

# NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

## Project Final Report

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**State Project No.**

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**NHT Project No.**  
**012161**

### 1. (a) Project Administration

<b>Project Title</b> (Use the same title as in original project application)	Implementing of the Berri Barmera Local Action Plan					
<b>Name Of Organisation</b>	Berri Barmera Local Action Planning Committee					
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<b>Project Duration</b>	Actual Start		Month	Year	Actual Finish	
			01	/ 2002		
					Month	Year
					12	/ 2002

### 1. (b) Total Project Funding Details

Please provide information over the life of the project on the actual financial and in-kind contributions of the various stakeholders in the project, as set out below (in-kind employment contributions, operating costs and capital costs should be calculated according to the application guidelines that you used for your original funding application).

If you have unspent funds or retain assets these will have to be accounted for.

	Proponent Contribution (Funds & In-kind)	Other Contributor 1* (Funds & In-kind) Berri Barmera Council	Other Contributor 2*	NHT Funds	Total Project Funds
Approved	\$57 600	\$14 600		\$62 000	\$134 200
Paid employment costs (a)		\$5 600		\$46 100	\$51 700
Operating costs (b)	~ \$57 600	\$9 000		\$15 900	\$82 500
Capital costs (c)					
Expended (a+b+c)	~\$57 600	\$14 600		\$62 000	\$134 200
In-kind employment					
Unspent	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	~\$57 600	\$14 600		\$62 000	\$134 200

\* Provide names of other organisations contributing.

**2(a). Describe the issues or problems addressed by the project**

Provide a brief summary of the issues or problems that your project tackled, what you did in your project to resolve these and well it worked.

**This project primarily funded the employment and operating costs of the Berri Barmera Local Action Planning Committee.**  
**During 2002, the BBLAP committee undertook a range of projects covering the following key areas, as identified in the Berri Barmera Local Action Plan:**

- \* Irrigation, drainage and Land & Water Management Planning**
- \* Habitat and Biodiversity**
- \* Wetlands & Floodplains**
- \* Water Quality**
- \* Education & Awareness, Monitoring & Evaluation and Capacity Building**

**On-ground projects and activities are reported on in specific Final Reports for each relevant project.**

**2(b). Project Performance against objectives/milestones.**

Please provide information on the overall achievements of your project against your planned objectives and milestones. Indicate important achievements you have made in addition to your planned objectives. In some cases you may have had difficulties, or were unable to meet all, or some of your objectives. This should not be regarded as a failure. Please indicate if this has occurred and give an assessment of factors contributing to the difficulties (eg climatic conditions, group dynamics, late arrival of funds, inappropriate planning, local government regulations).

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPEDIMENTS**

What did you set out to do? (List the objectives stated on your funding application)	Comment on the extent to which your objectives were met.	How did you measure your achievements, eg photos, surveys, attendance at seminars.
Employment of Project Manager	Project Manager employed for full 12 months.	Project manager actively involved with community and assisting with and implementing projects of importance & in line with the Berri Barmera Local Action Plan.
Monitoring & Evaluation	Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of projects	Community and committee involvement in project reviews, monitoring and evaluation
Education & Awareness	Tours, website, field days	Attendance, feedback. The website continues to get increased useage by the committee and community

**3(a) On-ground Outputs** (total outputs achieved since the start of the project. Use original application to supply whole of project targets)

Activity	Total outputs achieved	Project Target
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Native vegetation/habitat

1) Total area of native vegetation works (Should equal 2) + 3) + 4)	ha	ha
2) Remnant protection works (remnants in relatively good condition)	ha	ha
3) Remnant rehabilitation works (including restoring links)	ha	ha
4) Revegetation works (predominantly in cleared areas)	ha	ha
5) Number of plants (not seed) planted.	No.	No.
6) Length of direct seeding lines	km	km
7) Length of protective fencing	km	km
8) Area of voluntary management agreements established	ha	ha
9) Covenanted areas established to protect remnant native vegetation	ha	ha
10) Area of works that protect/enhance threatened species/community habitat	ha	ha
11) Area of 10) protected by agreements as in 8) or 9)	ha	ha

Waterway or water body management

12) Waterway protected by fencing (usually both sides or divide by 2).	km	km
13) Length of fenced waterway revegetated.	km	km
14) Benefits downstream of waterway physical works (bed and banks, etc).	km	km
15) Benefits downstream of in-stream habitat works.	km	km
16) Benefits of environmental flows or water provided for wetlands.	ha/km	ha/km
17) Native fish restocking – number of fingerlings.	No.	No.
18) Native fish restocking – age of fingerlings.	months	months
19) Native fish restocking – native to the area?	Yes/No	Yes/No
20) Other beneficial waterway activities Specify type:	km	km

21) Pollution Control

Target Pollutants	Main Source	Initial Levels	Current levels	Target levels	% Improved
					%
					%
					%
					%
					%

Activity	Total outputs achieved	Project Target
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Control of Rising Watertables)

22) Target area for ground water pumping systems installed	ha	ha
23) Area drained to control rising water tables	ha	ha
24) Area of planting/establishment in recharge areas	ha	ha
25) Area of planting/establishment in non-recharge areas	ha	ha
26) Using deep-rooted perennial crops/pastures.	ha	ha
27) Using local native species	ha	ha
28) Using non-local native species	ha	ha
29) Using exotic species	ha	ha

Water-use efficiency improvements

On-farm efficiency?

Or Off-farm efficiency?

30) By recycling treated effluent	ML	%	ML	%
31) By recycling drainage water	ML	%	ML	%
32) By use of wastewater	ML	%	ML	%
33) By use of stormwater	ML	%	ML	%
34) By more efficient water management systems	ML	%	ML	%
35) By refurbishment of water supply channels	ML	%	ML	%

Stabilisation of wind or water erosion – soil condition

36) By revegetation (including fencing out).	ha	%	ha	%
37) By control of grazing pressure.	ha	%	ha	%
38) By use of cropping technologies.	ha	%	ha	%
39) Gully erosion control.	ha	%	ha	%
40) Other Specify:	ha	%	ha	%

Improving the use of land within its capability

41) Area of land assessed for capability.	ha	ha
42) Area of land to be managed according to capability.	ha	ha

Improved weed and pest management

43) Estimated area of effective weed control (including aquatic)?	ha	No.
44) Estimated area of effective vertebrate pest control	ha	ha
45) Other specify:	ha	ha

Farm Forestry for demonstration or trial purposes

46) Number of landholders expected to be involved?	No.	No.
47) Area of native species for wood production	ha	ha
48) Area of native species primarily for non-wood production:	ha	ha
49) Area of exotic species for wood production?	ha	ha
50) Area of native forest for production?	ha	ha

### 3(b) Other Outputs

Achievements (product or service)	Description	Quantity	
		Total outputs achieved	Project Target
<b>Education and awareness</b> (including adoption of best management practices)			
Type of publication (report, brochure, book) or activity (demonstration, field day) and topic	Target audience and location	Quantity	
Annual Report for 2001/02	Community and key stakeholders	50	50
Website updated regularly	Community and stakeholders	Monthly updates	Monthly Updates
Information displays and attendance at Riverland Field Days	Community	Over 7000 people were exposed to the LAP committee over 2 days	
<b>Training</b>			
Purpose and type of training activity	Target audience and location	Number of courses/workshops and number of people trained (and target for project)	
Training in use of financial programs & website maintenance	Project Manager – in order to improve information flow to the community	1	1
<b>Planning</b>			
Name of plan or feasibility study (including project development and marketing strategies) and area of strategy (eg. regional, catchment, subcatchment)	Purpose of plan. Indicate priority issues identified (eg groundwater management, nutrient management, river restoration, salinity, farm forestry feasibility studies etc)	Number published	
<b>Monitoring</b>			
What is being monitored?	How many sites, how often? Indicate major activities undertaken (eg surveying, mapping, soil sampling) and at what stages.	Number of people who participated	
All projects undertaken by the LAP committee are monitored on a regular basis to determine medium to long term outcomes	In excess of 20 revegetation sites, 4 wetlands and a number of community sites. Does not take into consideration monitoring of 250 test wells by irrigators	>50	50
<b>Resource inventory</b>			
Purpose of inventory	Indicate location. How many sites, how often? Is data to be included on Geographical Information Systems?	Area inventoried	
All information relating to project outcomes is stored at the LAP office in Berri. This information is available for public use as requested			

**3(c) Employee Information and Outputs:** Indicate how many salaried staff and/or contract staff were employed in your project, and the length and level of their employment. For each person, indicate the outputs they were responsible for delivering, in order of importance.

	Salaried staff		Contractors or consultants	
	Total achieved	Project Target	Total achieved	Project Target
<b>Number, description, length of employment</b>	1 Project Officer employed full time for the duration of the project	As achieved	Nil	Nil
<b>Outputs (in priority order)</b>	Management of projects associated with the implementation of the Berri Barmera Local Action Plan  Administration of the BBLAP Committee			

#### 4. Participation

How many people have been actively involved in your project (include employees and volunteers)?

>350

Which stakeholder groups have been involved in the project? List major groups who contributed to the technical, practical, financial or administrative aspects of the project, eg community groups, schools, tertiary institute, research organisations, local government, State Government, business, Indigenous groups.

Category	Name of Group	Type of Involvement	Number of Participants
Local Government	Berri Barmera Council	Administration	10
Business	Central Irrigation Trust	Practical	5

#### 5. Implementing Regional, Catchment and Local Area Planning

In what way has your project contributed to the development or implementation of a regional strategy or plan?

**Implementation of the Berri Barmera Local Action Plan, and Land & Water Management Plan Projects undertaken also meet targets stipulated in the River Murray Catchment Plan, SA MDB INRM Plan & Water Allocation Plan**

## 6. Use of Project Results

Has your project had any benefits for any other groups? If so, by whom and in what way. How has your project been publicised. Attach copies of media coverage or other publicity. Has acknowledgment been given to the Natural Heritage Trust? If you have a photographic record please provide copies.

Community groups and individuals have used the Local Action Plan as a basis for their on ground works. They have also had access to the project manager to provide assistance for funding applications, technical assistance for projects etc. There has been ongoing exposure through various media outlets. NHT is regularly acknowledged as a funding contributor.

## 7. Program Administration

Please provide comments on administration of your project and your dealings with relevant government agencies.

Administration of the project has been fine. There have been no issues in my dealings with relevant government agencies in the implementation of this specific project. I believe that the Berri Barmera Local Action Planning Committee has developed a strong working relationship with relevant government agencies, statutory authorities, businesses, local council and the community. There is no doubt that these strong linkages will continue to be developed in the future.

## 8. Future Action

How is your group planning to maintain the project after funding has ceased?

At this stage, the Berri Barmera Local Action Planning Committee is unsure as to how it will continue to fund the Project Manager and run the organisation after funding has ceased. It is possible that the organisation will fold (which will be an enormous loss to the region) if funding can not be found to continue to the good work of the committee. This is obviously very dependent on what happens with the new INRM structure and specifically sub-regional arrangements that are put in place.

Do you intend to seek further Natural Heritage Trust funding, or funding from other sources to undertake further activities?

**Yes** — the committee intends to continue the employment of the Project Manager, administration of the organisation and implementation of the Local Action Plan. To do this, funding needs to be sourced from either NHT or alternative funding sources

## 9. Group Declaration:

I declare that I am an authorised representative of the recipient organisation, that the information given on this form is complete and correct and that expenditure of moneys paid under the financial agreement has been solely upon the project and in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and its conditions.

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