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Funding approved for two Sub-Catchment Groups

Sub-catchment groups in the Rocky Crossing and Dunkeld areas were approved for natural resource management funding with the Queensland Murray Darling Committee yesterday.

“QMDC has approved \$600,00 to support the \$685,603 local landholders have committed to improve natural resource management across 233,401 hectares south of Mitchell and east of St George,” Waroo-Balonne Landcare Coordinator, Lisa Thompson said.

Over the last 18 months, landholders in the two groups worked hard to develop their sub-catchment plans, with technical staff from QMDC.

The plans will cover a range of natural resource management areas, including weed control, water quality, and vegetation and land management.

Dunkeld Sub-Catchment Group member Don Noon said “It is so pleasing to see something positive come out of the hard work everyone put into developing the sub-catchment plans.

“It demonstrates that sub-catchment planning is not just a talkfest.”

John Brown, Rocky Crossing group leader, also commented that the social aspect of being able to network with property owners within the reasonably remote communities was an invaluable offshoot of the sub-catchment planning process.

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