

Tourism Recovery Fund Project – April Project Status Report

Project	Proponent/s	Funding (\$)	Description	Status (as at 1 April 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 received and with QPWS for comment. Procurement contractor process finalised 4/10/2018. Procuring stairs and track material. Continuing trough systems further delayed works due to associated rain and wind resulting in revised completion date of June 2019
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. • Improved tidal access completed 20/02/2019 • Interpretation - Replacement signage ordered while new signage is in draft format • Detailed design approval for the arrival area, staging area and

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				track alignments 1, 2 & 6 received 29/03/2019
Peter Faust Dam Tourism Infrastructure Development	Whitsunday Regional Council	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 endorsed and adopted by Whitsunday Regional Council on the 28/11/2018 • Site inspection undertaken by pontoon supplier • Specification for scope of works forwarded to design consultants closing on 4 April 2019 • Sunwater Deed to be executed by end of April 2019
Indigenous Bush Tucker Trail and Paddock to Plate venue – Flagstaff Hill	Whitsunday Regional Council	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. Proposed concept design to be briefed to Council • Council has approved purchase of additional land, deposit paid March 2019. Land Transfer to be executed late May 2019 • Demolition tender prepared for release early May
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"> • Relocation of pool backwash complete • Surface preparation for concrete slab complete • Foundations to commence April • Concrete slab scheduled to be completed by end of May
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

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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"> • Ongoing high level discussions with relevant Qld Government departments, including feedback on relevant submitted environmental, survey plans and geotechnical assessments • Met with local traditional owner representatives and QTIC representatives • Met with proposed key operators for the mountain bike activities and trail building components in Tasmania • Met with proposed key operators and builders for the high ropes activities on the Sunshine Coast and the Gold Coast hinterland • Visual Impact Assessment completed • Indigenous cultural heritage and social impact benefit assessment completed • Conceptual architectural designs completed • Economic impact assessment completed Updated council on project
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

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				<p>temporary installation 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"> • 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. • Two artworks (Turtle Dream and Manta) are completed with the Maori Wrasse artwork due for completion April 2019. • GBRMPA permit application for the artworks submitted September 2018. A Public Information Package was prepared and consultation occurred 27 Feb-29 Mar 2019. GBRMPA advised 7 positive
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				<p>responses were received (2 were international submissions) and no negative issues raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBRMPA research permit received for reef restoration at Manta Ray Bay and Blue Pearl Bay, with installation of 4 trays and 200 corals completed December 2018. Survivorship at 90% in February 2019. Proposed first out planting of coral in April 2019. <p>In mid-April a temporary exhibition of the large Turtle and Maori wrasse artworks is planned to be held at the Bowen Information Centre and the Manta Ray artwork at Proserpine airport with signage.</p>
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"> • Construction of pool and installation of hydraulics and interactive water play structure completed • Landscaping completed • Permanent pool safety fencing erected and undergoing safety compliance <p>Pump housing construction, painting, electrics and pool and play structure's earth bonding due for completion April 2019</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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint state and federal media release to announce successful recipient in progress.

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