed
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Inclusive family friendly water play attraction	Queens Beach Tourist Village Pty Ltd	130,000	This project is for the construction of an inclusive family water play attraction at Queens Beach Tourist Village, Queens Beach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool deck tiles laid and shell Pebblecrete rendered. • Partial erection of permanent pool safety fencing with temporary fencing removed. • Splash pad components onsite for installation • Storm-water line redirected, landscaping and electrical work undertaken <p>February flooding event in Townsville affected Townsville-base construction crew's on-site availability</p>
Coral gardening edu-tourism	DITID	500,000	This project is for the construction and installation in up to three locations, of underwater 'spider' frames developed to receive and encourage growth in planted coral fragments. Permanent underwater cameras will also be installed to provide live footage of the growing coral.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proponents presented to Working Group in August 2018. • Joint state and federal media release to announce successful recipient in progress.