

Tourism Recovery Fund Project – January Project Status Report

Project	Proponent/s	Funding (\$)	Description	Status (as at 1 December 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 31/01/2018. • Border Island: short walk opened 20/08/2018. • Haslewood Island: detailed design received and with QPWS for comment. Procurement process finalised 4/10/2018. Completion due early 2019. Short walks signs delivered and installed mid December 2018.
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"> • 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"> • Lookout 3 completed 23 October 2018. • Extension of lookout 1 completed 30 November 2018 and open to public 3 December. • Construction of track alignments 3, 4 & 5 completed 23 October 2018. • Detailed design for the rest areas and track alignments 1, 2 & 6 underway. • GBRMPA approvals for improved access received 31 August 2018. Works to be undertaken during suitable tides in February or March 2019. Interpretation - Replacement signage ordered while new signage is in draft format.

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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 completed and being reviewed by Whitsunday Regional Council. Council has endorsed and adopted Master Plan by council on the 28th of November 2018 • Identification of appropriate consultants to complete detailed design underway. • Lease to be signed off by the Sunwater Board due to be finalised by end of January 2019 <p>Consultation of the Master Plan was undertaken with the community</p>
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 <p>business development assistance for Indigenous tourism, local produce displays and sales, pop-up restaurants, cooking classes and farmers markets and festivals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architect being sought for concept completion and final design. Quotations have been received and are being reviewed and finalised by procurement. Council about to initiate award of architect tender package <p>Valuation has been received, waiting for formal confirmation.</p>
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"> • Architect engaged and Construction issue drawings complete. • MCU / Development approval received. • Private Certifier engaged to work on the Building design.

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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.	Study 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"> •Refinement of detailed plans and alignments being undertaken to take into account surrounding residences etc. •Lodgement of stage 1 application as part of the eco facilities framework submitted December. •Feasibility study to be completed in February 2019 •Whitsunday Regional Council members to be briefed in a closed meeting on the project to update them on the status of the project. •Commitment from DESI to discuss the 1st Eco-Facilities application in January 2019.
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 the 3 month period to November during the temporary installation of the 4 pieces of

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				<p>artwork at several sites (beach, intertidal and underwater) at Langford Bird Reef.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three individual artists and 1 team of 3 artists are designs and building 6 artworks for the Whitsundays-Bowen region selected following an EOI process. Contracts signed. All artists have made models and seeking engineer certification. • 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. • A permit application for the 6 artworks submitted in September to GBRMPA. The preferred sites are Manta Ray and Blue Pearl Bay. The next stage is public consultation <p>GBRMPA research permit received for reef restoration at Manta Ray Bay and Blue Pearl Bay, with installation of 4 trays and 200 corals completed in December 2018.</p>
<p>Inclusive family friendly water play attraction</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool deck tiled and internal shell rendered <p>Water play equipment being manufactured and due for installation in February 2019.</p>

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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">• Proponents presented to Working Group in August 2018. Final proposal subject to Federal and Queensland Government Funding.
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