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CEG program

Grant Application Assessment Package 2020/21



PHCC project name:

Banksia Woodlands

A World for Woodlands – reducing threats to Banksia Threatened Ecological Communities through land stewardship

Assessment meeting date and details: 9am Tuesday 15th September 2020

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, 58 Sutton St, Mandurah

Total available funding: \$153,100

Total funding requested: \$19,016

(Plus \$1,901 GST as all 3 applicant land holders are not registered for GST)

Total Landholder Contributions proposed: \$26,031

Panel members: Sue Fyfe, Paddi Creevey, Darrlayn Ebsary & guest panel member

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*We acknowledge the Noongar people as Traditional Custodians
of this land and pay our respects to all Elders past and present*

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Prior to Independent Assessment Panel meeting, staff have:

- 1) Checked applications are complete and include all necessary information.
- 2) Checked that applications are technically feasible and meet or exceed minimum standards (See Appendix 1 attached to the CEG Guidelines).
- 3) Noted which of the Peel-Harvey NRM Strategy Biophysical priorities listed in Table 1 are addressed by the project proposal. Most projects address at least one biophysical priority.

B1.1	Coordinated governance of Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar Site
B1.2	Improve the condition of wetlands and watercourses
B1.3	Protect wetlands and watercourses
B1.4	Protect groundwater quality and quantity
B2.1	Understand soil characteristics and risks
B2.2	Match land use and management to soil type and land capability
B2.3	Implement sound soil management practices and use land productively
B2.4	Support biosecurity practices
B3.1	Protect foreshores for their ecological and recreational values
B3.2	Protect near-shore habitat for productivity and biodiversity
B4.1	Protect terrestrial and aquatic natural areas
B4.2	Manage and reduce threats to biodiversity
B4.3	Restore ecological linkages
B5.1	Support water allocation planning and management
B5.2	Support land managers to manage water resources for multiple benefits

Prior to Independent Assessment Panel meeting, Panel members are to:

1. Review each project summary, and if necessary individual applications. All uploaded to Members page on PHCC website.
2. Score each project for Criteria 1 to 5, 9 and 10. Staff members will score for criteria 6,7 and 8.
3. Bring your scoring for each project along to the meeting, or of possible, provide scores to staff (Gene or Mel) before the meeting.

At the Independent Assessment Panel meeting:

- 1) Each project will be scored according to a consensus score, as agreed by the panel members. For each project, a total score will be calculated based on the consensus scores for each criteria.

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Assessment criteria

The assessment criteria are provided in Table 2 with the scoring guide.

Prior to the meeting, panel members are to score each project for Criteria 1 to 5, 9 and 10.

Staff members will score for criteria 6,7 and 8. Panel members are not required to score Criteria 6,7 and 8.

Table 2: Draft Standard assessment criteria and scoring guide		
	Assessment criteria	Scoring guide
Project specific criteria	<p>1. Contribution to Banksia Woodlands (BAN) project objectives/outcomes</p> <p>These are the outcomes for the relevant NLP2 project or other project. How significantly will the proposed activities contribute to the wider project objectives/outcomes?</p> <p>Objective: Projects are to improve the condition of the TEC listed Banksia Woodlands on the Swan Coastal Plain through on-ground management activities, and assessment and mapping of dieback and weed threats.</p> <p>Eligible activities: All funded activities must be undertaken in or around TEC listed Banksia Woodlands Eligible activities must lead to an improvement in the condition of TEC-listed Banksia Woodlands, and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting vegetation by restricting/ managing access. • Controlling pest animal and weed species. • Managing disease through dieback control. • Habitat augmentation through installation of artificial habitat. • Assessing and mapping dieback disease or priority weed occurrence and distribution. • Other activities that will improve the condition of TEC listed Banksia Woodlands. <p><u>4-year outcomes from Banksia Woodlands Project:</u> OUTCOMES (BY 2023)</p> <p>AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OUTCOME (4) By 2023, the implementation of priority actions is leading to an improvement in the condition of EPBC Act listed Threatened Ecological Communities. Primary Asset: Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain Secondary Asset: Clay Pans of the Swan Coastal Plain.</p> <p>Changes in Asset</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 920 ha of Banksia Woodlands and associated TEC's will be protected, managed and/or restored through management of threats, restoration 	<p>4–contributes to multiple project objectives</p> <p>3-meets project objectives</p> <p>2– somewhat meets objectives</p> <p>1– weak on objectives</p> <p>0– does not meet objectives</p>

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	<p>and reduced access as per recommendation of the Conservation Advice and interim Recovery Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 4 sites of Clay Pans of the Swan Coastal Plain TEC within the Peel-Harvey Catchment associated with Banksia Woodlands project sites have undertaken management actions to maintain or improve condition. <p>Practice & attitude change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> over 180 land managers and community have an improved understanding of principles and practices for restoration and conservation of Banksia Woodlands and associated TEC's as a result of 28 awareness and skill building events. 20 landholders will be involved in the management to protect or restore Banksia Woodlands. the Noongar community is actively participating in the delivery of the management of Banksia Woodlands on the Swan Coastal Plain through 12 on-ground, consultation and training events. <p>2. Extent to which the application (on-ground works) addresses priority threats.</p> <p><i>For the Banksia Woodlands Project threats include stock (grazing), feral animal predation and feral animal habitat degradation, weeds, disease.</i></p>	<p>4- significant impact on priority assets/threats 3 – addresses priority assets/threats 2- some impact on priority assets/threats 1- little impact on priority assets/threats 0-No impact</p>
<p>Criteria to be used by all assessment panels</p>	<p>3. Public-private benefit</p> <p>Do the proposed activities deliver a sound public benefit?</p>	<p>2 – High 1- Moderate 0-Low</p>
	<p>4. Relative ecological viability of site or patch</p> <p>(Viability is high where the site is relatively large, compact in shape, in good condition, and/or may be part of an ecological linkage, such as a waterway)</p>	<p>2 – high patch viability/connectivity 1– moderate 0-Low/marginal</p>
	<p>5. Value for money</p> <p>Does the application include a significant landholder contribution? Value of the grant sought relative to the asset protected?</p>	<p>3-high (>50%) 2-moderate (30 – 50%) 1-low (<30%)</p>
	<p>6. Site management plan/farm plan/ Land for Wildlife/covenant/conservation zone</p> <p>Does the site have a management plan such as a farm plan or Land for Wildlife Site Assessment? If there is an informal plan, then score as 'somewhat'</p>	<p>2-Yes 1-Somewhat 0-No</p>
	<p>7. Ongoing management</p> <p>Landholder commitment to ongoing management</p> <p>8. Applicant's capacity to deliver</p> <p>Rate the applicant's capacity to deliver the proposed activities</p>	<p>2 – Strong landholder management commitment 0 – little or no commitment</p> <p>2 – high 1-moderate 0-low</p>

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	<p>9. Innovation, outstanding features or other strategic importance</p> <p>Is the project innovative or has any outstanding features not captured in other criteria? Does the proposal represent any other strategic benefits to Catchment or community?</p>	<p>2-Project is innovative, has outstanding features or is of other strategic importance 0-No</p>
	<p>10. Partnerships or collective efforts (where relevant)</p> <p>Does the proposal involve other groups or landholders/groups of landholders?</p>	<p>2- Yes - application involves partnerships or joint efforts with other landholders or groups 0-No</p>

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Table 3: ASSESSMENT TABLE												
	Project-specific criteria		Universal Criteria									
Application	1. Contribution to project objectives/ outcomes (Score 4,3,2,1,0)	2. Contribution to sustainable agricultural production (Score 4,3,2,1,0)	3. Public-private benefit (Score 2,1,0)	4. Relative ecological viability of site (Score 2,1,0)	5. Value for money (Score 3, 2,1)	6. Site plan (Score 2,1,0)	7. Ongoing management (Score 2,0)	8. Applicant's capacity to deliver (Score 2,1,0)	9. Innovation, outstanding or strategic (Score 2,0)	10. Partnerships or collective efforts (Score 2,0)	Total score	Comments
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