



PHCC Working Together

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

WETLANDS AND PEOPLE ... THE YEAR 1 ON-GROUND COMPONENT OF THE NLP2 PROJECT

Key points:

- The project includes a dedicated Wetlands Restoration Officer position to co-ordinate and implement on-ground works.
- Rick James held this position up to January 2019 before successfully applying for the Co-ordinator Wetlands, Science & Management role.
- Rick has been covering both positions since January, with the new wetlands officer, Mike Griffiths, commencing on 11th March.
- Workplan developed by Rick J. at the end of 2018 (prior to the Work Order being completed).
- Six individual on-ground projects are to be delivered by 30/6/19 (plus minor contribution to others e.g. communication materials).
- Extensive stakeholder consultation carried out in preparation for on-ground work.

Ref. no.	Title	Description	Budget	Progress
OG1	Community Targeted Work Agreements	On-ground works to be carried out on private land at strategic locations adjacent to P-Y Ramsar wetlands. Agreements to be negotiated directly with landholders.	\$76,800 (\$28k year 1 initial funding followed by \$48,800 in year 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Year 1, Proposing to establish targeted agreements with specific landholders in priority areas rather than running an open grants round (• Some potential sites (landowners) identified. Deliverable (Year 1) = 8 agreements. None established yet. Progress estimate 10%.
OG2	Removing Weeds - Initial	Carry out weed control at selected sites targeting priority environmental weeds.	\$106,800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7,200 contract awarded for works on the lower Harvey River / Kooljerrenup NR. Cotton Bush work almost complete. • 2x further sites identified – E. side L. Clifton & E. side L. Preston Deliverable (Year 1) = 200 ha. Progress estimate 10%.

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OG3	Site Preparation (for year 2 revegetation work)	Proposed work includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearing for access where required • Ripping • Spray rip lines • Other weed control ...etc. 	\$12,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary site identified – E. side of L. Clifton Deliverable = 16 days' work. Progress estimate <5%.
OG4	Lake Mealup Bushland Action Plan	Prepare a plan for the Lake Mealup Preservation Society property that focuses on the terrestrial vegetation communities, providing a condition assessment and practical advice for future management.	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation carried out with LMPS • Contract awarded • Field work commencing 14th March Deliverable = 1x agreement & 1x "planning & delivery" document (counts towards overall target). Progress estimate 50%.
OG5	Debris Removal	Removing rubbish from selected areas within the Ramsar "footprint".	\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites identified (Lake Mealup & surrounds) • Consultation completed • Contract placed with work to be carried out w/c 25th March Deliverable = 20 hectares cleared. Progress estimate 50%.
OG6	Feral Animal Control	Possible sites include fox control Lakes Mealup & McLarty. Pig control Delta Islands, Austin Bay & McLarty.	\$5,480	Deliverable = 140 hectares treated. Progress estimate <5%