

CBP2324-013 Falls Creek

The property lies in Skene Creek, a tributary in the Falls Creek sub-catchment of the Lake Baroon catchment. With most projects in the Falls Creek sub-catchment completed on the Falls Creek waterway and the main waterway now fenced, the focus is on the Skene Creek sub-catchment.

Under previous ownership, the property was **not** identified as a priority property in the 2021-26 Implementation Plan for the Lake Baroon catchment, due to its limited size (under 10 hectares) and minimal livestock numbers (less than 10 head). The new owners purchased the property in 2019 and run 10 horses as well as regularly using neighbouring cattle to manage the western paddocks for pasture and weeds.

While the property is relatively small, it has disproportionately long, unfenced frontage to streams (700 metres) and livestock have had unmanaged access to waterways. Fencing the creek and providing offstream water for stock on the property was identified as a Preferred Project in the LBCCG 2023/24 Annual Work Plan.

650 m of Skene Creek was fenced to exclude livestock from the riparian zone and two off-stream water troughs were installed. Weeds were managed to maximise the survival of the 1700 stems planted within the fenced area to link existing regrowth and remnant vegetation and connect with projects up and downstream. Two proposed low-level creek crossings will be installed in the 2024/25 works program.

The project deficit at the end of 2023/24 will be carried forward and likely be balanced from revegetation maintenance budgets or surpluses in other projects.

Budget vs Expenditure

Budget	Activity	Expenditure
\$ 15,728.00	Project management	\$ 15,728
\$ 13,760.00	Fencing	\$ 10,530.00
\$ 14,439.00	Revegetation	\$ 23,500.94
\$ 458.00	Weed Management	\$ 4,986.50
\$ 5,000.00	Crossing	\$0.00
\$2,925.00	Off Stream Watering	\$ 5,030.01
\$ 52,310.00	Sub-total	\$ 59,775.45
\$ 0	Adjustments	\$ 0
\$ 52,310.00	Total	\$ 59,775.45
Balance @30 June 2024 (carry forward to 2024/25)		(\$ 7,465.45)
Other contributions	Sunshine Coast Council LEG	\$7,942
	Landholder fencing	\$10,000

Planned Project Outputs v Actual

Planned	Activity	Delivered
725 metres	Fencing	650 metres
1440 tubes	Revegetation	1700 tubes
2 ha	Weed Management	1 ha
1	Crossing (delivered 2024/25)	0
2 troughs	OSW	2 troughs





FIGURE 1: SECTION OF PROPERTY PRIOR TO WORKS



FIGURE 2: THE SAME SECTION OF PROPERTY WITH RIPARIAN FENCING, TROUGH AND PLANTINGS.