

Tourism Recovery Fund Project – September Project Status Report

Project	Proponent/s	Funding (\$)	Description	Status (as at 1 August 2018)
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 on 31/1/2018 • Border Island: track and lookouts completed 17 August 2018, and publically accessible from 20 August 2018. To install interpretative signs. • Haslewood Island: conceptual design approved and detail design for Lookout is progressing. Tender for procurement closed 31 August 2018. Completion due 31 December 2018. • Interpretation contractor engaged and developing signage.
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 • improve access to Tongue Point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of lookout extension and third lookout commenced 11 July 2018. • Detailed design for track alignments 3, 4 & 5 completed and have been issued as a variation to the lookout works. • These components of the project are scheduled to be completed by 30 September 2018. • Detailed design for the rest areas and track alignments 1, 2 & 6 are underway. • GBRMPA approvals for improved access received 31 August 2018. Works to be undertaken during suitable tides in February or March 2019. • Interpretation contractor engaged and developing signage.

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Peter Faust Dam Tourism Infrastructure Development	Whitsunday Regional Council and Tourism Whitsundays	1,000,000	<p>This project will deliver new tourism infrastructure at Peter Faust Dam (Lake Proserpine) to support new tourism experiences in the region. Works include:</p> <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 and baseline analysis report has been completed and is being reviewed by Whitsunday Regional Council. Council to endorse. Relevant stakeholders to inform project timeline.
Indigenous Bush Tucker Trail and Paddock to Plate venue – Flagstaff Hill	Whitsunday Regional Council and Tourism Whitsundays	1,000,000	<p>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:</p> <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 being sought for concept completion and final design. Quotations have been received and are being reviewed by procurement. • Business Plan has been drafted and is currently under review.
Auditorium @Bougainvillea Marquee	Hamilton Island Enterprises Limited	500,000	<p>This project is for the construction of an auditorium to attract large expo and conference events at Bougainvillea Marquee, Hamilton Island</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final project plan submitted and works scheduled to commence February 2019.

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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"> • GBRMPA Research Permit received 31 July 2018 for Langford Bird Reef. • Visitor surveys and the 4 artworks were deployed during the weekend of the Whitsunday Reef Festival (August). • Following the festival, the 4 artworks were deployed to Langford Bird Reef, and during the study, will be moved from the beach to intertidal to underwater environments. The next move is proposed from beach to intertidal on 6 September. • The 4 artworks will be secured and monitored to prevent interference and damage. Over 100 social surveys have been received by end of August. • The ‘call to artists’ applications closed 10 August 2018 with 72 applications received and 6 shortlisted to the next stage. • A meeting of artists and key stakeholders is planned for 6-7 September • A permit application for up to 6 artworks will be submitted in September to GBRMPA which are proposed to be installed in the Whitsundays-Bowen region between December 2018 and December 2019 <p>A permit application for reef restoration at Manta Ray Bay and Blue Pearl Bay has been submitted to GBRMPA and we anticipate decision in September 2018.</p>
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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study completed and report submitted.
Interpretative space at the Bowen Visitor Information Centre	Bowen Tourism and Enterprise	90,000	This 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filming for project completed mobile apps in review at app store, final installation scheduled early September 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"> • Initial consultancy work completed. Meetings with regulatory authorities occurred July 2018. • Working group formed • Detailed aerial lidar survey work completed • Detailed alignments for the ropeway from the base station to the summit completed. • Concept plans for the base and summit buildings completed. • Concept roads, walking trails, bike trails and Zipline Alignment; including proposed location of the luge ride and canopy ropes activities completed. • On site meetings to understand scope and scale of the eco adventure precinct completed. • 3Dmodels of the concept base and summit buildings completed. • Detailed Feasibility Model Consultant engaged • Ecological consultants engaged - meeting on Site early September. Economic Impact Consultants engaged
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"> • Negotiations with contractor to be finalised in September with work scheduled to commence in October 2018.

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Coral gardening tourism experience	DITID	500,000	This project will include a co-design led process to develop the coral gardening concept into a viable project to be taken to market (with \$500,000 seed funding).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposals circulated to the Tourism Recovery Fund Working Group• Proponents presented to Working Group in August 2018.• Final proposal is subject to Federal and Queensland Government approval.
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