

Annual Report

2019/20



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All photos property of Lake Baroon
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The Lake Baroon Catchment

Despite extensive historical clearing, 22% of the Lake Baroon catchment is heavily forested; a significant proportion in the immediate area around the dam, although much of this is degraded by environmental weeds. Today, the catchment is susceptible to impacts associated with an growing diversity of land use; increasingly the catchment has become popular with “tree changers” and has seen land use move from intensive grazing to smaller rural residential properties.

This has resulted in the fragmentation of larger tracts of agricultural land into smaller parcels with a significant increase in the number of on-site wastewater treatment systems in the catchment.

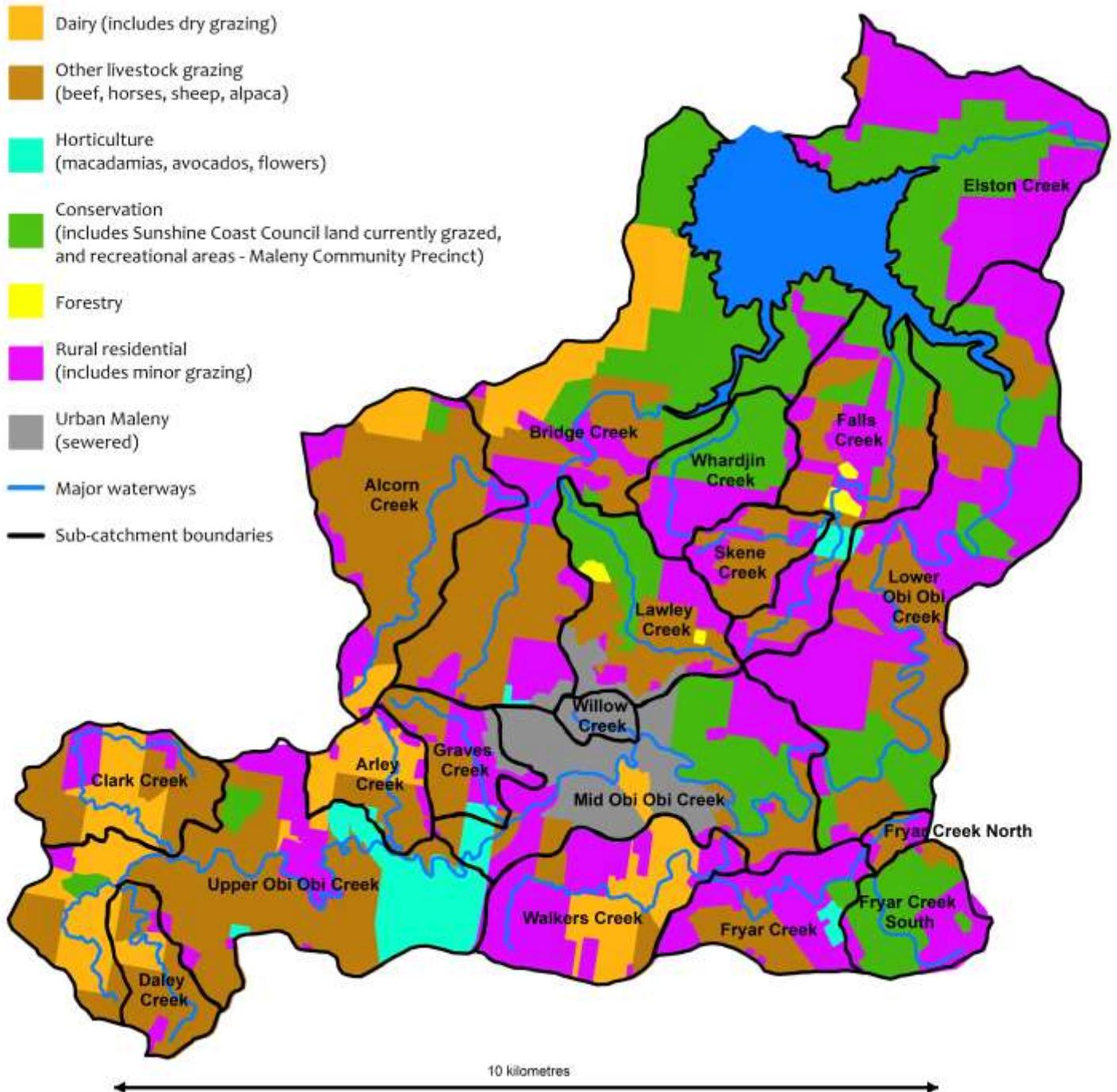
As a result, the catchment is currently susceptible to a number of land use impacts including:

- poorly managed dairying and livestock grazing;
- new developments and increased stormwater runoff;
- polluted runoff from impervious surfaces of existing developed areas;
- uncontrolled stock access to catchment waterways;
- lack of riparian vegetation and integrity – the historical result of extensive vegetation clearing;
- abundance of weeds – shift in land ownership from land managers (e.g. farmers) to inexperienced residents has potentially led to the spread and proliferation of weeds (including emerging weeds); and
- varying pollution sources related to increased population.

Photo: Eden Road Management



Sub-catchments and land use





President's Report

Peter Stevens

Welcome to our Annual Report which reviews our outputs and performance for the financial year 2019/2020.

The year of Covid, it all started very well back in late 2019 and then went downhill very rapidly at the start of 2020. Fortunately, LBCCG has not to date been materially or operationally affected as have some industries. Our staff and committee have had to make many changes to the normal rules of operation, but this has taken place efficiently and smoothly so that we were able to operate effectively and safely during this difficult period.

Earlier this year we employed two new staff, Claire Wynn as Administration Manager and Luke Ferguson as Project Manager for Agriculture and Landslide programs. These appointments were well overdue and both Claire and Luke have been kept very busy from the outset. Both have performed extremely well and bring our team to five permanent staff.

Under the SLAM program, a large block of over 100 Ha was purchased by Seqwater, with significant remediation scheduled for the coming years with large budgets. The first tranche of this funding has been delivered and has enabled significant clearing of weeds and improvement of access to and within the property. Unfortunately, budgets for future years have not been forthcoming and the project is now on temporary hold until Seqwater has a clear picture of the works and funding required. LBCCG has no doubt that this work will be rescheduled within the next twelve months.

It was not long ago that LBCCG celebrated \$1 million in project value delivered in a year to the catchment. Despite Covid this year, LBCCG delivered \$1,927,921 in total project value. Not quite \$2 million, but very close, a great achievement of our staff and committee.

Some of this expenditure is an in-kind contribution made by project landholders that we should recognise as a valuable contribution.

Photo: Landslide Program—Newsham



This overall figure really represents the economic activity our group is delivering to Maleny and the Sunshine Coast region. From our own tracking of expenditure, we know that approximately 83% of the amount has been spent in the Sunshine Coast area. A great boost to our community and region.

For the above outcomes we need to thank Seqwater as our major funding partner, but also their staff, Julian O'Mara, Tim Odgers, Joel Hodge and Tim Packer who are all very supportive of LBCCG. We understand that Seqwater underwent large changes to the make-up of its Board last year, the Committee therefore will look to facilitate a visit in the future by the new Board to the catchment to inform them of our work. I would also like to draw special attention to Seqwater's decision to provide additional funding to run workshops with landholders after the Maleny Sustainable Beef project expired. These workshops are invaluable in developing landholder relationships and support our extension approach to delivering projects in the catchment. We must also thank Sunshine Coast Council for continuation of our Partnership funding of \$50,000 pa, which is so valuable in providing staff support required to administer a large program of on-ground works.

Finally I would like to thank all our dedicated staff, particularly our Manager Mark Amos for a productive year under difficult circumstances and not forgetting our outgoing Committee for the time and experience they bring to the group.

I commend the full AGM report to you, which contains a wealth of information regarding our activities.

Photo: Daley Creek Riparian Fencing & Off Stream Water Stage 2





Manager's Report

Mark Amos

LBCCG has continued to grow in 2019/20; in funding received, project value achieved, welcoming new staff to deliver the management of projects and assist with the ever increasing administrative burden.

Staff are selected to fill particular roles and although many qualified and capable people applied for the positions we were very pleased to offer the positions to Luke and Claire.

Luke Ferguson came on board as the Agriculture and Landslide Project Manager. This role requires an extensive knowledge of agricultural practice and exceptional engagement skills. Luke has rapidly become an invaluable member of the LBCCG team and has expanded the inhouse skills and abilities of the organisation, particularly in the areas of monitoring and innovation.

Claire Wynn has considerable experience with community groups and not for profit organisations providing bookkeeping and secretarial services. With the sustained growth of LBCCG Claire has shouldered the group governance role ensuring the organisation's expansion and growth runs smoothly.

Paul Mackay has continued to play a pivotal role in landholder liaison, engaging local graziers and facilitating the development of numerous projects. One of Paul's projects, the Commonwealth funded *Maleny Sustainable Beef* came to a successful conclusion in early 2020. The project engaged local graziers, many who had not previously been involved in LBCCG activities; introduced best practice workshops and raised awareness of local water quality issues.

Matt Bateman took on the management of the recent Seqwater purchase of the 'Mumford' property – a 115 hectare grazing property with an extensive frontage to Lake Baroon, and split by the Obi Obi Creek. The property has significant ecological values—broad floodplains and large areas of good quality and somewhat unusual vegetation. Unfortunately the property also has its fair share of weeds and most of 2019/20 was spent clearing these so that future rehabilitation can be implemented.

Photo: Landslide Program—Newsham





Matt's other project – Priority weeds continued throughout the year finding that Madeira vine is far more prevalent in the catchment than previously thought; new infestations are continually being discovered, with Montville a notable hot spot. Cats claw vine on the other hand has been largely controlled in the catchment although long term monitoring is continuing.

Bridge Creek Connections, a three-year State funded project under the Community Sustainability Action grants program was completed this year, and was largely centred around the River School in the Bridge Creek catchment. Over 10,000 trees, shrubs and groundcovers were planted (many by River School students), almost 11 hectares of weeds managed, 1.7 kilometres of fencing installed, 25 wildlife nest boxes assembled (by River School students) and installed, and over 160 volunteers engaged (including River School and East Coast TAFE students).

Covid was an unwelcome challenge in 2019/20 but with an attitude of “getting the job done” (and the implementation of simple but effective policies and procedure addressing the pandemic risks) we were able to almost continue business as usual. We were still able to deliver almost \$2 million worth of project value. This was due to a superb team effort from the Management Committee, staff, and funding providers (especially Seqwater and Sunshine Coast Council) continuing to support each other and sticking to the guiding principles that have served us so well over the years.

Photo: Effluent pond planning—Cork Dairies

LBCCG Programs

In 2019/20 LBCCG delivered nine key Programs and projects:

- CORE Agriculture – projects with beef farms, horticulture and high priority rural properties;
- Landslide Program - various corrective works on properties that suffer from significant soil loss to catchment waterways;
- Weed Control Program – eradication, control and/or management of Cats claw vine, Madeira vine, Chinese elm and Salvinia;
- Dairy Program – implementing activities on all catchment dairy farms to improve on-farm and catchment water quality;
- Erosion Control Program – a property specific erosion project in the lower reaches of Bridge Creek;
- Maleny Sustainable Beef – a series of workshops and demonstration sites demonstrating best practice land management and culminating in the production of Property Action Plans;
- Bridge Creek Connections – a State funded three-year project addressing threatened species, establishing wildlife corridors and water quality in the Bridge Creek sub-catchment;
- Eden Road Management – a property on the shores of Lake Baroon purchased by Seqwater with LBCCG implementing remediation actions; *and*
- Bunya Block Management - a large grazing property on the shores of Lake Baroon purchased by Seqwater with LBCCG implementing remediation actions.

Photo: Lower Bridge Creek Riparian Fencing



What did we achieve in 2019/20?

LBCCG Programs and Projects delivered the following outputs in 2019/20.

Activity	Program										TOTALS
	CORE Agriculture	Dairy	Landslides	Weeds	Bridge Creek Erosion	Bridge Ck Connections	Maleny Sustainable Beef	Eden Rd Management	Bunya Block Management	Other	
Riparian fencing	5,130	2,200	-	-	-	-	272	-	-	320	7,922 m
Landslide fencing	650	-	4,933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,583 m
Livestock laneway fencing	-	1,670	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,670 m
Revegetation – diverse species	3,450	-	5,959	-	-	2,107	-	1,655	-	-	13,171
Revegetation - Araucarias	-	-	670	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	670
Revegetation maintenance	-	-	25,000	-	1,650	4,000	-	4,500	-	-	35,150
Stream crossings (concrete)	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Livestock troughs	2	8	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	14
Weed management	8.5	-	7	5	-	1	-	1.5	26	-	49.3 ha
Erosion control (sites managed)	1,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,450 m ²
Erosion control (turf laid)	-	-	355	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	355 m ²
Erosion control (grass seeded)	-	-	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5 ha
Livestock laneways	-	384	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	384 m
Stockyard bunding	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 m
Landslide drainage	-	-	5,045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,045 ha
Stream drainage correction	670	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	670 m
Access tracks	-	-	2,685	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,685 m
Workshops/Field Days/Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3 events
Property planning maps (B5 size)	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	25 maps
Books	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	22 books
Soil tests	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	19 tests

Agriculture Program

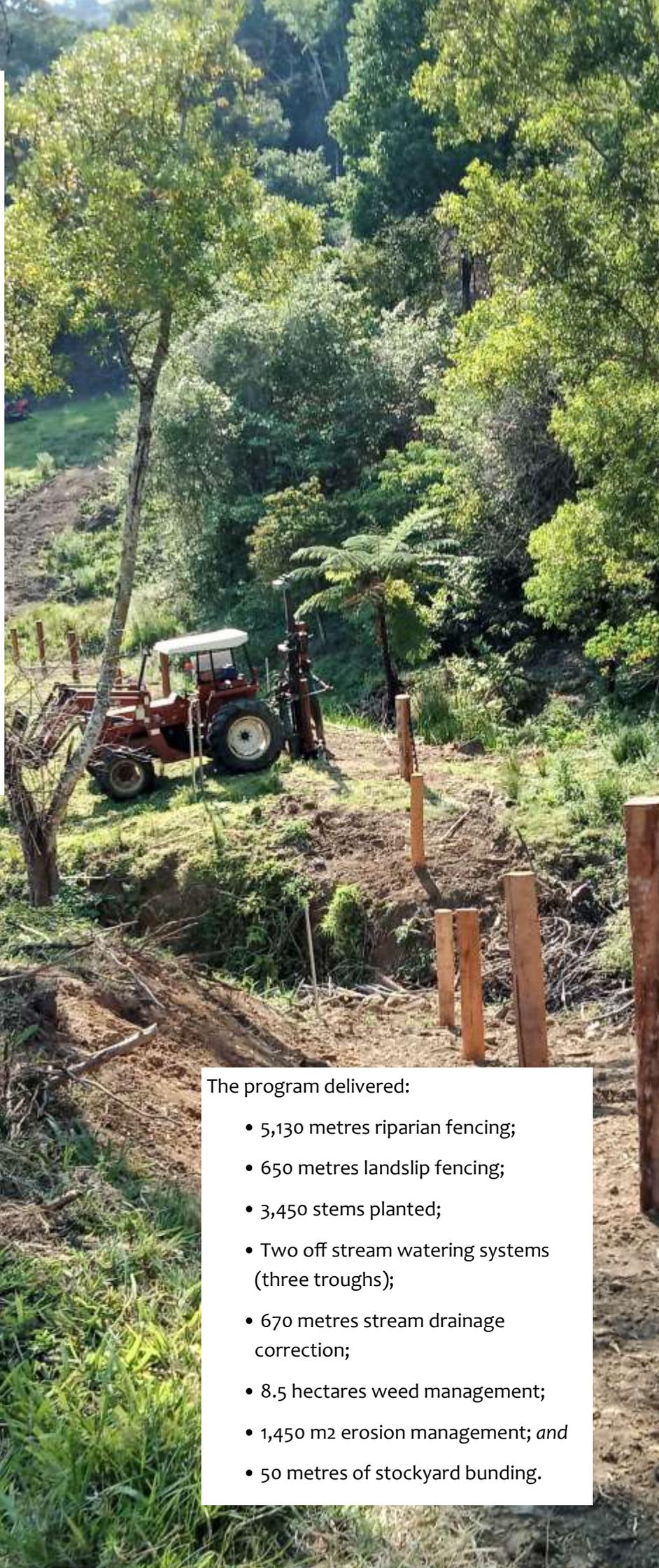
The Agriculture Program primarily works with large local graziers, horticulture and sometimes smaller landholders if they are in a priority location or several combine together to deliver a significant project.

In 2019/20 the Program expended \$119,221 (total budget of \$145,527) on on ground works, delivered over five projects.

The key aims of the project are to reduce livestock contact with natural waterways and establish buffers to agricultural pursuits along waterways reducing the delivery of pathogens, nutrients and sediments to streams.

Other benefits include establishing wildlife corridors, weed management in riparian zones, aquatic and terrestrial habitat enhancement, remnant vegetation protection and numerous other benefits.

Photo: Lower Bridge Creek Riparian Fencing



The program delivered:

- 5,130 metres riparian fencing;
- 650 metres landslip fencing;
- 3,450 stems planted;
- Two off stream watering systems (three troughs);
- 670 metres stream drainage correction;
- 8.5 hectares weed management;
- 1,450 m2 erosion management; and
- 50 metres of stockyard bunding.

Dairy Program

The Dairy Program, as the name suggests, works with the local milk producers to reduce livestock contact with natural waterways, address the unique intensive livestock movement typical of dairies and develop improved strategies in dealing with the high volumes of effluent generated by the milking operation.

The key aim of the program is to minimise the risk of pathogens being delivered to catchment waterways and ultimately Lake Baroon. Pathogens are considered the highest risk to potable water quality as they are difficult to detect and treat at the treatment plant stage and can have significant impacts on human health.

In 2019/20 the Program expended \$143,125 on ground works, delivered on three main sites/dairies (Wittacork, Ruddle Dairies & Cork Dairies).

Photo: Dairy Program—Ruddle Dairies



The program delivered:

- 2,200 metres riparian fencing;
- 384 metres of livestock laneway rehabilitation;
- 1,670 metres of livestock laneway fencing;
- One off stream watering system (eight troughs); and
- Three stream crossings.

Erosion & Sediment

Control Program

The Erosion & Sediment Control project was delivered on a single property in the lower reach of Bridge Creek, immediately before flowing into Lake Baroon.

The final year of the project, works were predominantly in the maintenance phase. The project is managing livestock access to a reach of Bridge Creek that suffers from moderate bank erosion.

Previous works have included the battering of stream banks, improvement of natural drainage, fencing and revegetation with local Araucaria species (to enable moderate term management by livestock), advanced Waterhousia trees (individually guarded) and macrophyte species planted within the stream channel.

Other minor works included weed management within existing revegetation (planted in circa 2000) and enhancement plantings.

In 2019/20 the Program expended \$3,273 on maintenance works.

Photo: Lower Bridge Creek



The program delivered:

- Maintenance of 800 Araucaria species;
- Maintenance of 50 advanced Waterhousias;
- Maintenance of 200 diverse species planted in old revegetation sites; and
- Maintenance of 600 macrophyte species.

Landslide Program

The Landslide Program is an ongoing suite of projects aimed at reducing the extent and severity of landslips within the Lake Baroon catchment.

Landslips have been identified as very high risk to potable water production with high levels of turbidity, sedimentation and delivery of nutrients (particularly naturally occurring phosphorus) to Lake Baroon. The larger landslips closest to the lake are the highest priority however all catchment landslips are being remediated to some extent.

In 2019/20 the Program expended \$463,561 on on-ground works. A significant proportion (\$100,000) of the total budget was expended on the maintenance of revegetation completed in previous years (over 25,000 trees) – recognising that at least 3 to 5 years of maintenance is required to establish effective vegetation.

The key aims of the program are to stabilise landslips with native vegetation and minor drainage works but, on many sites, includes weed management (remove shallow rooted weeds to permit replacement with deep rooted native vegetation, construction of effective access tracks, fencing to manage livestock access to unstable hillslopes, alternative livestock watering and other activities that contribute to landslip remediation.

Photo: Landslide Program—Newsham

The program delivered:

- 4,933 metres fencing (both permanent and electric);
- 5,959 stems planted (diverse mix);
- 670 Araucaria (Bunya & Hoop pine) stems planted;
- 35,460 sq. metres erosion control (grass seed spread);
- 355 sq. metres erosion control (turf laid);
- 2,685 metres access tracks constructed, repaired or maintained;
- 5.045 hectares drainage
- 51.9 hectares weed management completed (includes follow up); and
- Over 25,000 trees, shrubs and groundcovers planted in previous program years maintained (251.3 hectares of maintenance completed).

Weed Program

The Weed Program over the last four years has worked with over 250 individual landholders and sites managing, controlling and eradicating the key threats to water quality in the catchment and adjacent buffer zone – Cats claw vine, Madeira vine, Celtis and to a lesser extent Salvinia in the Upper Fryars Creek sub-catchment as well as several other minor weeds (Dutchman’s pipe, Ipomea and so on).

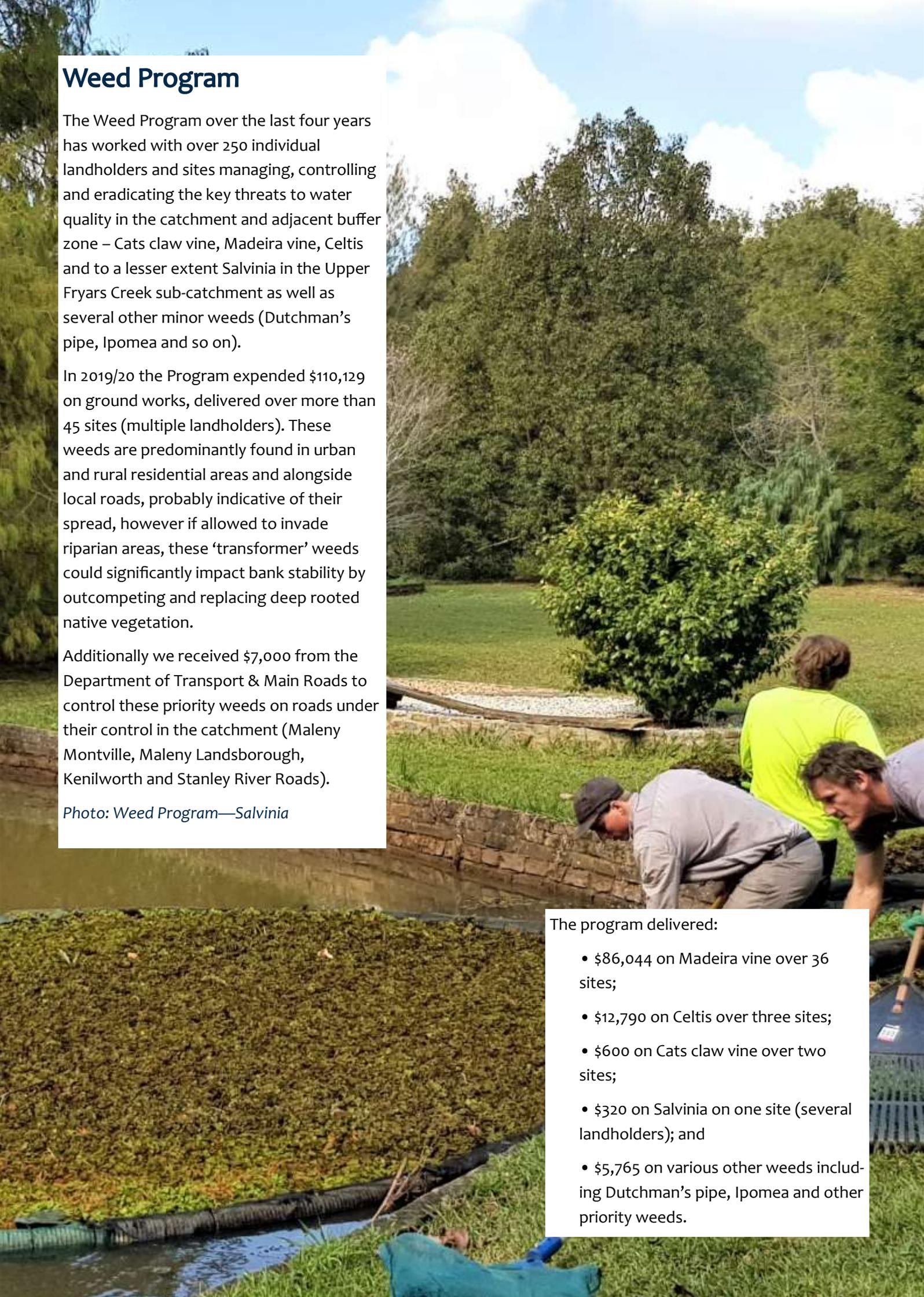
In 2019/20 the Program expended \$110,129 on ground works, delivered over more than 45 sites (multiple landholders). These weeds are predominantly found in urban and rural residential areas and alongside local roads, probably indicative of their spread, however if allowed to invade riparian areas, these ‘transformer’ weeds could significantly impact bank stability by outcompeting and replacing deep rooted native vegetation.

Additionally we received \$7,000 from the Department of Transport & Main Roads to control these priority weeds on roads under their control in the catchment (Maleny Montville, Maleny Landsborough, Kenilworth and Stanley River Roads).

Photo: Weed Program—Salvinia

The program delivered:

- \$86,044 on Madeira vine over 36 sites;
- \$12,790 on Celtis over three sites;
- \$600 on Cats claw vine over two sites;
- \$320 on Salvinia on one site (several landholders); and
- \$5,765 on various other weeds including Dutchman’s pipe, Ipomea and other priority weeds.

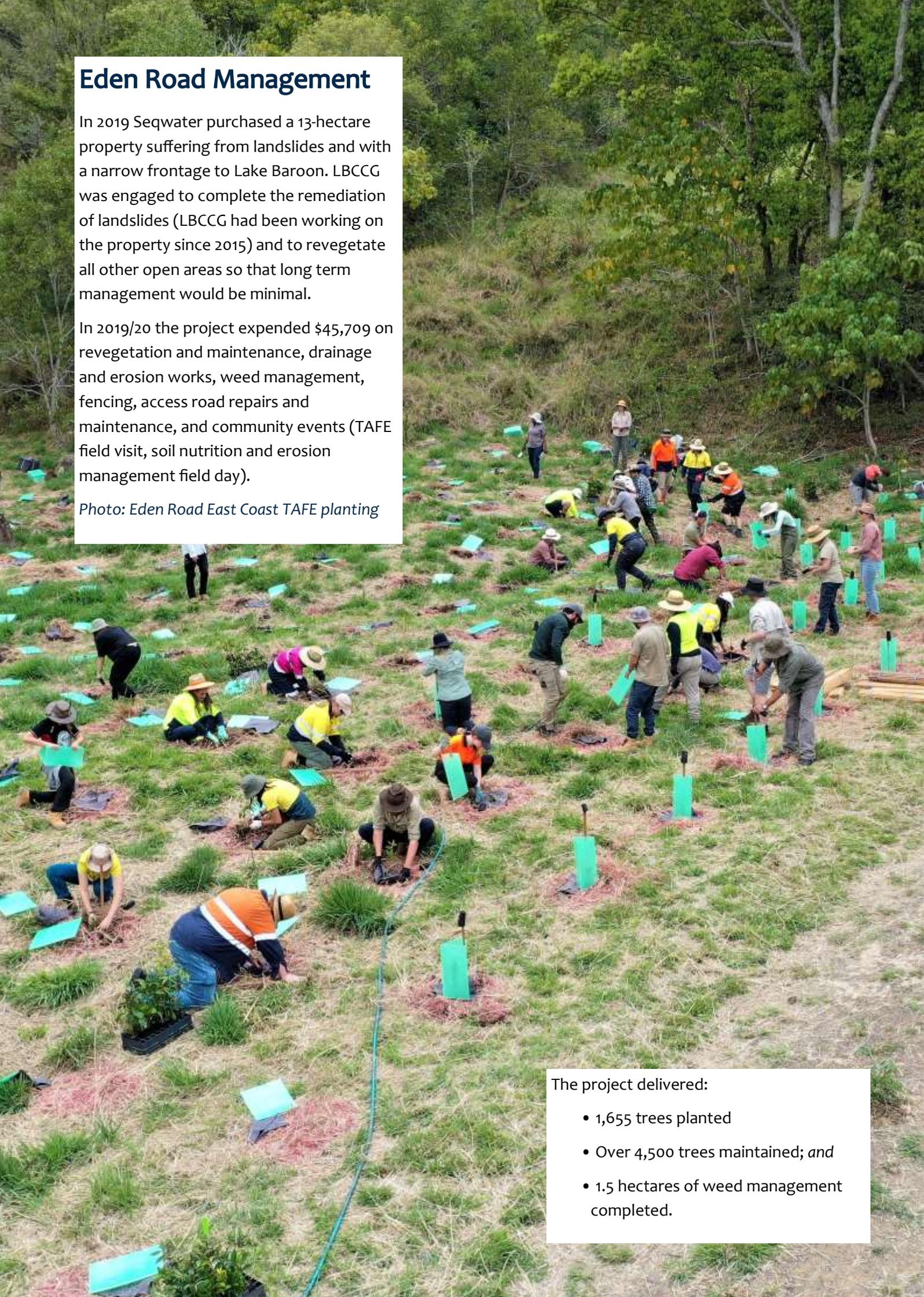


Eden Road Management

In 2019 Seqwater purchased a 13-hectare property suffering from landslides and with a narrow frontage to Lake Baroon. LBCCG was engaged to complete the remediation of landslides (LBCCG had been working on the property since 2015) and to revegetate all other open areas so that long term management would be minimal.

In 2019/20 the project expended \$45,709 on revegetation and maintenance, drainage and erosion works, weed management, fencing, access road repairs and maintenance, and community events (TAFE field visit, soil nutrition and erosion management field day).

Photo: Eden Road East Coast TAFE planting



The project delivered:

- 1,655 trees planted
- Over 4,500 trees maintained; and
- 1.5 hectares of weed management completed.

Bunya Block Management

In 2018 Seqwater purchased a 116-hectare property on the southern bank of Lake Baroon with a water frontage of 2.2 kilometres.

Similar to the Eden Road property LBCCG was engaged by Seqwater to remediate the property including landslide remediation, construction of new property entry and internal roads, fencing, weed management and eventual revegetation of the entire open space.

In 2019/20 the project expended \$63,532 primarily on weed management, consultant planning, soil sampling, fencing and survey materials, tubestock (contract growing) and safety equipment (satellite phone, first aid, signage etc).

Photo: Bunya Block weed management

The project delivered:

- 26 hectares weed management completed.



Bridge Creek Connections

Bridge Creek Connections was a State funded project from the Community Sustainability Action grants program commencing in early 2018 and completed in June 2020.

The project focussed on re-establishing and enhancing wildlife corridors through weed management and the planting of trees in riparian zones, installing fencing to exclude livestock from riparian zones and permitting revegetation, installing nesting boxes and engaging volunteers (Ananda Marga River School and East Coast TAFE students).

In 2019/20 the project expended \$10,358 on school workshops, revegetation, weed management and nest box installation.

Photo: Installation of wildlife nest boxes



The project delivered (in 2019/20 only):

- 2,107 trees, shrubs and groundcovers planted;
- Over 4,000 trees, shrubs and groundcovers maintained; and
- 1 hectare weed management completed.



Maleny Sustainable Beef

Maleny Sustainable Beef was a Commonwealth funded project from the Smart Farms Small Grants program commencing in late 2018 and completed in December 2019.

Designed to engage local beef farmers in the region (as opposed to our usual projects targeting catchment landholders only), the project implemented a series of workshops enhancing knowledge of soil health, animal health, pasture management, as well as water quality and other environmental considerations.

Several demonstration sites were established demonstrating best practice management including riparian fencing, off stream water, livestock shade, grazing management and fertiliser use and timing.

In 2019/20 the project expended \$15,845 on workshops and demonstration sites.

Photo: Soil health workshop

The program delivered (in 2019/20 only):

- Installed off stream watering system (four troughs);
- 272 metres of riparian fencing;
- Three workshops (Grazing Management, Winter Pasture Health & Soil Health) with a total attendance of 85 graziers;
- Installed 35 advanced (over two metres tall) shade trees and guards;
- Conducted 19 soil tests; and
- Printed and distributed 25 B5 size property aerial photos (for Property Management Planning).

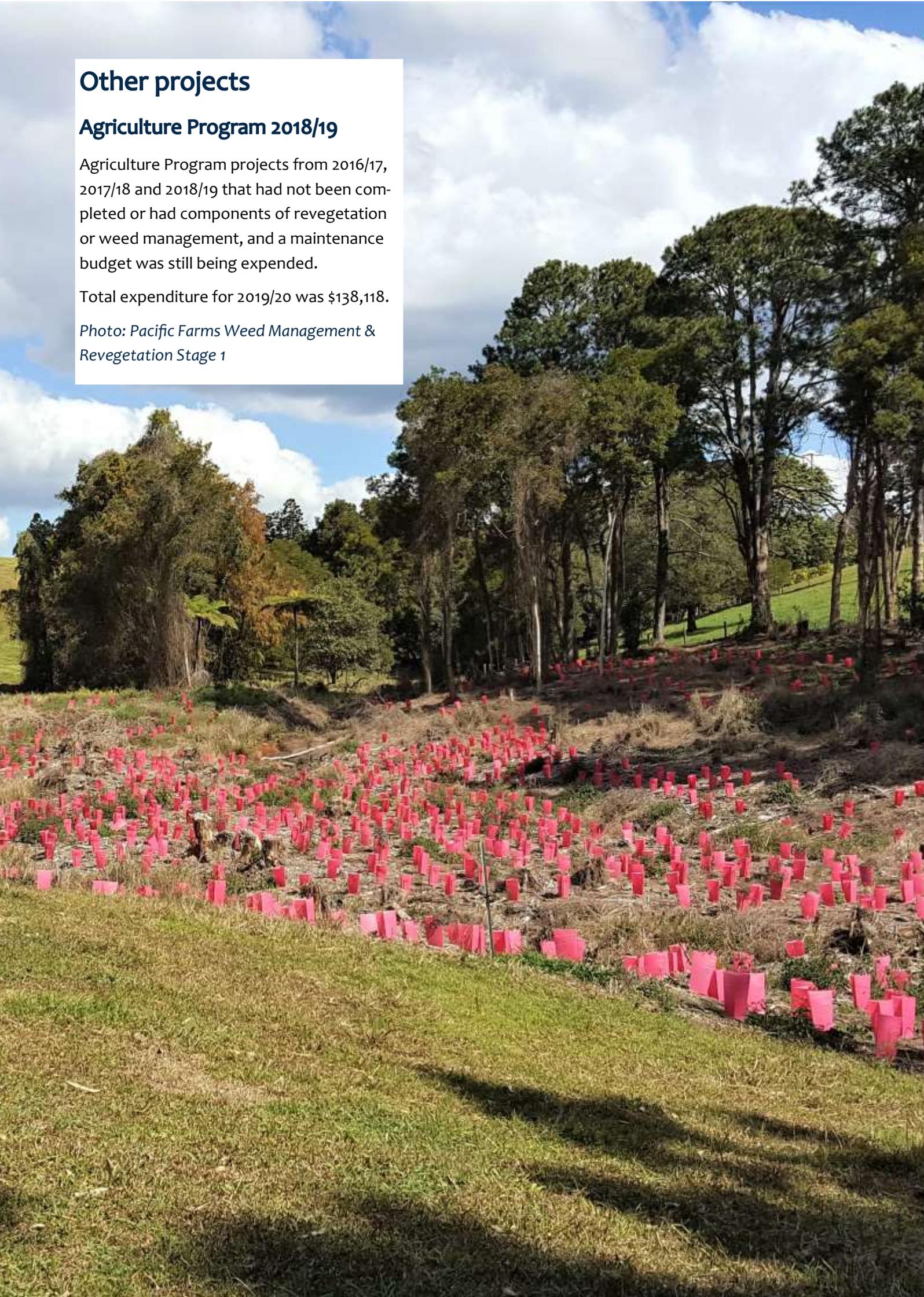
Other projects

Agriculture Program 2018/19

Agriculture Program projects from 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 that had not been completed or had components of revegetation or weed management, and a maintenance budget was still being expended.

Total expenditure for 2019/20 was \$138,118.

Photo: Pacific Farms Weed Management & Revegetation Stage 1





Other projects

Dairy Program 2018/19

Dairy Program projects from 2017/18 and 2018/19 that had not been completed.

The 2018/19 Dairy Program included the design and construction of effluent systems on two of the seven catchment dairy farms (Maleny Dairies & Cork Dairies). Delays and difficulties in the design of appropriate systems has been ongoing and the constraints placed on us by the development application will continue to delay approval and construction.

The main cost has been consultant fees. Total expenditure for 2019/20 was \$42,010.

Photo: Water use investigation on Hopper dairy

Other projects

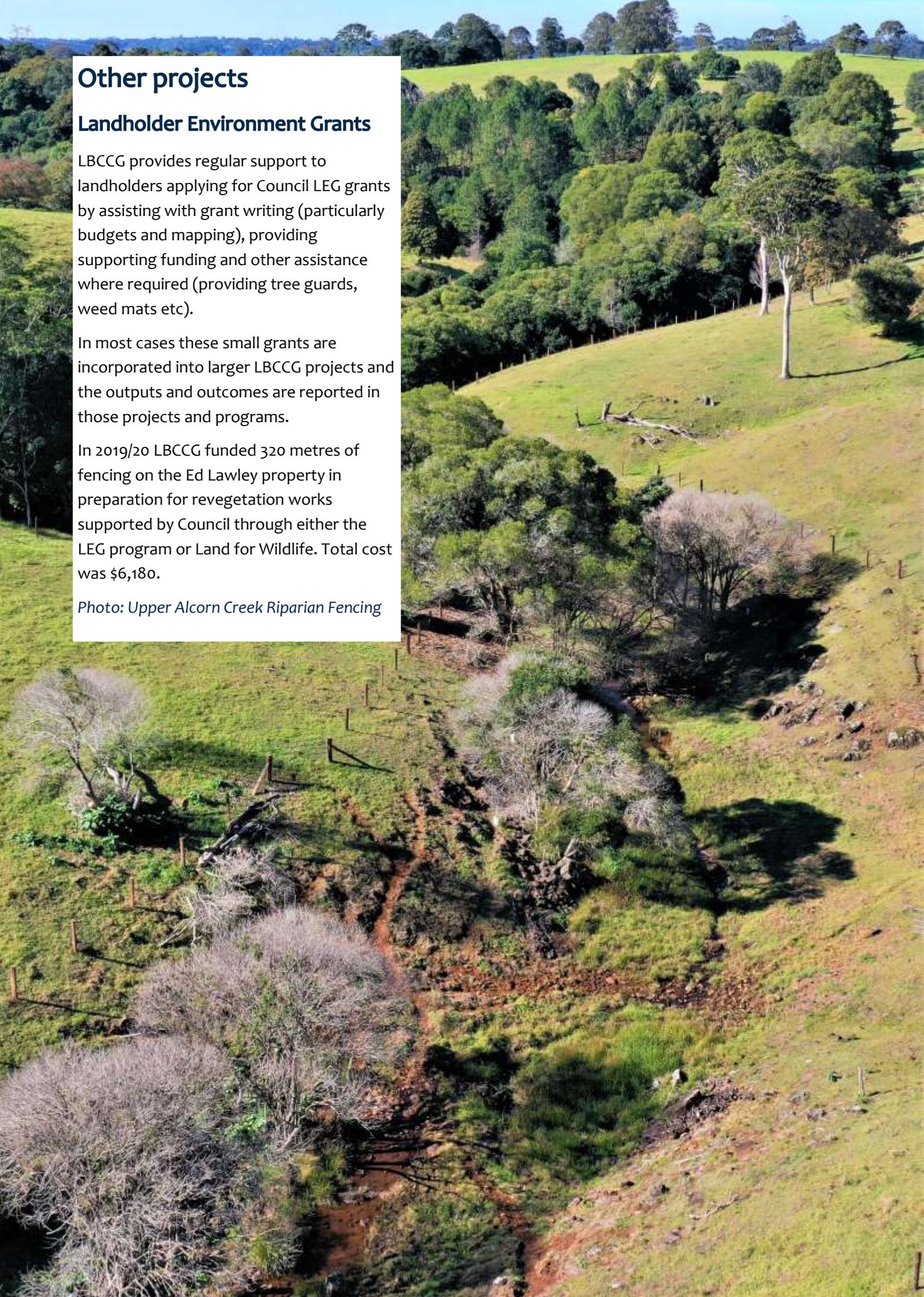
Landholder Environment Grants

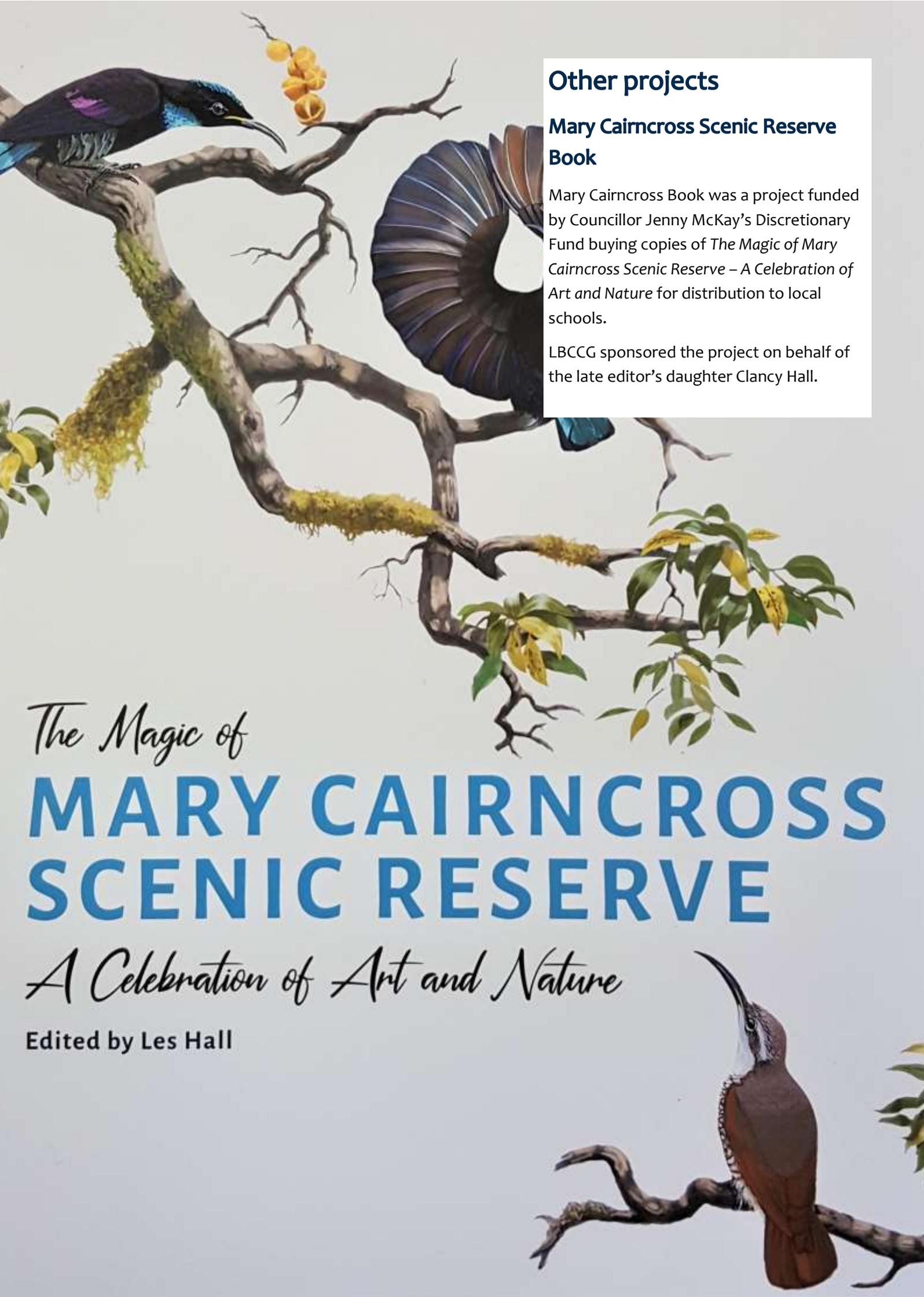
LBCCG provides regular support to landholders applying for Council LEG grants by assisting with grant writing (particularly budgets and mapping), providing supporting funding and other assistance where required (providing tree guards, weed mats etc).

In most cases these small grants are incorporated into larger LBCCG projects and the outputs and outcomes are reported in those projects and programs.

In 2019/20 LBCCG funded 320 metres of fencing on the Ed Lawley property in preparation for revegetation works supported by Council through either the LEG program or Land for Wildlife. Total cost was \$6,180.

Photo: Upper Alcorn Creek Riparian Fencing





Other projects

Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve Book

Mary Cairncross Book was a project funded by Councillor Jenny McKay's Discretionary Fund buying copies of *The Magic of Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve – A Celebration of Art and Nature* for distribution to local schools.

LBCCG sponsored the project on behalf of the late editor's daughter Clancy Hall.

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A Celebration of Art and Nature

Edited by Les Hall



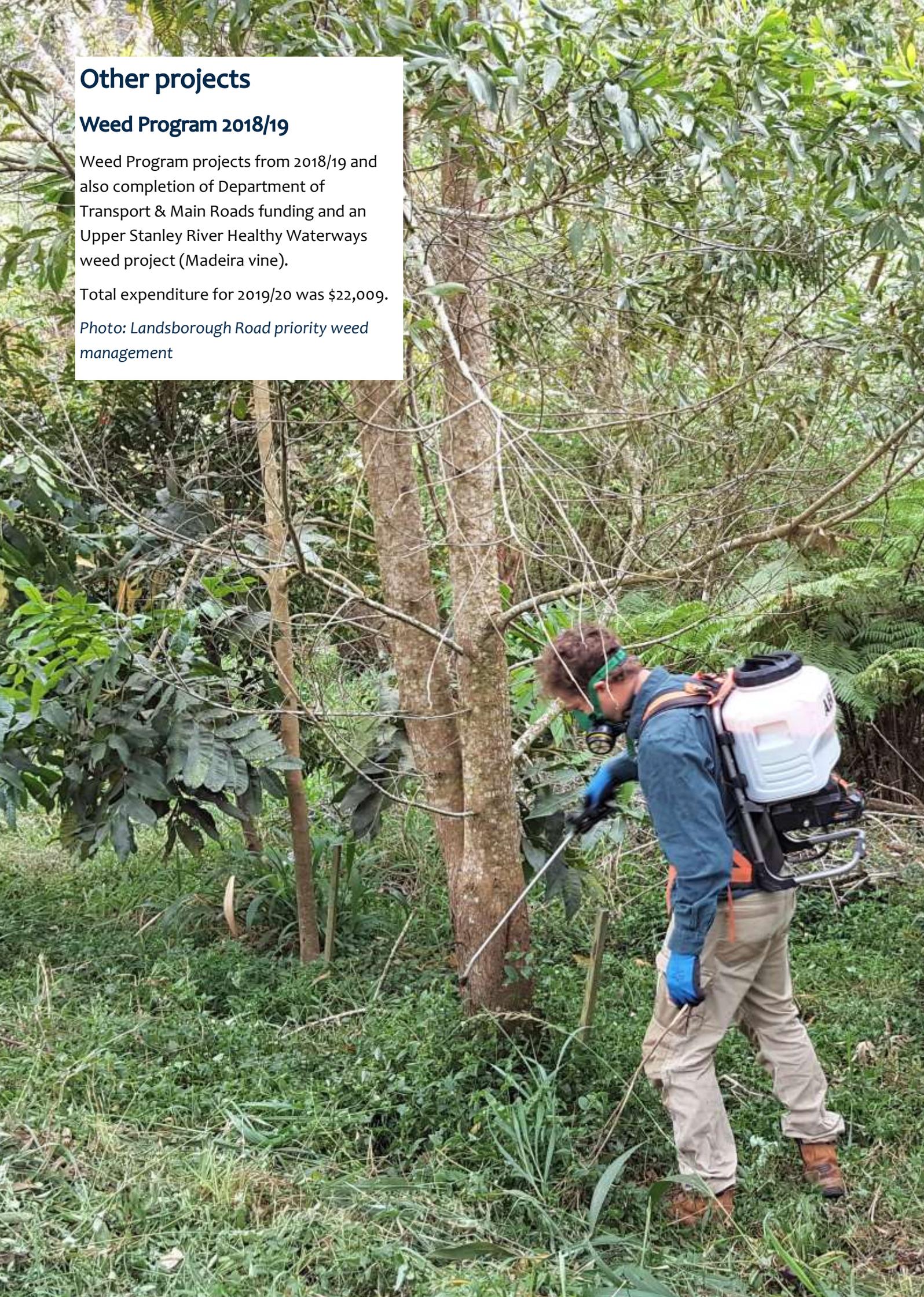
Other projects

Weed Program 2018/19

Weed Program projects from 2018/19 and also completion of Department of Transport & Main Roads funding and an Upper Stanley River Healthy Waterways weed project (Madeira vine).

Total expenditure for 2019/20 was \$22,009.

Photo: Landsborough Road priority weed management





Other projects

Research organisations assistance

During 2019/20 LBCCG provided assistance and support to multiple universities and research organisations including Queensland University of Technology (Landslides and Healthy Land & Water Flow project), University of Queensland (sediments and pathogens in farm dams) and CSIRO (Cryptosporidium DNA decay).

Photo: Water flow monitoring cameras installed by University of Queensland (upper Obi Obi Creek)

Total Project Value of all LBCCG activities in 2019/20

The table below is an illustration of the Total Project Value that LBCCG has been involved in during 2019/20 and includes in-kind contributions and funding that has contributed to LBCCG projects but not necessarily passed through LBCCG hands (e.g. Sunshine Coast Council Landholder Environment Grants). The table is for illustration purposes only and will not correlate with the independent Audit or other LBCCG Financial Statements due to the inclusion of landholder cash and in-kind.

Program & Project	Project Funding			Administration/Operational				Total value
	Seqwater	Grants ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾ (includes landholder cash & in-kind)	Seqwater	Project Management	Sunshine Coast Council ⁽³⁾	Other ⁽⁴⁾	
CORE Agriculture & Administration								
Agriculture	\$ 145,527	-	\$ 155,271	-	-	-	-	\$ 300,798
Administration	-	-	-	\$ 110,381	-	\$ 50,000	\$ 34,745	\$ 195,126
Seqwater Catchment Improvement Program								
Landslides	\$ 315,810	-	\$ 147,600	-	\$ 78,952	-	-	\$ 542,362
Weeds	\$ 90,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 38,500	-	\$ 22,500	-	-	\$ 158,000
Dairy	\$ 170,190	-	\$ 62,000	-	\$ 42,547	-	-	\$ 274,737
Bridge Creek Erosion	\$ 3,800	-	\$ 1,000	-	-	-	-	\$ 4,800
Seqwater Land Acquisition Management								
Eden Road	\$ 27,874	-	\$ 10,000	-	\$ 7,104	-	-	\$ 44,978
Bunya Block	\$ 260,000	-	\$ 15,000	-	\$ 100,000	-	-	\$ 375,000
Other externally funded Projects								
Maleny Sustainable Beef ⁽⁵⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 0
Bridge Creek Connections ⁽⁵⁾	-	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,720	-	-	-	-	\$ 30,720
Friends of Mary Cairncross	-	\$ 1,362	-	-	\$ 38	-	-	\$ 1,400
TOTALS	\$ 1,013,201	\$ 18,362	\$ 450,091	\$ 110,381	\$ 251,141	\$ 50,000	\$ 34,745	\$ 1,927,921

(1) External grants from Department of Transport & Main Roads, Sunshine Coast Council and Qld Government's Community Sustainability Action Grants.

(2) Landholder cash & in-kind contributions, volunteer labour from East Coast TAFE. Also includes grants received by landholders for LBCCG projects.

(3) Sunshine Coast Council Environmental Levy Partnership Operational funding.

(4) Includes Consultancy fees, bank interest, membership, sales and donations, Implementation Plan funding from Seqwater and Covid-19 refunds from ATO.

(5) Projects completed 30 December 2019.



Treasurer's Report

Bob Philpot

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow committee members and staff for their support throughout the year.

The attached Special Purpose Financial Report is compiled by our auditor (Simon Green, LeVert Audit Services) and provides the following:

- Income and Expenditure during the last financial year.
- Balance sheet as at 30th June 2020.

The Treasurer's Report for 2019-20 has three relevant factors that need to be considered for the financial year passed, these are:

1. Work has now begun on the 115 hectare property purchase by Seqwater, now known as the Bunya block (see the Manager's report);
2. The creation of two new employment positions of Office Manager and an additional Project Manager; and
3. The COVID-19 pandemic which has had a world-wide effect was a challenge in 2019/20. The committee and staff managed to restructure work and meetings moved online. The office was able to stay open and most on-ground work was able to continue with staff socially distancing, working from home and always following the latest government advice. Our funding for this financial year was unaffected and we received government support with the COVID-19 Cash flow boost.

I move that the Special Purpose Financial Report and Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

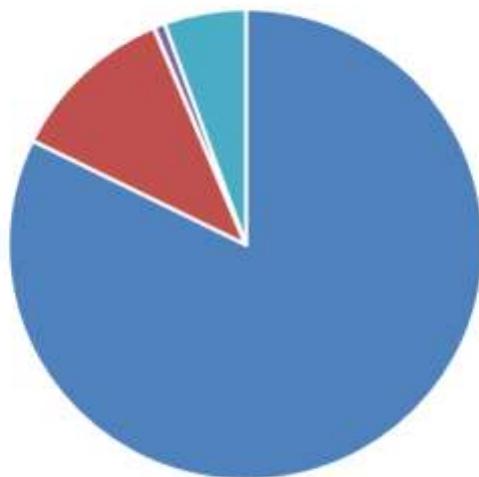
I also move that Simon Green of LeVert Audit Services be accepted as external auditor for the 2020/2021 financial year.

My thanks to the Committee for my time as Treasurer.

Photo: Upper Walkers Creek

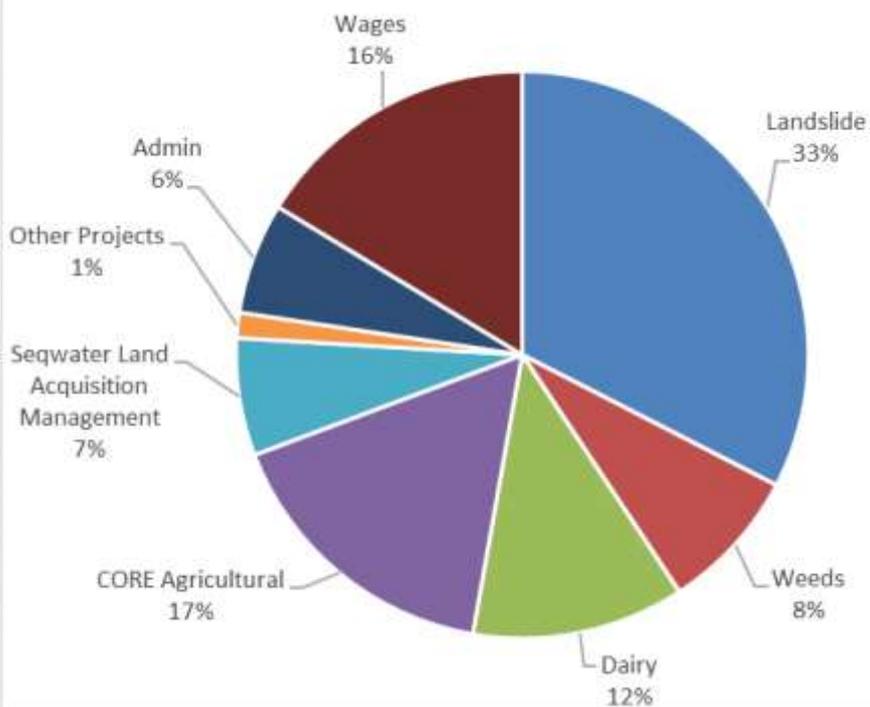


LBCCG Income 2019/2020



■ Seqwater ■ SCC Partnership ■ Membership ■ Interest Received ■ COVID 19

LBCCG Expenditure 2019/2020



Audit

In the Management Committee's opinion, the Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group Inc is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports..

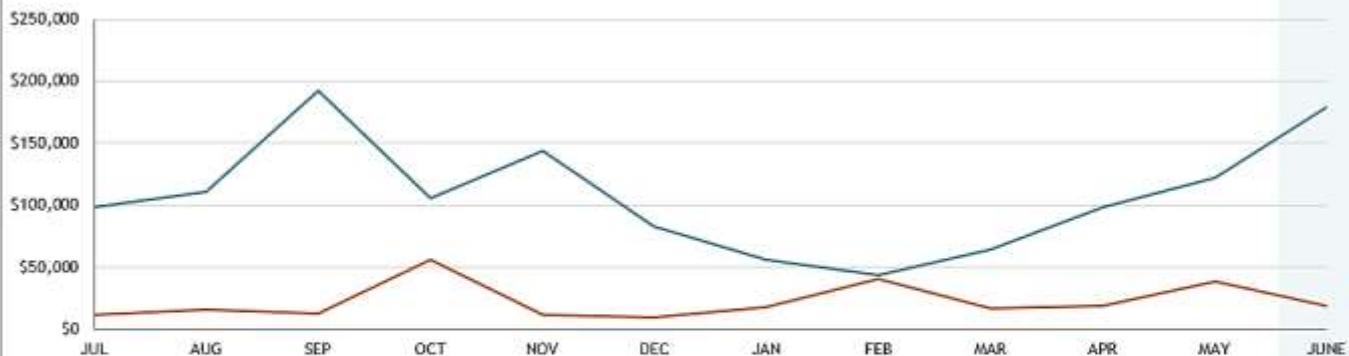
A special purpose financial report has been prepared by LeVert Audit Services for the purpose of fulfilling the financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* (Queensland) to the members and is not suitable for any other purpose.

Photo: Erosion & Sediment Control Program (lower Bridge Creek)

Local procurement

In 2019/20 LBCCG spent \$1.56 million, with 83 percent of our procurement spent locally (Sunshine Coast Council region). This supports the growth and development of local businesses and service providers.

LBCCG LOCAL VERSUS DISTANT EXPENDITURE 2019 - 2020



REGION	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	%
Local \$	\$97,963	\$111,082	\$192,400	\$105,380	\$143,554	\$82,544	\$55,574	\$44,042	\$64,343	\$98,154	\$121,606	\$178,741	\$1,295,382.48	83%
Distant \$	\$11,523	\$15,844	\$12,280	\$55,951	\$11,645	\$9,123	\$17,630	\$40,070	\$16,987	\$19,075	\$38,185	\$18,369	\$266,681.75	17%
TOTAL	\$109,486	\$126,926	\$204,680	\$161,331	\$155,199	\$91,667	\$73,204	\$84,112	\$81,330	\$117,228	\$159,791	\$197,110	\$1,562,064.23	100%

Governance

Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group continued to be a responsible local not for profit entity operating in accordance with legislation with a focus on ensuring ethical business activities and relationships between Management Committee, employees, the community, government departments, business clients and other key stakeholders.

LBCCG prides itself on its ethical and robust governance culture and organisational performance.

We strive to:

- build awareness of organisational responsibilities and accountabilities;
- provide strong financial stewardship and fiscal responsibility;
- monitor and maintain compliance with legislation, policy, standards and controls;
- continually improve practices, procedures and ethical decision making with continuous improvement activities and transparent reporting; *and*
- involve the community as a key stakeholder in decision making and consultation opportunities.

LBCCG is committed to ensuring community and customer expectations are met and strives to continually strengthen our capabilities, accountability, transparency and leadership to ensure and maintain ongoing confidence in the integrity and effectiveness of the Group.

Photo: Landslide Program—Newsham (Falls Creek)



Partners

