

Tourism Recovery Fund Project – December Project Status Report

Project	Proponent/s	Funding (\$)	Description	Status (as at 1 December 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: short walk and view point under construction. Due for completion 20 December 2019. Interpretative signs to be installed once final works completed.
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"> • Engineering detailed design 90% complete for scope of services - Electrical, Hydraulic and Civil – awaiting Ergon connection and Grey water solution to final design. • Road and car parking upgrades completed, carparks sealed and curbs installed, line markings completed. • Consultants engaged for signage upgrade design. Meeting undertaken to review concepts in November design presentation. Final signage scope to be completed mid-December to go to market. • Wash down bays installation nearing completion, commissioning remaining – expected early December and fencing installed to camp site. • Earthworks commenced on amenities installation, assembly complete in warehouse, footings to be installed and buildings transported site. • Upgrade of BBQs – concrete slabs being completed and installation of 5 x new BBQs. External contractor being arranged for power connection. • Installation of Amenities and Kiosk to support fishing experiences and tours due to commence December 2019. • Telstra mobile coverage booster for increased safety and better tourism experience, order raised and with Telstra to commission works. • Jetty/Pontoon installation to be complete December 2019.

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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"> • 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"> • Detailed design complete with tender documentation programmed to be released to market late Dec 2019 • Demolition works complete. • Existing water and sewer pump stations and supply to be reused. • Potential indigenous tourism operator presented business case to Council and further business models with the operator being investigated. • Preparing Development Approval application.
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"> • Structure 100% completed. • Internal fit out nearing completion. • External concreting driveways, landscaping and paths nearing completion. • Official Opening scheduled for 19 December 2019.
Underwater tourism infrastructure in the Whitsundays	Reef Ecologic	971,610	<p>This project is for the design, creation and installation of underwater and inter-tidal interpretive art pieces across the Whitsunday region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBRMPA research permit received for reef restoration (Manta Ray Bay / 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. • GBRMPA Marine Parks Permit and Sea Dumping Permit granted 10/07/19 and RPEQ certified drawing for all 6 sculptures received. • 5 underwater sculptures installed across 4 locations. • An additional 198 coral colonies were propagated in coral nurseries in November 2019. • Sixth (final) sculpture constructed and due for installation December 2019. • As of 1 December 2019, 401 coral colonies remain in nurseries propagated since May 2019. An additional 169 coral colonies were outplanted onto surrounding reefs at 2 locations (Blue Pearl / Manta Ray Bay).

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Coral gardening education	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"> • Collection and propagation of coral from host sites to Manta Ray Bay and Blue Pearl Bay complete. • Coral planting in the raceways nearing completion. • Additional works for coral restoration area commenced. • Coral fragments prepared and raceways tested for Lovers Cove. GBRMPA permit for coral restoration site at Lovers Cove received 25 October 2019. • Coral fragments propagated and planted on all nurseries at Blue Pearl Bay and Manta Ray Bay. Outplanting set to occur late December. • Education tours commenced with groups and interested tourists. • Coral Planting education program trialed and tested. Fine tuning nearing completion. • Coral education guided snorkel tour under development. • Development of Whitsunday coral restoration smartphone App nearing completion. • Ongoing engagement with local traditional owners. • Short film / documentary style coral restoration video 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed April 2019 and opened to visitors.

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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"> • Completed and report submitted.
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"> • Practical completion 1 November 2019.