

Tourism Recovery Fund Project – June Project Status Report

Project	Proponent/s	Funding (\$)	Description	Status (as at 1 June 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 interpretative signs 15/12/2018 • Border Island: short walk opened 20/08/2018. Completed with installation of interpretative signs 15/02/2018 • Haslewood Island: detailed design approval received from Asset Services and walking track roughed-in. Procurement of walking track material is underway, with first barge of materials due on site mid-June. Draft Project brief completed and will be issued for offer w/c 3/06/2019. • Due to extent and large scale wet season experienced in the Whitsunday region, significant issues with biosecurity incursions occurred resulting in rejection of 245 tonnes of walking track material. An alternative supply or clean track surface material has been sourced from Whitsunday Quarry.
Hill Inlet Lookout upgrade and expansion	Queensland Parks and Wildlife, Department of Environment and Science	2,000,000	The project will deliver new and upgraded infrastructure to support land and water-based tourism activities at Hill Inlet. Work includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Lookout 3 completed 23/10/2018

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		<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 1 extension completed 30/11/2018 and open to public 3/12/2018. • Construction of track alignments 3, 4 & 5 completed 23/10/18. • Improved tidal access completed 20/02/2019. • Interpretation - Replacement signage and new signage for lookouts to be installed late June. • Detailed design approval for the arrival area, staging area and track alignments 1, 2 & 6 received 29/03/2019. • Project Brief completed and offer received 16/04/2019. Wulguru Engineering trading as Enviroedge have been awarded construction with set-out undertaken by John Harper Landscape Designs, Enviroedge and QPWS on 3/06/2019. • Construction to begin w/c 10/06/2019, with completion due September 2019. • Due to extent and large scale wet season experienced in the Whitsunday region, significant issues with biosecurity incursions occurred resulting in rejection of 245 tonnes of walking track material. An alternative supply or clean track surface material has been sourced from Whitsunday
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				Quarry, with barge delivery to Tongue Point w/c 15/06/2019.
Peter Faust Dam Tourism Infrastructure Development	Whitsunday Regional Council	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 endorsed and adopted by Whitsunday Regional Council on 28/11/2018. • Site inspection undertaken by pontoon supplier. • Clarification (addendum) sent to design consultants on scope of works, responses closed 10/05/19. • Sunwater Deed fully executed. • Tender for Pontoons is being released. • Finalisation of Roadworks currently underway. • Design being completed for washdown facility. • Refurbishment of the Amenities currently being planned. • Review of services - electricity, water and sewerage.
Indigenous Bush Tucker Trail and Paddock to Plate venue – Flagstaff Hill	Whitsunday Regional Council	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 engaged for concept and final design. Concept design presented to Council. Council recommended some changes. • QS completed further changes required and revised changes re-presented mid-May. • Council approved purchase of additional land. Land Transfer executed late May 2019. • Survey of land completed.

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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"> • Demolition tender being finalised. • Relocation of pool backwash complete. • Foundations completed. • In ground services complete. • In ground plumbing and electrical services works 90% completed. • Concrete slab and columns completed. • Masonry partitions commenced.
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.
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.	Completed April 2019 and opened to visitors.
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"> • Ongoing high level discussions with relevant Qld Government departments. Draft feasibility report submitted end May 2019 to department for review.
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 during the temporary installation of 4 artwork pieces at Langford Bird Reef (beach, intertidal and underwater). Draft report

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				<p>prepared and scientific paper submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 4 artworks used at Langford Bird Reef are on display at the Bowen Information Centre. • Following an EOI process, 3 individual artists and 1 team of 3 artists were selected to design and build 6 artworks for the Whitsundays-Bowen region. • 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. • Engineer certification has been received for the Turtle Dream, Mantra Rays, Bywa, and Maori Wrasse sculptures. Three artworks (Turtle Dream, Manta and Maori Wrasse) are completed. • GBRMPA permit application for the artworks submitted September 2018. A Public Information Package occurred 27 Feb-29 Mar 2019. GBRMPA advised 7 positive responses received (2 were international submissions) and no negative issues raised. • GBRMPA research permit received for reef restoration at Manta Ray Bay and Blue Pearl
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Coral gardening edu-tourism	CCIG Investments (Daydream Island Living Reef)	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"> • Contract negotiations underway.