

Tourism Recovery Fund Project – January Project Status Report

Project	Proponent/s	Funding (\$)	Description	Status (as at 1 January 2020)
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 95% complete for scope of services - Electrical, Hydraulic and Civil – Ergon connection completed. Contractor to complete Electrical connection works engaged. • Original Grey water solution rejected by Council, New option proposed and endorsed. Contractor pricing requested. • Signage design 70% complete. • Wash down bays installed and commissioned. • Upgrade of BBQs completed and installation of amenities and Kiosk completed. • Jetty/Pontoon installation completed on Jetty 1 & 2. • Telstra mobile coverage booster for increased safety and better tourism experience, order raised and with Telstra to commission works (separate to TRF funding). • Low level camping open as at start of October 2019 (separate to TRF funding).
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"> • Tender documentation released to market with tender closing late January 2020. • Tender briefing being held Wednesday 15 January 2020. • Demolition works complete. • Existing water and sewer pump stations and supply to be re-used. • Potential indigenous tourism operator presented business case to Council and further business models with the operator being investigated. • Preparing Development Approval application. • Ergon transformer design complete.
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 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.

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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"> • Coral planting in the raceways completed. • Coral out planting at Lovers Cove due late January 2020. • Coral education guided snorkel tour developed. Tours to commence when out planting commences. • Additional works for coral restoration area completed December 2019. • Coral fragments propagated and planted on all nurseries at Blue Pearl Bay and Manta Ray Bay. Out planting to occur January 2019. • Education tours and coral planting education program underway with groups and interested tourists as of December 2019. • Development of "Coral Whitsundays" coral restoration smartphone App completed and live late December 2019. • Ongoing engagement with local traditional owners. • Short film / documentary style coral restoration video playing on iPhone App. Updates showing out planting to come late January 2020.
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,	Completed and report submitted.

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			hiking and cycling tracks and adrenaline activities located both near and within Conway National Park, overlooking Airlie Beach.	
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 	Practical completion 1 November 2019.
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.	Completed and officially opened 19 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: completed 2018. • Border Island: completed 2018. • Haslewood Island: Lookout, trail and interpretive sign completed 23 December 2019.