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## Envirofund and Landcare: boosting southern inland QLD

Southern inland Queensland has just received an extra \$547,533 from Envirofund for 26 more projects, with the announcements of round nine earlier this month.

Of the 64 project applications from the region, 20 were supported by local Landcare groups and natural resource management group, the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC). An impressive 14 of these were successful.

Jamie Gorry, the Regional Landcare Facilitator working with QMDC, said that projects supported by Landcare Coordinators had a much higher success rate than those who tried to "go it alone".

"Unfortunately local Landcare Coordinators aren't able to support everyone, though," said Jamie.

"Those landholders and community groups that have already been involved in some form of planning or group projects will always have an edge in applying for funding like Envirofund, because they will have already had that support from the Landcare Coordinators," he said.

In order to support those community members who haven't been previously involved with Landcare, QMDC and regional Landcare groups will be holding a series of workshops in the lead up to the next Envirofund round (February/March next year).

"Like I said, we can't support everyone. But, hopefully, these workshops will help bridge that gap, and increase the chances of success of all applicants across our region," said Jamie.

"Envirofund has been, and continues to be a great resource for this region, helping farmers and communities to protect and enhance their natural resources in hard seasons."

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Projects funded by Envirofund and supported by Landcare groups and QMDC across the region included:

### **Inglewood**

**Inglewood Landcare Group**

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Landcare Coordinator

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- Provision of Off-Stream Water Points - \$1,014
- Dumaresq River - Keetah Fencing Project - \$14,636

## **Mitchell**

### Mitchell & District Landcare Association

Stacey Henry

Landcare Coordinator

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- Fencing to Protect Oolandilla Creek and Endangered Regional Ecosystems - \$24,349
- Managing Erosion and Protecting Remnant Vegetation - \$8,171
- Fencing Off Maranoa River to Manage Erosion - \$29,383

## **Roma**

### Maranoa Regional Landcare Association

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Landcare Coordinator

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- Informing Biodiversity Awareness and Action in the Maranoa; production and publication of 'Birds of the Maranoa: a land manager's guide' - \$18,750
- Fencing Frosty Creek for Riparian Conservation - \$26,421

## **Stanthorpe**

### Granite Borders Landcare Committee

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- Corridor Linkages and Revegetation for the Granite Belt (Trees for Stanthorpe Group – contact Jennie Coldham at Granite Borders Landcare's Tenterfield office on 02 6736 3500) - \$45,258
- Protecting and Enhancing Waterways - \$19,182
- Vegetation regeneration and water quality improvement at Washpool Creek - \$21,497
- Fencing and Rehabilitating Riparian Area of 15 Mile Creek – \$9,082
- Fencing to Protect Riparian and Remnant Vegetation - \$18,142
- Protecting and Enhancing Waterways - \$25,091

### Queensland Murray-Darling Committee

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- Promoting Conservation of the Wild Flora of the Stanthorpe Plateau: producing and publishing a photographic identification guide to over 700 native wildflower species that occur on the Stanthorpe Plateau - \$26,012

*(NB: this project is in partnership with the Rare Wildflower Consortium and has already been covered by the Stanthorpe Border Post)*