

# Tourism Recovery Fund Project – November Project Status Report

Project	Proponent/s	Funding (\$)	Description	Status (as at 1 November 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"> <li>Langford Island: short walk opened 31/01/2018. Completed with installation of interpretative signs 15/12/2018.</li> <li>Border Island: short walk opened 20/08/2018. Completed with installation of interpretative signs 15/02/2018.</li> <li>Haslewood Island: walking track roughed-in along designed route. Materials for walking track and lookout delivered to island. Installation of steps and decomposed granite track base contract awarded mid-October and all site inductions and handover completed by 31/10/19. Interpretative signs to be installed once final works completed.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>extension of existing and construction of new viewing platforms;</li> <li>construction of all-weather hardened circuit track;</li> <li>construction of shaded rest areas;</li> <li>design, manufacture and installation of interpretation panels; and</li> </ul> <p>improve access to Tongue Point</p>	Practical completion 1 November 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"> <li>construction of facilities to support day fishing experiences and tours; and</li> </ul> <p>design, manufacture and installation of interpretive panels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site preparation completed (rough tracks cut in).</li> <li>Existing amenities block refurbishment works completed and existing shade structures refurbished.</li> <li>Engineering detailed design 90% complete for scope of services - Electrical, Hydraulic and Civil.</li> <li>Road and car parking upgrades underway, carparks sealed and curbs installed, line markings completed.</li> <li>Consultants engaged for signage upgrade design. Meeting scheduled for November design presentation Council</li> <li>Wash down bays installation occurring and fencing installed to camp site.</li> <li>Earthworks commenced on amenities installation.</li> </ul>

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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"> <li>• engineering assessment of the building for extension or replacement;</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final concept design endorsed by Council. Detailed Design underway.</li> <li>• Demolition contractor has commenced works, will be completed by the end of month – November 2019.</li> <li>• Re-use of existing services, water supply, sewer, sewer pumping station currently being reviewed.</li> <li>• Potential Indigenous tourism operator for the café due to present business case to Council for approval.</li> <li>• Detailed Design completed November 2019. Preparing DA and building approval.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Relocation of pool backwash, in ground services, including in ground plumbing / electrical services works completed.</li> <li>• Foundations, footings, slabs, block walls, columns, walls, roof structure and roof linings, external pavements completed.</li> <li>• Windows and doors installed and external cladding completed.</li> <li>• Mechanical and air-conditioning units completed.</li> <li>• Internal wall linings completed.</li> <li>• Plumbing and electrical fittings and tiling nearing completion.</li> </ul>

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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"> <li>• GBRMPA research permit received for reef restoration (Manta Ray Bay and Blue Pearl Bay), with installation of 4 trays and 425 coral colonies completed December 2018. First out planting of 200 coral colonies in April/May 2019.</li> <li>• As of 1 November 2019, 282 coral colonies remain in nurseries propagated in since May 2019. An additional 169 coral colonies were outplanted onto surrounding reefs at two locations (Blue Pearl and Manta Ray Bay). Total corals outplanted equals 357. Survivorship at 77% in October 2019 across all sites and methods.</li> <li>• GBRMPA Marine Parks Permit and Sea Dumping Permit granted 10/07/19 for the sculptures.</li> <li>• Five underwater sculptures installed across 4 locations.</li> <li>• RPEQ certified drawing for all 6 sculptures received. Sixth sculpture under construction and due for installation December.</li> </ul>
Coral gardening education 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"> <li>• Collection and propagation of coral from host sites to Manta Ray Bay and Blue Pearl Bay complete.</li> <li>• Coral planting in the raceways commenced early October.</li> <li>• Coral fragments prepared and raceways tested for Lovers Cove. GBRMPA permit for coral restoration site at Lovers Cove received 25 October 2019.</li> <li>• Coral fragments propagated and planted on all nurseries at Blue Pearl Bay and Manta Ray Bay. Outplanting set to occur late December.</li> <li>• Education tours commenced with groups and interested tourists.</li> <li>• Coral Planting education program trialled and tested. Fine tuning nearing completion.</li> <li>• Coral education guided snorkel tour under development.</li> </ul>

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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.
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.	Completed and report submitted.