



BERRI BARMERA LOCAL ACTION PLANNING COMMITTEE **PROJECT UPDATE**

Project No: 012158
Project Name: Rehabilitating Priority Wetlands in the Berri Barmera Local Action Planning Region
Updated: 21 January 2003

This is the Berri Barmera Local Action Planning Committees' major wetland project.

Implementation Officer

Funds provided from the Berri Barmera Local Action Planning Committee, to combine with funds from the RMCWMB, DEH and DWLBC to employ a full time Wetlands Implementation Officer. Prue Tucker is doing an excellent job in coordinating and training volunteers to undertake baseline and ongoing data collection in wetlands across the region. Overland Corner has been the focus in Berri Barmera LAP so far, with other wetlands likely to follow.

Loveday – Salt & Water Balance

Funds have been provided for a report to be undertaken, quantifying the salt entering and exiting the Loveday Lagoon region, and quantifying the impact of wetting and drying the lagoon on River Murray Salinity.

Loveday – Video

These funds have been provided to produce a video documentary of the Loveday wetland complex. Additional funds are provided for in project 001630. NHT has granted permission to hold these funds until a full wetting and drying cycle can be filmed.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Funds have been provided for ongoing monitoring of wetlands, and for the establishment of photopoints, piezometers etc

Overland Corner

Funds have been provided for on ground works at Overland Corner as detailed below:

Contractor Installing culvert
Surveyor
Control Structure
Excavation of Inlet Creek
Removal of Causeway, Construct Ford
Rationalise Tracks
Interpretative Signage
Rabbit Control
Weed Control

In terms of development, all approvals have now been obtained, and works should be able to commence within the next month. Representatives of the Riverland Aboriginal Heritage Committee need to present during excavations, as artefacts have been found in the area.

Project Management

Funds provided for Project Management, supervision of contractors etc.

Spectacle Lakes

Funds provided to undertake on ground works in the southern half of the wetland complex. It is likely that an elevated causeway will be constructed with box culverts space along its length to allow for flow and fish passage. Native title and Aboriginal Heritage requirements have been met, however still need Development Assessment Commission Approval to be granted.