



# Appendix A

## Deep dive impact case studies

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# North and North West Tasmania

# North and North-West, TAS






North & North-West, TAS

## TOTAL GRANT FUNDING

**\$415,352**

Including  
**\$393,852**  
For Community Impact  
Program Grants, and  
**\$18,000**  
For Round 1 Small  
Network Grants

## ACTIVITIES DELIVERED AS OF APRIL 2024

-  Four Community Impact Program grants and zero leadership activities delivered
-  One Round 1 Small Network Grants
-  One organisations accessed Expertise Pool services through the concierge
-  One participant of the Mentoring Program
-  Six Learning Network members

## CIP PROJECT OUTPUTS

- 2 Community events
- 1 Training initiatives
- 1 Development and leadership

## SNG PROJECT OUTPUTS


- 1 Network

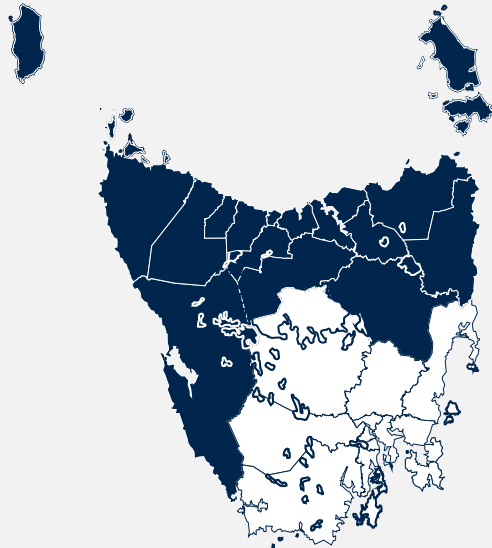
## LOCAL CONTEXT<sup>1</sup>

  
**TOTAL  
POPULATION  
274,041**

  
**OUTER  
REGIONAL**  
(mode across LGAs  
within the CIP region)

  
**HIGH RELATIVE  
SOCIO-ECONOMIC  
DISADVANTAGE**  
(average across LGAs in  
the region)

  
**LOW POTENTIAL  
DROUGHT IMPACT**  
(average across LGAs  
in the region)



There is significant variation in the drought experience across Tasmania. The west coast receives almost four times the average rainfall than central and eastern parts of the state.<sup>2</sup>

The region reported an increased bushfire risk due to drying conditions and lower than average rainfall.

Recent drought events from 2017 to 2019 have reinforced the need for drought preparedness.

The region continues to have high socio-economic disadvantage compared to the rest of the country.

## THE ROLE OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

**CIP grants are supporting diverse projects and enabling state-wide collaboration.** CIP grants have supported five projects, including CPLO coordination. One project is open to the entire region while the other three projects will target ten locations.

The CIP has supported diverse organisations within the region, including organisations that focus on the arts, leadership development, youth resilience and agricultural services. All CIP projects have a deliberate focus on young people. Stakeholders shared an important goal is to retain youth in the region.

Rural Business Tasmania is the region's CPLO. They are working collaboratively with the CPLO in Southern Tasmania, University of Tasmania, to support a 'whole-of-state' approach. Both organisations are bringing together leaders across the FDF elements delivered in Tasmania.

**No CIP leadership activities have been delivered in the region so far.** There are four Changemaker workshops planned for delivery in early 2025.

**The single Round 1 SNG project is distinct but complements CIP projects.** The project intends to improve drought prediction and preparedness and improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes through peer networks and training.

**One mentee from the region reported a positive experience of the National Mentoring Program.** The participant reported diversified networks and increased self-confidence as key outcomes achieved from the program. The mentee has joined Drought Ready after the network was promoted in the program. They reported that webinars and resources shared on the network has increased their knowledge on the impacts of drought.

**Regional learning network members are deriving value from the platform.** One CIP grant participant is particularly active. They have used the platform to share information on their organisation's CIP project and other drought resilience resources.

1. A summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region is provided on page 7.

2. Discover Tasmania, accessible here: <https://www.discovertasmania.com.au/planning/climate-and-weather/>

# North and North-West, TAS

The Evaluation travelled to the region to speak with a sample of HRCPD Initiative participants. This engagement occurred between February and April 2024. No CIP projects had begun delivery, as such, the Evaluation did not observe any emerging outcomes. This page provides a summary of the experience shared by the CIP organisations engaged by the evaluation.



North & North-West, TAS ●

## CIP CO-DESIGN

**The opportunity to co-design the regional projects was appreciated but was not without challenges.**

The tight timeframes limited the region's ability to invest the time they needed to deeply consider the design of their project and to engage meaningfully with the community. A lack of role clarity for the CPLO further exacerbated these challenges. However, all CIP organisations were excited by the opportunity to deliver a program that engaged the broader community in drought preparedness, beyond just funding for on-farm activities.

## IMPACT OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

**CIP projects intend to deliver a range of outcomes across the region:**

- RANT Arts is working in drought resilience for the first time. RANT Arts will make videos with children to increase awareness of drought. Further information is provided in the project showcase to the right.
- Rural Business Tasmania is engaging young people (18-24) through a series of youth volunteer workshops. Rural Business Tasmania hope to encourage more young people to engage in volunteer activities that support drought resilience.
- Southern Farming Systems is building off their previously funded project in Stage 1 Networks to Build Drought Resilience to deliver events that will increase knowledge and understanding of drought through a combination of technical drought modelling and social resilience focused presentations. The project hopes to prepare the target communities to adapt how they behave. Social connections and broader networks is a secondary outcome. The project builds from a pilot in Southwest Victoria, which has a similar climatic profile.
- Tasmania Leaders has used the CIP Grant to extend their Drought Resilient Impact Preparedness leadership program. The program is an immersive four-day residential tailored to provide participants with practical skills to better understand the social impacts of drought and develop place-based solutions. Tasmania Leaders hopes participants will use their new skills and knowledge to strengthen the resilience of their communities.



*There are a lot of synergies between the organisations [funded in the region], we can leverage and learn from each other's skill sets*



*It's not leadership in the traditional sense - it's about having a greater understanding of the impacts of drought and thinking through what futures might look like...for the community.*



Source: RANT Arts website

**RANT Arts creates accessible educational videos to build awareness of drought**

RANT Arts in Tasmania has been engaged to make videos with children to build awareness of drought. Their 'Close Up!' project uses creative practices to put a lens on topical issues within the community. RANT Arts were inspired by their experience delivering previous projects for flood recovery to apply for a CIP grants. RANT Arts was confident that they would not have done this project without this grant opportunity.

# North and North-West, TAS

The table below provides a summary of the CIP and Round 1 funded SNG projects funded in the region.



North & North-West, TAS ●

DELIVERY ORGANISATION	PROJECT OVERVIEW	PROJECT TYPE	FUNDING
<b>RANT Arts</b>	<b>Close Up: Drought Preparedness:</b> the creation of accessible educational videos to build awareness of drought preparedness	Training initiatives	\$31,059
<b>Rural Business Tasmania Inc</b>	Community Partner Lead Organisation to provide coordination of CIP activities and evaluation administration	Coordination	\$47,000
	<b>Local Communities Volunteer Project:</b> Engage young people (18-24) through a series of youth volunteer workshops	Community events	\$114,084
<b>Southern Farming Systems Ltd</b>	<b>Empowering rural youth to build capacity in Tasmanian rural communities:</b> Deliver three tailored drought related events for three distinctive climates in the region.	Community events	\$102,000
<b>Tasmanian Leaders</b>	<b>Drought Resilient Impact Preparedness:</b> Build capacity of local people and communities to develop the skills and knowledge to face the unique challenges caused by drought through a targeted leadership program.	Development and leadership	\$99,709
<b>Rural Alive &amp; Well Inc.</b>	<b>Drought Resilience and Suicide Prevention for Rural Communities:</b> Improve community resilience and the development of protective factors that assist drought prediction and preparedness	Networks	\$18,000



# North and North-West, TAS

The table below provides a summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region.



North & North-West, TAS ●

## LGA DATA OVERVIEW

	Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage		Potential drought impact index	Remoteness	% of population Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	% of population aged below 35	Population per square kilometre	Population size
	Score	Decile						
Break O'Day	911	2	0.07	Outer regional	4%	27%	2.00	6,936
Burnie	920	2	0.05	Outer regional	9%	44%	33.50	20,441
Central Coast	958	4	0.09	Outer regional	8%	37%	24.90	23,278
Circular Head	943	3	0.28	Outer regional	17%	43%	1.70	8,335
Devonport	906	2	0.07	Inner regional	8%	42%	242.00	26,922
Dorset	932	3	0.26	Outer regional	4%	37%	2.20	6,991
Flinders	963	4	0.28	Very Remote	16%	22%	0.50	938
George Town	860	1	0.06	Outer regional	5%	36%	11.00	7,213
Kentish	953	4	0.12	Outer regional	6%	35%	5.90	6,778
King Island	993	7	0.30	Very Remote	2%	37%	1.50	1,654
Latrobe	974	5	0.10	Outer regional	6%	36%	21.20	12,705
Launceston	939	3	0.03	Inner regional	4%	46%	50.90	71,906
Meander Valley	976	5	0.16	Outer regional	4%	38%	6.40	21,153
Northern Midlands	966	5	0.24	Outer regional	3%	39%	2.70	14,030
Waratah-Wynyard	929	2	0.08	Outer regional	9%	36%	4.10	14,641
West Coast	861	1	0.01	Remote	8%	37%	0.50	4,373
West Tamar	1004	7	0.04	Outer regional	3%	39%	37.30	25,747

*Note: these regional level indicators are not likely to change across the course of the evaluation and are intended to demonstrate the broader context of a region.*



# Fitzroy Capricornia Queensland



# Fitzroy Capricornia, QLD

Fitzroy Capricornia, QLD

## TOTAL GRANT FUNDING

**\$307,547**

For Community Impact Program Grant funding

## ACTIVITIES DELIVERED AS OF APRIL 2024



Five Community Impact Program grants and zero leadership activities



No Round 1 Small Network Grants



No organisations accessed Expertise Pool services. One Expert is based in the region



11 participants of the Mentoring Program



13 Learning Network members

## CIP PROJECT OUTPUTS

3 Training initiatives


1 Community infrastructure

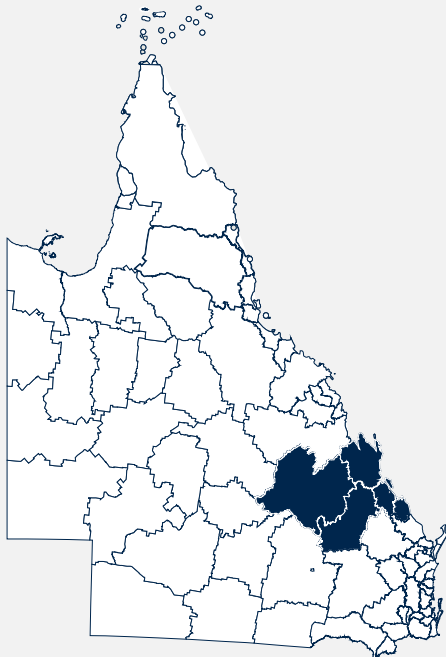
## LOCAL CONTEXT<sup>1</sup>

  
TOTAL  
POPULATION  
**231,104**

  
OUTER  
REGIONAL  
(mode across LGAs  
within the CIP region)

  
HIGH RELATIVE  
SOCIO-ECONOMIC  
DISADVANTAGE  
(average across LGAs in  
the region)

  
LOW POTENTIAL  
DROUGHT IMPACT  
(average across LGAs  
in the region)



**The region is large with mixed drought status throughout.** Most LGAs came out of full drought declaration in March 2023. Other areas remained fully drought declared in April 2024.

**The region has a Regional Drought Resilience Plan** to guide investment in social and community resilience.

**The region has strong networks** with First Nations communities, local community groups, universities and councils, supported by a CPLO that actively fosters cross-region networks.

 Fitzroy Capricornia Queensland CIP region

## THE ROLE OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

**The region strategically used the CIP to support hard-to-fund initiatives.** CIP grants have supported five projects, including CPLO coordination. The projects will reach at least five local government areas from across the entire region. Without CIP funding, two projects would not have proceeded, one project would have been delivered later and one project with a smaller scope.

The CIP Grants funded diverse organisations. This includes an agricultural, land management, and Aboriginal-led organisation. The region has a mix of commercial and social projects linked to broader regional strategies such as the RDRP.

Dawson Catchment Coordinating Association (DCCA) is the region's CPLO. DCCA noted a proportion of CIP coordination funding enables a secretariat role in the region to support smaller community organisations with organisational capability and project management.

**No leadership activities have been delivered in the region so far.** There are five Changemaker workshops planned for delivery in the region in 2024, including one that will be tailored for the First Nations community in Woorabinda.

**NFP House, a CIP delivery organisation within the region, has joined the Expertise Pool as an expert.** They saw that most experts were based in major cities, and they are hoping to connect with other regionally based organisations to bring their understanding of natural disaster in regional areas.

**One mentee/mentor from the region had a positive experience of the National Mentoring Program.** The participant reported networking and knowledge sharing benefits as key outcomes achieved from the program.

**Regional learning network members are deriving value from the platform.** The CPLO noted that the network has been useful in tracking upcoming HRCPD Initiative events and other drought preparedness initiatives across Australia.

1. A summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region is provided on page 12.

The Evaluation travelled to the region to speak with a sample of HRCPD Initiative participants. This engagement occurred between February and April 2024. CIP projects were in the early stages of implementation, as such, the Evaluation did not observe any emerging outcomes. This page provides a summary of the experience shared by the CIP organisations engaged by the evaluation.

## CIP CO-DESIGN

**Stakeholders appreciated co-design but requested longer timelines to enable meaningful community engagement.**

CIP organisations within the region reported that co-design timeframes were insufficient to allow for travel across the geographically dispersed region and meaningful engagement with Aboriginal communities (specifically to allow for story-telling, co-creation, and co-measuring). The strength of existing connections between organisations, including with local Aboriginal communities, was key to engaging a diversity of organisations in the CIP.

## IMPACT OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

**CIP projects intended to deliver a range of outcomes across the region:**

- NFP House will deliver a practical skills audit for local community organisations and use the results to develop business and operational plans. CIP funding has allowed NFP House to expand their services to more communities. The aim is to support these organisations to become more resilient so they can thrive during times of drought to support the broader community.
- The CQLA reported that their three regenerative agriculture workshops would likely have gone ahead at a smaller scale without CIP Grants. CQLA is a farmer-initiated and led peer-learning network. Through their workshops they aim to enable local farmers to change their behaviours and practices so that they are better prepared for future droughts.
- Woorabinda Shire Council are working in partnership with Planning4Sustainability to deliver the Woorabinda Rangers and Youth Development Program. The project aims to work with disengaged young people across the region by supporting both cultural and community capacity. The ranger program will bring together local Elders to build their connection with local youth and to support inter-generational knowledge sharing that the community can draw on in times of drought.



*The role of the CPLO is critical*



*We want to proactively respond to drought. We can't sit and wait for help. Too many people are leaving. We need to show there is a future in agriculture and support young people with the skills and confidence they need to build a stronger community overall.*



*In drought situations, people don't want people to go out to the farm which is the cause of their angst. [The room] gets them out of their situation somewhere neutral and simple.*



Source: DCCA Facebook page

**DCCA's project would have been delayed without CIP Grants.**

DCCA received funding to build a community room with teleconferencing capabilities. They reported that CIP enabled them to proceed with the project sooner than planned, and they are leveraging CIP Grants to catalyse other funding. The room will allow the community to come together for both community development and economic development. A photo of the room is provided above.

# Fitzroy Capricornia, QLD

Fitzroy Capricornia, QLD

The table below provides a summary of the CIP and Round 1 funded SNG projects funded in the region.

DELIVERY ORGANISATION	PROJECT OVERVIEW	PROJECT TYPE	FUNDING
Central Queensland Landscape Alliance	<b>Remote Community Capacity Building:</b> Training and awareness programs targeted at local youth, that teaches leadership, skill and knowledge to overcome drought-induced challenges.	Training initiatives	\$40,000
Dawson Catchment Coordinating Association	<b>Improved Community Access –Dawson Catchment:</b> Establishing a community network to encourage the creation and utilisation of community spaces for peer support during times of drought.	Community infrastructure	\$35,547
	Community Partner Lead Organisation to provide coordination of Community Impact Program activities and evaluation administration	Coordination	\$140,000
Not for Profit HQ Limited	<b>NFP Report Card Assessments - Upskilling:</b> Capability building of local NFPs through a practical skills audit and assistance developing business and operational plans with its results.	Training initiatives	\$50,000
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	<b>Woorabinda Rangers and Youth Development Program:</b> Delivery of capacity building and field training initiatives to build resilience through the sharing of innovative drought preparedness techniques.	Training initiatives	\$42,000

# Fitzroy Capricornia, QLD

Fitzroy Capricornia, QLD

The table below provides a summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region.

## LGA DATA OVERVIEW

	Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage		Potential drought impact index	Remoteness	% of population Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	% of population aged below 35	Population per square kilometre	Population size
	Score	Decile						
Banana	992	7	0.33	Outer regional	5%	46%	0.50	14,663
Central Highlands	996	7	0.26	Remote	6%	51%	0.50	28,311
Gladstone	954	4	0.02	Outer regional	6%	46%	6.10	64,304
Livingstone	1005	7	0.04	Outer regional	5%	40%	3.40	39,881
Rockhampton	949	3	0.03	Inner regional	9%	47%	12.60	82,904
Woorabinda	492	1	0.02	Remote	92%	69%	2.70	1,041

*Note: these regional level indicators are not likely to change across the course of the evaluation and are intended to demonstrate the broader context of a region.*

# North-West Queensland

# North-West, QLD








● North-West, QLD

## TOTAL GRANT FUNDING

**\$324,563**

For Community Impact Program Grant funding


## ACTIVITIES DELIVERED

-  Four Community Impact Program grants and zero leadership activities
-  No Small Network Grants
-  No organisations access Expertise Pool services
-  Two participants in the Mentoring Program
-  One Learning Network member

## CIP PROJECT OUTPUTS


- 2 Training initiatives
- 1 Community infrastructure

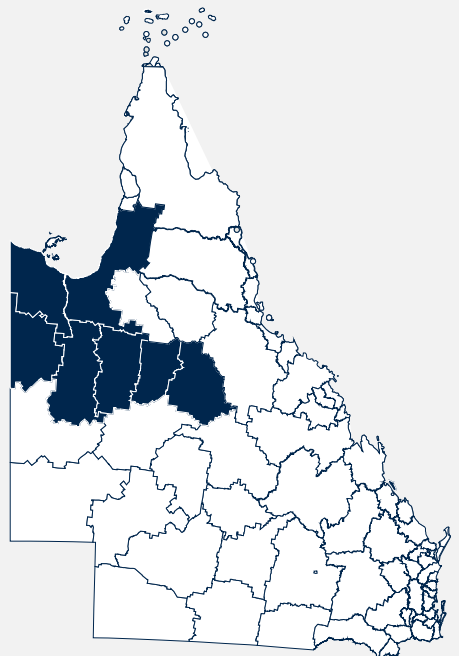
## LOCAL CONTEXT<sup>1</sup>

  
TOTAL POPULATION  
**26,378**

  
VERY REMOTE  
*(mode across LGAs within the CIP region)*

  
HIGH RELATIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE  
*(average across LGAs in the region)*

  
MEDIUM POTENTIAL DROUGHT IMPACT  
*(average across LGAs in the region)*



● North West Queensland CIP region

**The region is vast and remote.** It is impacted by short dry seasons and monsoon which leads to flooding.

**The recent drought was broken by the 2019 Monsoon Flood** which caused stock loss, landscape degradation, and the destruction of infrastructure.

**Two of the 10 most disadvantaged LGAs in Australia are within the region.** A quarter of the region's population are Aboriginal and 35 per cent are under 35 years of age.

## THE ROLE OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

**The CIP grants have expanded the reach and breadth of social resilience projects in the region.** There are four projects being delivered including CPLO coordination. The projects will reach at least seven local government areas, spread across the entire region. Without CIP Grants, delivery organisations reported that two projects would not have proceeded, one project would have been delivered later and with a smaller scope.

The CIP is funding new initiatives, including a First Nations-led youth community hub and a community group development program that Mitakoodi Housing Corporation will deliver. CIP Grants is also expanding the reach and collaboration of the mental health training program delivered in a collaboration between Southern Gulf Natural Resource Management (NRM), the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and Rotary Club of Mount Isa Southwest Inc.

Southern Gulf NRM is the region's CPLO. Southern Gulf NRM is using CIP Grants alongside existing state and FDF funding. They reported plans to align CIP projects with their Regional Drought Resilience Plan. The CPLO is playing an important role translating the language of 'drought resilience' to resonate with communities in north-west Queensland. The region expects that change climate conditions will cause shorter, more intense dry periods and more flooding events in the future. Southern Gulf NRM and Mitakoodi confirmed that the CIP Grants is beneficial for supporting broader community resilience to all types of climate impacts, not just drought.

**No CIP leadership activities have been delivered in the region so far.** There are four Changemaker workshops planned for delivery in 2024.

The Evaluation was unable to engage the mentoring program participants nor the learning network member from this region.

1. A summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region is provided on page 17.



The Evaluation travelled to the region to speak with a sample of HRCPD Initiative participants. This engagement occurred between February and April 2024, when all elements were in the early stages of implementation. This page provides a summary of the experience shared by the CIP organisations engaged by the evaluation.

## CIP CO-DESIGN

### Stakeholders were supportive of co-design and the use of local facilitators

Stakeholders reported that the CIP co-design process was effective, largely due to the investment in face-to-face engagement. The evaluation observed that some key individuals involved in the co-design process left their organisation after the process, and so funded organisations were navigating some knowledge gaps. Stakeholders emphasised the importance of having a local facilitator, and they stressed that facilitators coming from larger towns in another region would likely not understand their unique local challenges.

## IMPACT OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

CIP funding will expand the reach of existing programs and to trial new programs within the region.

- Southern Gulf NRM will deliver the 'Proactively Improving Mental Health Preparedness in North West Queensland' project in partnership with the RFDS and Rotary Club of Mount Isa South West Inc. The project will focus on delivering Mental Health First Aid workshops in towns across the northwest. The workshops will assist people to build greater empathy for people with mental health challenges and give them the skill and confidence to have a mental health conversation. The CIP Grant is supporting Southern Gulf to expand the reach of the program to reach the broader community, not just landholders and farmers.
- The other CIP project delivered by Southern Gulf NRM includes the delivery of a series of training programs in governance, volunteer management, communications and project management. These sessions are expected to build community capability in areas important for disaster preparedness and recovery and addresses a community capability gap identified in regional strategies and plans.



*This funding allows us to deliver the project sooner and with a larger scope*



*We are trying to get kids off street and give them something to do. All kids love technology, so we are going to bring that into the program to get them engaged*



*There are many young people in Mt Isa who want to move up into leadership – they'll benefit from these activities*

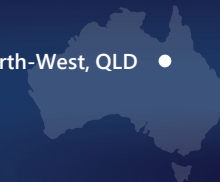
### Mitakoodi's CIP project seeks to address a local gap in youth engagement and creative opportunities

Mitakoodi Community and Housing Aboriginal Corporation's project in Cloncurry is developing a community hub dedicated to empowering local youth through skill-building and content creation. This project supports Mitakoodi to fill existing gaps in local youth services. Anticipated outcomes of the community hub are multi-faceted. The Community Hub is expected to nurture personal identity, foster innovation, enhance community participation, and develop leadership and creativity among local youth. By establishing greater social connections and a robust sense of belonging, the hub strives to become a cornerstone for youth empowerment and engagement in the region. Mitakoodi hope these young people will play a leadership role to build the social drought resilience of the region. Despite delays and resistance in accessing local facilities, the project looks forward to delivering sustainable, long-term impacts for the Cloncurry community.



# North-West, QLD

North-West, QLD



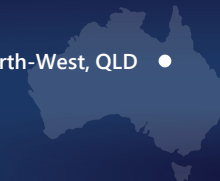
The table below provides a summary of the CIP and Round 1 funded SNG projects funded in the region.

DELIVERY ORGANISATION	PROJECT OVERVIEW	PROJECT TYPE	FUNDING
Mitakoodi Community and Housing Aboriginal Corporation	<b>The Cloncurry Community Hub and Film Festival:</b> Created a youth community hub and film festival to foster long-term community bonding and a shared sense of purpose.	Community infrastructure	\$76,809
Southern Gulf NRM Ltd	<b>Proactively Improving Mental Health preparedness in Northwest QLD:</b> Delivery of mental health first aid training to build capacity in addressing mental health response, and therefore improve community resilience.	Training initiatives	\$66,209
	<b>Community Group Development Facilitator for Northwest QLD:</b> A series of training programs in governance, volunteer management, communications and project management	Training initiatives	\$148,538
	Community Partner Lead Organisation to provide coordination of Community Impact Program activities and evaluation administration	Coordination	\$33,007



# North-West, QLD

North-West, QLD ●



The table below provides a summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region.

## LGA DATA OVERVIEW

	Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage		Potential drought impact index	Remoteness	% of population Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	% of population aged below 35	Population per square kilometre	Population size
	Score	Decile						
Burke	941	3	0.45	Very Remote	33%	47%	0.00	430
Carpentaria	851	1	0.27	Very Remote	42%	51%	0.00	2,159
Doomadgee	534	1	0.02	Very Remote	89%	67%	0.80	1,435
Flinders	970	5	0.49	Very Remote	11%	45%	0.00	1,521
McKinlay	1014	8	0.53	Very Remote	5%	48%	0.00	838
Mount Isa	972	5	0.02	Very Remote	22%	56%	0.40	19,226
Richmond	1009	8	0.53	Very Remote	7%	47%	0.00	769

*Note: these regional level indicators are not likely to change across the course of the evaluation and are intended to demonstrate the broader context of a region.*

# Murraylands and Riverland South Australia

# Murraylands and Riverland, SA

Murraylands and Riverland, SA

## TOTAL GRANT FUNDING

**\$384,439**

Including  
**\$363,655**

For Community Impact Program Grants, and

**\$20,784**

For Round 1 Small Network Grants

## ACTIVITIES DELIVERED



Five Community Impact Program grants and one leadership activity



One Small Network Grant



No organisations access Expertise Pool services



One participant of the Mentoring Program



10 Learning Network members

## CIP PROJECT OUTPUTS

- 1 Networks
- 1 Community events
- 1 Training initiatives
- 1 Community infrastructure

## SNG PROJECT OUTPUT

- 1 Community infrastructure

## CIP LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- 1 Changemaker workshop

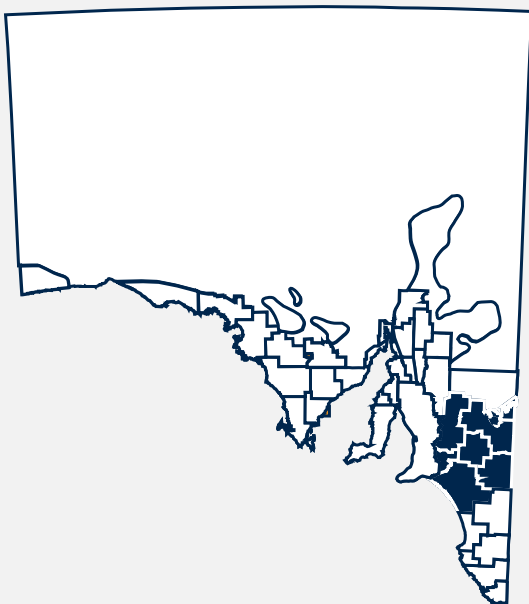
## LOCAL CONTEXT<sup>1</sup>

  
**TOTAL POPULATION**  
**73,034**

  
**OUTER REGIONAL**  
*(mode across LGAs within the CIP region)*

  
**HIGH RELATIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE**  
*(average across LGAs in the region)*

  
**HIGH POTENTIAL DROUGHT IMPACT**  
*(average across LGAs in the region)*



**Increased temperatures and less and more variable rainfall** are likely to characterise the region's climate in the future, along with harsher conditions for fire.

**The 2017-2019 drought had a devastating impact** the region. The region reported that communities, industries and the environment were all heavily affected.

**Severe drought** from 2001 to 2009 and 2017 to 2019 has led to a high level of socio-economic disadvantage in the region, which is strongly reliant on primary industry.

## THE ROLE OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

**CIP has enabled the region to deliver a range of small but important projects.** CIP has supported five projects, including CPLO coordination. The projects will reach eight communities spread across the entire region. Without CIP funding, delivery organisations reported that all five projects would not have proceeded.

CIP has funded diverse initiatives and organisations. The initiatives include a barbeque trailer and farm expos, First Nations knowledge sharing, small business supports and support for young parents. The organisations include a farming organisation, Aboriginal-led organisation, chamber of commerce, and two local community groups. The region suggests there is strong alignment between the CIP projects funded and the existing Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland Incorporated (RDA) is the CPLO. RDA played an active role to support the co-design process, including project design and grant writing. Organisations were strategic in 'bundling' smaller activities into one project. This approach is set to improve the efficiency of project delivery and support strong outcomes.

**One leadership activity (a Changemaker workshop) has been delivered in the region.** The region had high participation in the activity with a total of 18 attendees. Participants of the Changemaker workshop reported a positive experience, noting collaboration and networking benefits as key outcomes achieved from the session. There are three more Changemaker workshops planned for delivery in 2024.

**The single SNG project is distinct but complements funded CIP projects.** The project will structurally improve the roofing at a community Clubhouse to allow its continued use in delivering drought resilience programs to the community.

**Regional learning network members had limited experience of the platform.** Members from this region were yet to fully engage with the Learning Network.

 Murraylands and Riverland CIP region

1. A summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region is provided on page 22.

# Murraylands and Riverland, SA

The Evaluation travelled to the region to speak with a sample of HRCPD Initiative participants. This engagement occurred between February and April 2024, when all elements were in the early stages of implementation. This page provides a summary of the experience shared by the CIP organisations engaged by the evaluation.

Murraylands and Riverland, SA



## CIP CO-DESIGN

### The co-design process leveraged existing community strategies to target impactful projects

The co-design process built from the existing RDRP. The region identified two major barriers to the co-design process, namely the tight timelines and a lack of clarity of funding requirements. All stakeholders reported positive feedback about the co-design facilitator's understanding of local needs and ability to turn information from organisations into compelling grant applications.

## IMPACT OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

### CIP projects intend to achieve a range of outcomes

CIP projects are expected to contribute towards improved social connections, increased sense of belonging, and strengthened collaboration across the region. Secondary outcomes such as improved business performance and strengthened innovation were also identified by delivery organisations. For example, the Loxton Collective project intends to make use of a vacant community building to deliver creative workshops and to host a retail space for local artisans. The workshops will support social connection while the retail space will provide economic outcomes for local artisans. A further project case showcase is provided to the right.

### The CIP has strengthened connections and networks within the region.

Two delivery organisations have connected that would not have otherwise worked together. Mallee Sustainable Farming has formed a new relationship with a local Aboriginal economic development organisation, Ngarrindjeri Ruwe Empowered Communities (NREC). Both organisations have plans to work together. One potential project could profile the traditional drought management practices of the NREC to traditional groups in Africa.

### The Changemaker Leadership activity supported tangible outcomes

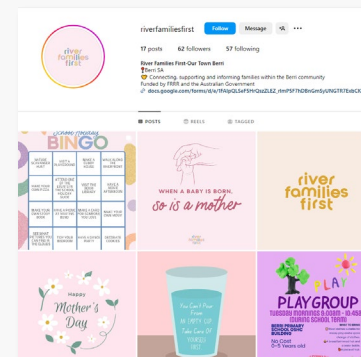
Participants of the changemaker session in the region highlighted two key outcomes: improved connections and practical skill development. The case study on the right provides more detail on these outcomes.



### The Changemaker activity is contributing to personal and organisational development for early career participants in Murraylands and Riverlands.

One young woman in the Murrays and Riverland region found the Changemakers activity to be a valuable refresher as she transitioned back to work from maternity leave. She reported that the practical exercises were useful in building her confidence with community engagement and she is eager to integrate the skills and resources from the session into her role. Beyond the professional development she also reflected on building new connections outside her region, which she intends to maintain beyond the session.

### Our Town Berri connect, support and inform parents in the Berri community through River Families First



Source: River Families First Instagram page

The drought, COVID, and recent floods have exacerbated the stress and disconnection experienced by young people transitioning to parenthood in Berri, a small community within the Murraylands and Riverlands region. Community members shared that there is no affordable community playgroup, no public transport, and limited access to health professionals. The River Families First project seeks to establish a peer network that will support, connect, inform, and empower young parents.

# Murraylands and Riverland, SA

The table below provides a summary of the CIP and Round 1 funded SNG projects funded in the region.

Murraylands and Riverland, SA



DELIVERY ORGANISATION	PROJECT OVERVIEW	PROJECT TYPE	FUNDING
<b>Ngarrindjeri Empowered Communities</b>	<b>Mardawi Community Project:</b> A knowledge sharing initiative for Ngarrindjeri women where Elders share knowledge and skills of cultural practices to build social connection, shared purpose and capability.	Training initiatives	\$48,655
<b>Mallee Sustainable Farmers</b>	<b>Risky Business – Sustainable Mallee Farming:</b> Delivery of a farm expo to increase collaboration and information sharing between professional, social and community networks, supported through events that use the new barbecue trailer.	Community events	\$73,000
<b>Loxton Chamber of Commerce</b>	<b>Collective Business in Loxton:</b> A series of workshops, initiatives and resource development that support economic diversification and the development of skills and knowledge within the community.	Community infrastructure	\$88,000
<b>Our Town Berri</b>	<b>River Families First:</b> A peer network program focused on young parents, that builds resilience through social connection, shared purpose and community belonging.	Networks	\$85,000
<b>Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland Incorporated</b>	Community Partner Lead Organisation to provide coordination of Community Impact Program activities and evaluation administration	Coordination	\$69,000
<b>Coonalpyn Golf Club Inc</b>	<b>The Club In The Scrub:</b> Structural upgrade to the Clubhouse roof to ensure its ongoing use for community projects.	Community infrastructure	\$20,784



# Murraylands and Riverland, SA

The table below provides a summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region.

Murraylands and Riverland, SA



## LGA DATA OVERVIEW

	Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage		Potential drought impact index	Remoteness	% of population Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	% of population aged below 35	Population per square kilometre	Population size
	Score	Decile						
Berri Barmera	907	2	0.15	Outer regional	5%	39%	22.60	10,747
Coorong	939	3	0.48	Remote	6%	37%	0.60	5,599
Karoonda East Murray	956	4	0.54	Outer regional	2%	35%	0.20	1,025
Loxton Waikerie	958	4	0.28	Outer regional	3%	38%	1.50	11,922
Mid Murray	914	2	0.57	Inner regional	3%	29%	1.50	9,355
Murray Bridge	891	2	0.15	Inner regional	6%	41%	12.20	22,348
Renmark Paringa	923	2	0.23	Outer regional	3%	41%	10.90	10,009
Southern Mallee	997	7	0.91	Remote	2%	38%	0.40	2,029

*Note: these regional level indicators are not likely to change across the course of the evaluation and are intended to demonstrate the broader context of a region.*



# Mallee Victoria

# Mallee, VIC



Mallee, VIC

## TOTAL GRANT FUNDING

**\$431,298**

Including  
**\$365,218**  
 For Community Impact  
 Program Grants, and  
**\$66,080**  
 For Round 1 Small  
 Network Grants

## ACTIVITIES DELIVERED AS OF APRIL 2024

-  Eight Community Impact Program grants and zero leadership activities
-  Two Small Network Grants
-  No organisations access Expertise Pool services
-  One participant of the Mentoring Program
-  Three Learning Network members

- CIP PROJECT OUTPUTS**
- 2 Networks
  - 2 Training initiatives
  - 3 Community infrastructure
- SNG PROJECT OUTPUTS**
- 2 Networks

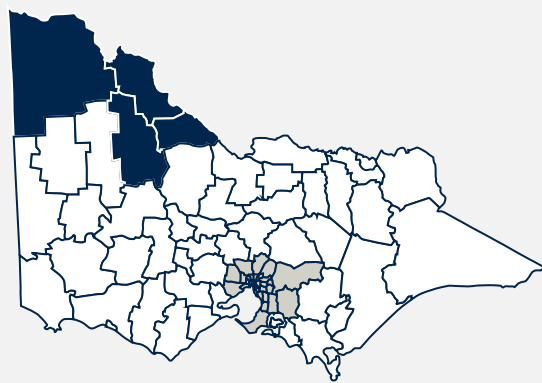
## LOCAL CONTEXT<sup>1</sup>

  
**TOTAL POPULATION**  
**95,094**

  
**OUTER REGIONAL**  
*(mode across LGAs within the CIP region)*

  
**HIGH RELATIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE**  
*(average across LGAs in the region)*

  
**HIGH POTENTIAL DROUGHT IMPACT**  
*(average across LGAs in the region)*



 Mallee CIP region

**Water restrictions have added to the climate pressure** the region. Farmers reliant on irrigation are suffering with the rising water costs.

**Drought is a regular occurrence**, one in ten seasons include severe drought conditions where farmers suffer major losses.

**Community members are experiencing volunteer fatigue** as the region recovers from compounding disasters such as drought, the COVID-19 pandemic and region wide flooding from 2022 to 2023.

## THE ROLE OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

**The CIP projects within the region were strategically designed to support a region-wide vision for social resilience to drought.** There are eight CIP projects being delivered in the region, including CPLO coordination. The CIP projects will reach eleven communities spread across the entire region. Without CIP funding, delivery organisations reported that two projects would not have proceeded.

The CIP has funded a wide range of initiatives, including a cooperative of local artisans, First Nations and youth mentoring, irrigation training for CALD communities, a short video series, and the creation of a network for young farmers and new business owners.

Mallee Sustainable Farming (MSF) is the region's CPLO. MSF are supported by a diverse collection of CIP delivery organisations. Delivery organisations reported that the CPLO supported the writing of the grant applications and coordinated the grant package on behalf of the region. This was appreciated due to capacity and skill constraints within organisations. Delivery organisations noted that MSF had a region wide vision for the funding and approached various organisations to reach different parts of the community. This enabled diverse organisations to deliver projects across a wide range of community members in the region.

**No leadership activities have been delivered in the region so far.** There are two Emerging Leadership Programs planned for delivery in 2025.

**SNG projects within the region are well placed to extend the impact of the Initiative.** Two SNG projects were funded within the region in Round 1. Both projects are being delivered by CIP organisations to support the project outcomes or expand the scope of their CIP project.

The Evaluation was unable to engage the mentoring program participant nor the learning network members from this region.

1. A summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region is provided on page 27.

# Mallee, VIC



The Evaluation travelled to the region to speak with a sample of HRCPD Initiative participants. This engagement occurred between February and April 2024, when all elements were in the early stages of implementation. This page provides a summary of the experience shared by the CIP organisations engaged by the evaluation.

## CIP CO-DESIGN

**Stakeholders appreciated the co-design process but felt that it was hindered by funding and time constraints.**

While organisations provided input in the group application for the region, the CPLO had a central point and coordinated the grant package. Time constraints and funding amounts created challenges for organisations when designing projects and submitting applications. Stakeholders reported difficulty in prioritising projects due to budget adjustments but appreciated the facilitator's role in managing the reduction in funding for the region and commended their facilitation despite time constraints.

## IMPACT OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

**CIP projects in the Mallee are delivering outcomes for diverse cohorts.**

Across the CIP Grants there are a significant number of projects that target a specific cohort in the community. Of note:

- First People of the Millewa-Mallee Aboriginal Corporation is delivering land management training and mentorship of young First Nations people.
- The Food Next Door Cooperative is delivering irrigation management training and developing language appropriate resources for recent migrants in Mildura. The workshops completed to-date have increased participant knowledge and understanding of drought, which is a foreign concept for many of the participants who come from high rainfall regions in their country of origin.
- The Birchip Cropping Group's Young Farmer Network helps young farmers learn more about their industry and to form new connections across the region. The networks builds community and shares information by hosting events such as the Young Farmer Network Ball.

**The CIP is supporting collaboration and networking outcomes.**

The CPLOs has started to run regular catchups with delivery organisations across the region, facilitating opportunities for organisations within the region to meet and learn from each other.



*The new resources will help the co-operative - so anyone can do the training and pick up the resources so they can start the irrigation system.*



*The biodiversity officer will be a support for anyone that is out there - Ned's is a huge space and need someone who knows the space.*



Source: Rural Business and Community website

## Rural Business and Community Limited are using their SNG funding to extend the benefits of CIP projects

Rural Business and Community Limited (RBCL) received both CIP and SNG funding. Their CIP Grant will be used to establish a cooperative of 'Shared Shops' for microbusinesses in Donald, driving economic diversification in the agriculture-dependant community. They are using SNG funding to establish more micro business Shared Shops and create a network of up to 6 Shared Shops across the Mallee. RBCL noted that their project will promote new ways for businesses to adapt to drought through shared digital and physical infrastructure. Ultimately, they hope to improve the survivability of local businesses and increase the viability and energy of a small rural towns.

# Mallee, VIC

The table below provides a summary of the CIP and Round 1 funded SNG projects funded in the region.

Mallee, VIC ●

DELIVERY ORGANISATION	PROJECT OVERVIEW	PROJECT TYPE	FUNDING
<b>Birchip Cropping Group Inc</b>	<b>Mallee BCG Young Farmer Network:</b> Provide capacity building activities to increase the skill and resilience to drought of the Young Farmers Network	Networks	\$32,960
<b>First People of the Millewa-Mallee Aboriginal Corporation</b>	<b>Re-connection to County, Culture and Employment:</b> A mentorship and social connection program for young First Nations people that focuses on the risks and subsequent land management techniques for drought and climate change.	Training initiatives	\$41,200
<b>Food Next Door Cooperative</b>	<b>Food Next Door Co-op: Sustainable CALD Market Gardening:</b> Irrigation management training for CALD communities that builds capability and knowledge around drought in remote communities.	Training initiatives	\$56,856
<b>Mallee Sustainable Farming Inc</b>	<b>Mallee-REEL-Culture:</b> Production of a short video series showcasing cases of local resilience to build awareness and change attitudes towards drought preparedness.	Community infrastructure	\$65,920
	Community Partner Lead Organisation to provide coordination of Community Impact Program activities and evaluation administration	Coordination	\$76,818
<b>Millewa Advisory Group</b>	<b>Millewa SHIM Shed:</b> Established a community space to facilitate peer networks and build social connection, shared purpose and a sense of belonging.	Community infrastructure	\$17,304
<b>Rural Business and Community Limited</b>	<b>Shared Shop:</b> Establish a cooperative of 'Shared Shops Stop' for microbusinesses in Donald, driving economic diversification in the agriculture-dependant community.	Community infrastructure	\$32,960
<b>Rural Financial Counselling Service Victoria Wimmera South West Inc</b>	<b>Resilient Small Businesses:</b> Established a small-business resilience network, targeted at new, young and Indigenous business owners, which develops skills and knowledge for them to adapt their businesses to drought-induced changes.	Networks	\$41,200
<b>Birchip Cropping Group Inc</b>	<b>BCG Main Field Day Secondary student stream:</b> Supporting students from the NCLLEN cluster to attend an agriculture and agronomy event aimed at highlighting career opportunities and fostering local research projects.	Networks	\$46,080
<b>Rural Business and Community Limited</b>	<b>Shared Shops Trail:</b> Creating a coordinating role that will network up to 6 micro-businesses into a "Shared Shops Stop" collective, and create joint website and signage to promote them.	Networks	\$20,000

# Mallee, VIC

The table below provides a summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region.



Mallee, VIC ●

## LGA DATA OVERVIEW

	Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage		Potential drought impact index	Remoteness	% of population Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	% of population aged below 35	Population per square kilometre	Population size
	Score	Decile						
Buloke	975	5	0.90	Outer regional	2%	34%	0.80	6,130
Gannawarra	952	4	0.38	Outer regional	3%	33%	2.80	10,612
Mildura	940	3	0.49	Outer regional	5%	44%	2.60	56,969
Swan Hill	941	3	0.72	Outer regional	5%	45%	3.50	21,383

*Note: these regional level indicators are not likely to change across the course of the evaluation and are intended to demonstrate the broader context of a region.*

# Northern Tablelands New South Wales



# Northern Tablelands, NSW






Northern Tablelands, NSW

## TOTAL GRANT FUNDING

**\$305,079**

Including  
**\$285,095**  
For Community Impact Program Grants, and  
**\$19,984**  
For Round 1 Small Network Grants

## ACTIVITIES DELIVERED AS OF APRIL 2024

-  Four Community Impact Program grants and One leadership activity
-  One Small Network Grants
-  No organisations access Expertise Pool services
-  Seven participants of the Mentoring Program
-  17 Learning Network members

## CIP PROJECT OUTPUTS

- 1 Network
- 1 Community event
- 1 Training initiative
- 1 Community infrastructure

## SNG PROJECT OUTPUTS

- 1 Networks

## CIP LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES


- 1 Leadership Action Initiative

## LOCAL CONTEXT<sup>1</sup>

  
**TOTAL POPULATION**  
**73,875**

  
**OUTER REGIONAL**  
(mode across LGAs within the CIP region)

  
**HIGH RELATIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE**  
(average across LGAs in the region)

  
**MEDIUM POTENTIAL DROUGHT IMPACT**  
(average across LGAs in the region)

The region was significantly impacted by drought in 2018-2019. Communities noted the recency of their experience of drought and the flow-on impacts they experienced across their wider economy and region.

The region reported experiencing significant climatic events since coming out of drought conditions in the last three years including the Black Summer bushfires, storms and flooding.

Microclimates within the region lead to varied experiences of drought between towns.

## THE ROLE OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

### CIP projects intend to achieve region-wide outcomes

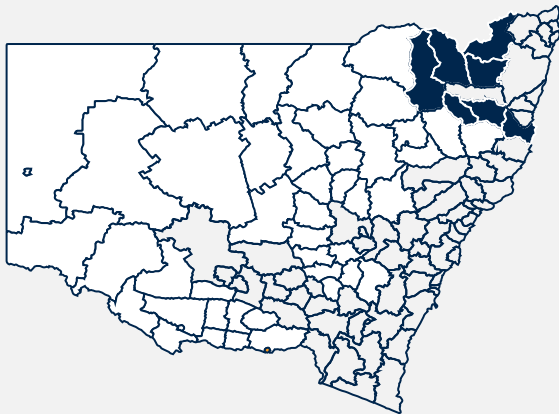
CIP Grants supported five projects, including CPLO coordination. The projects will reach eight communities spread across the entire region. All four CIP organisations aligned their projects with the local land strategy and are working closely together to achieve region-wide outcomes.


Glen Innes Natural Resource Advisory Committee (GLENRAC) is the region's CPLO. They partnered with other Landcare organisations within their network to deliver the CIP projects. The CPLO runs regular catchups with delivery organisations, facilitating opportunities for them to meet and learn from each other. One delivery organisation noted that they had experienced improved project management capability through tools and templates shared during these catch ups.

Participants reflected that the Leadership Action Initiative facilitated productive conversations on contentious local issues. This region was the first to host a Leadership Action Initiative. The session had 15 attendees in total, including four CIP grant participants. There is one Changemaker workshop planned for delivery in the region in late 2024.

The SNG project will extend the reach of the HRCPD Initiative. A CIP delivery organisation will deliver the SNG project. The project extends the geographic reach of the CIP project by delivering events in outlying communities. The Northern Tablelands provides an example of a region that has aligned SNG and CIP projects with local strategies to build drought resilience.

Learning Network members had limited engagement with the platform. The CPLO noted that they had only recently become a member and although they saw value in the network had limited opportunities to engage with the platform so far. The Evaluation was unable to engage the mentoring program participants from this region.



 Northern Tablelands CIP region

1. A summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region is provided on page 32.



# Northern Tablelands, NSW

The Evaluation travelled to the region to speak with a sample of HRCPD Initiative participants. This provides a summary of the outcomes and benefits that communities intend to achieve through their participation in the HRCPD Initiative.

Northern Tablelands, NSW ●

## CIP CO-DESIGN

The co-design process was productive, although with the diversity of groups represented could be improved.

Organisations within the region appreciated the opportunity to collaboratively apply for funding. The process brought together organisations, who typically compete for the same grants, closer together. Delivery organisations reflected that the co-design participants could have better reflected the diversity of their region, including have more representation from local First Nations groups or organisations focused on young people.

## IMPACT OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

The region expects that the cluster of HRCPD Initiative projects will support collective, localised benefits

The four Landcare networks have tied their CIP and SNG projects to their local strategic plan and are working closely together to achieve region-wide outcomes. The delivery organisations reported that they are now collaborating on other grant applications due to their positive experience with the CIP.

**CIP projects focus on building social connections, knowledge and networks**

The CIP projects in the region will deliver:

- A range of community events that aim to strengthen social connections that the community can draw on in times of adversity. Events range from Christmas and Harmony Day events to supporting youth involvement in the local show.
- Skill building workshops that aim to increase the knowledge of the community so they can better prepare for drought. This includes workshops in Tingha that aim to strengthen Aboriginal cultural knowledge and practices and workshops that combine technical knowledge (such as soil health and permaculture) and opportunities for social connection.
- Network building activities that aim to establish or revitalise local networks that can fortify the region in times of drought. This region has a strong focus on strengthening young farmers networks, recognising their role in supporting the community through future droughts.



*If we build a sense of community, we'll be ready for any kind of natural disaster, it doesn't have to be a drought.*



*Without the CIP funding, we would be working by ourselves not with other Landcare organisations. The bigger funding across multiple organisations has meant we can do more.*



**Southern New England Landcare Inc received CIP and SNG funding to deliver a series of events across the region**

Source: Southern New England Landcare Inc website

Southern New England (SNE) was funded by the CIP to deliver a series of six events for their local community, including a young farmers dinner, rural women's day event, and pillowcase workshop activity for children in towns like Guyra, Uralla, and Walcha. When applying for SNG funding, they saw an opportunity to extend their impact by delivering six projects in Hernani and Walcha. The organisation is excited to use SNG funding to extend its reach to more remote locations, engage new participants and create impact for communities which might otherwise be overlooked by larger grants.

# Northern Tablelands, NSW

The table below provides a summary of the CIP and Round 1 funded SNG projects funded in the region.

Northern Tablelands, NSW ●



DELIVERY ORGANISATION	PROJECT OVERVIEW	PROJECT TYPE	FUNDING
Glenn Innes Natural Resource Advisory Committee	Community Partner Lead Organisation to provide coordination of Community Impact Program activities and evaluation administration	Coordination	\$30,146
	<b>Growing social capital, Glen Innes:</b> Delivery of community events, activities and partnerships that enhance drought awareness and preparedness and provide a social support network.	Community events	\$70,508
Granite Borders Landcare Committee Incorporated	<b>Drought Community Impact Program:</b> A series of collaborative workshops targeting innovation in drought preparation and knowledge sharing around drought resilience.	Training initiatives	\$70,937
Gwymac Incorporated	<b>Connecting our Community for resilience in tough times:</b> A series of social events around building peer and other support networks and localised leadership efforts around drought preparedness.	Development and leadership	\$51,290
Southern New England Landcare Ltd	<b>SNEL HELP - Preparing Communities for Drought:</b> Delivering drought resilience activities and events that broadens the reach of community leaders and networks to share ideas and information, and also strengthen social connections.	Community events	\$62,214
Southern New England Landcare Inc	<b>Community Connection for Outlying Areas:</b> Extending the reach of the "SNEL HELP" CIP project by delivering events within outlying communities to rebuild and strengthen community capacity and social connection.	Network	\$19,984



# Northern Tablelands, NSW

The table below provides a summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region.

Northern Tablelands, NSW ●



## LGA DATA OVERVIEW

	Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage		Potential drought impact index	Remoteness	% of population Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	% of population aged below 35	Population per square kilometre	Population size
	Score	Decile						
Armidale Regional	980	6	0.34	Outer regional	8%	48%	3.80	29,332
Glen Innes Severn	906	2	0.20	Outer regional	8%	35%	1.60	8,922
Gwydir	957	4	0.75	Outer regional	7%	34%	0.50	4,911
Inverell	928	2	0.33	Outer regional	11%	42%	1.90	17,919
Tenterfield	920	2	0.22	Outer regional	8%	30%	0.90	6,798
Uralla	990	6	0.51	Outer regional	10%	38%	1.90	5,993

*Note: these regional level indicators are not likely to change across the course of the evaluation and are intended to demonstrate the broader context of a region.*

# Wheatbelt Central East Western Australia

# Wheatbelt Central East, WA






Wheatbelt Central East, WA

## TOTAL GRANT FUNDING

**\$390,707**

For Community Impact Program Grant funding

## ACTIVITIES DELIVERED AS OF APRIL 2024

-  Six Community Impact Program grants and One leadership activity
-  No Small Network Grants
-  No organisations access Expertise Pool services
-  Two participants of the Mentoring Program
-  13 Learning Network members

## CIP PROJECT OUTPUTS


- 1 Networks
- 2 Community events
- 1 Training initiatives
- 1 Development and leadership

## CIP LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- 1 Changemakers workshop

## LOCAL CONTEXT<sup>1</sup>

  
TOTAL POPULATION  
**9,699**

  
REMOTE  
(mode across LGAs within the CIP region)

  
HIGH RELATIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE  
(average across LGAs in the region)

  
HIGH POTENTIAL DROUGHT IMPACT  
(average across LGAs in the region)



The region experiences dramatic climate shifts including periods of extreme temperatures and frost.

Diverse weather conditions across the region has led to varied experience of drought between towns.

Minimal rainfall and dry storms have prompted the region to prepare for the upcoming drought after two good seasons.

Severe drought from 2000 to 2003 and 2010 to 2012 have had lasting impacts on local economies which are strongly reliant on agriculture and service industries.

## THE ROLE OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

**CIP projects delivered in the region are diverse.** CIP grants have supported 6 projects including one for CPLO coordination. The projects will reach 18 communities spread across the entire region. Without CIP funding, delivery organisations reported that three projects would not have proceeded. Of those that would have proceeded, delivery organisations reported that it would have been with a reduced scope.

The CIP has supported a diversity of organisations, including organisations focused on art, agriculture, travel, land management and mentoring. Two CIP projects have a deliberate focus on young people, with the intention of strengthening networks and supporting knowledge sharing among regional youth.

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management (NRM) is the region's CPLO. They reported that they have worked with organisations that an NRM would not traditionally. The CPLO plans to organise regular webinars or meetings with the delivery organisations so that they can meet and share lessons from project delivery. Wheatbelt NRM intends to leverage experience from the CIP to collaborate on future projects with the delivery organisations.

**The one Changemaker workshop leadership activity achieved social connection and networking outcomes.** The activity had 11 attendees, including four CIP grant participants. Three more Changemaker workshops are planned for 2024.

**Drought Ready network members are deriving value from the platform.** Two CIP participants are also members of the Drought Ready network. They highlighted the value of the network in enabling residents from remote locations, such as the Wheatbelt Central East region, to network and connect with likeminded people.

The Evaluation was unable to engage the mentoring program participants from this region.

 Wheatbelt Central East CIP region

1. A summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region is provided on page 37.

# Wheatbelt Central East, WA

Wheatbelt Central East, WA

The Evaluation travelled to the region to speak with a sample of HRCPD Initiative participants. This provides a summary of the outcomes and benefits that communities intend to achieve through their participation in the HRCPD Initiative.

## CIP CO-DESIGN

**The co-design process facilitated regional collaboration.**

The breadth and diversity of organisations funded in the region enabled organisations to form new relationships and to collaborate with new partners. The region includes a farm improvement group, local travel association, and a youth mentoring organisation. The Central Wheatbelt organisations each highlighted the positive co-design experience and the lasting collaboration outcomes they have experienced from the process. The co-design facilitator was reported to hold a strong network across the region and was instrumental in engaging diverse organisations in the co-design process and the HRCPD Initiative.

## IMPACT OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

**CIP projects focus on building community belonging, capability and networks.**

The CIP projects in the region will deliver:

- An art exhibition that aims to increase the community's sense of belonging and improve social connection and collaboration between different community members. Meridian Regional Art's 'Season of Change' exhibition showcases the stories of local seniors through art, videos and images. The pieces displayed in the exhibition are created in art workshops and community events by school students and other community members.
- Capability building events and resources that intend to increase the capacity of community members to lead local initiatives and deliver events that build social resilience. This includes, a series of community-led events across the northeastern Wheatbelt area that incorporate capability building exercises into community activities.
- Mentoring programs and network building activities for regional youth that aim to establish local networks and improve social connectedness. This includes, a regional bus trip for young farmers from different towns in the region so they can establish a social network and share knowledge on farming methods to support drought preparedness.



*Drought impacts the whole community. Businesses go down in drought years and never come back happiness doesn't exist in the same way during drought.*



*We've already noticed increased self-esteem within the community. One of the local artists has put her painting for the exhibition up for an award.*

**The Changemaker activity delivered in Merredin brought together key leaders from across the region.**

Representatives from the CIP project delivery organisations across the region were encouraged to attend the Changemaker workshop delivered in Merredin. One young woman found the session to be a valuable opportunity to connect with leaders from across the region and to 'get everyone in the room together' discussing the challenges and opportunities for the region. Another participant reported that for a region such as the Central East Wheatbelt, distance is a barrier to attracting diverse participants and forming new networks.

Two regional community members engaged by the evaluation reported an interest in attending the session but were unable to due to a local government meeting that clashed with the date. The delivery of the session during harvest time for the region was also reported to impact participant engagement.



# Wheatbelt Central East, WA

Wheatbelt Central East, WA



The table below provides a summary of the CIP and Round 1 funded SNG projects funded in the region.

DELIVERY ORGANISATION	PROJECT OVERVIEW	PROJECT TYPE	FUNDING
<b>Meridian Regional Arts Incorporated</b>	<b>Meridian Regional Arts:</b> Delivery of workshops, and wellbeing and social support to build social connection, shared purpose and community belonging.	Community events	\$85,564
<b>Merredin and Districts Farm Improvement Group</b>	<b>Agribusiness Network:</b> Established an Agribusiness Mentoring program that strengthens a collective knowledge base and social network through 'learn and share' style events.	Networks	\$32,000
<b>North Eastern Wheatbelt Travel Association</b>	<b>Events Officer:</b> Facilitating capability building sessions and establishing a collaborative network of the volunteer organisations in the region	Community events	\$63,554
<b>Town Team Movement</b>	<b>Wheatbelt Rising:</b> Established a 'Town Teams' that undertake training, develop resources and host activities around skill and knowledge building to increase capacity to respond to challenges posed by drought.	Training initiatives	\$63,500
<b>Wheatbelt Beyond Youth Mentoring</b>	<b>Wheatbelt Beyond Youth Mentoring:</b> A youth mentoring program in drought resilience that strengthens social support and mental wellbeing; mitigates impacts of social and physical isolation; and improves awareness of impacts of drought.	Development and leadership	\$96,250
<b>Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Incorporated</b>	Community Partner Lead Organisation to provide coordination of Community Impact Program activities and evaluation administration	Coordination	\$49,839





# Wheatbelt Central East, WA

Wheatbelt Central East, WA



The table below provides a summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region.

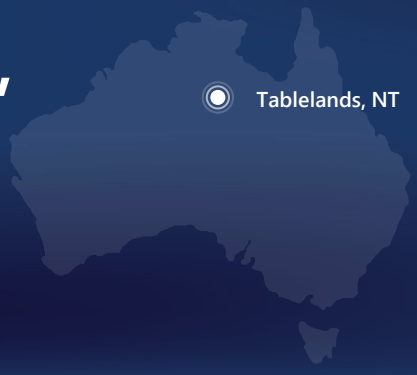
## LGA DATA OVERVIEW

	Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage		Potential drought impact index	Remoteness	% of population Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	% of population aged below 35	Population per square kilometre	Population size
	Score	Decile						
Bruce Rock	979	6	0.39	Remote	4%	31%	0.40	1,016
Kellerberrin	920	2	0.25	Outer regional	8%	26%	0.60	1,178
Koorda	980	6	0.47	Remote	3%	22%	0.10	373
Merredin	971	5	0.40	Remote	5%	44%	1.00	3,221
Mount Marshall	980	6	1.00	Remote	4%	37%	0.00	467
Mukinbudin	1025	8	0.45	Remote	4%	39%	0.20	593
Narembeen	1028	9	0.73	Remote	3%	42%	0.20	820
Nungarin	979	6	0.39	Remote	4%	39%	0.20	263
Trayning	909	2	0.47	Remote	5%	33%	0.20	307
Westonia	1030	9	0.47	Remote	2%	29%	0.10	255
Yilgarn	973	5	0.58	Remote	2%	29%	0.00	1,206

*Note: these regional level indicators are not likely to change across the course of the evaluation and are intended to demonstrate the broader context of a region.*

# Tablelands Northern Territory

# Tablelands, NT



Tablelands, NT

## TOTAL GRANT FUNDING

**\$91,532**

For Small Network Grant funding

## ACTIVITIES DELIVERED AS OF APRIL 2024

- No Community Impact Program grants and zero leadership activities
- Two Small Network Grants
- No organisations access Expertise Pool services
- Zero participants of the Mentoring Program
- Zero Learning Network members

## SNG PROJECT OUTPUTS

2 Community events

## CIP LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

1 Changemakers workshop

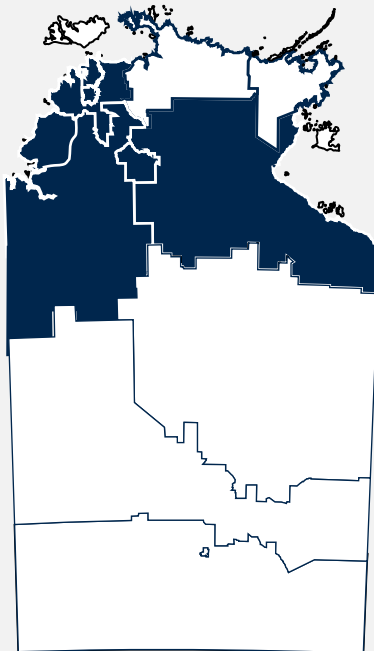
## LOCAL CONTEXT<sup>1</sup>

TOTAL POPULATION  
**56,738**

VERY REMOTE  
*(mode across LGAs within the CIP region)*

HIGH RELATIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE  
*(average across LGAs in the region)*

LOW POTENTIAL DROUGHT IMPACT  
*(average across LGAs in the region)*



The region is impacted by severe wet weather events including floods, cyclones and monsoon seasons.

Communities do not resonate with drought language. The region experiences climate variability, including an increasing number of hot days.

The region is vast and remote. Almost 48 percent of the region is under agricultural production.

## THE ROLE OF THE HRCPD INITIATIVE

The Tablelands region was one of five CIP regions that did not receive funding through the CIP grants. As a result, it was a priority region for Round 1 of SNG funding.

The two SNG projects are distinct from one another and address separate but important community needs.

Charles Darwin University (CDU) is one of the SNG delivery organisations. CDU was originally the region's CPLO and undertook the CIP grant application and co-design process. CDU reported that they used their knowledge from the CIP application to apply for SNG funding.

CDU is delivering a set of workshops, focused on increasing the drought knowledge of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) groups in Katherine and strengthening cross-culture networks. They noted that the region has various CALD migrant groups that face barriers to participating in climate resilience activities, such as low English proficiency and limited understanding of Australian climate variation. They are working closely with CALD community groups to ensure their project meets community needs.

Northern Territory Farmers Association Inc (NTFA) is the second delivery organisation. NTFA's project is a roadshow that aims to build drought preparedness knowledge. The roadshow is open to the broader Mataranka community and includes elements of targeted agricultural advice and strategy.

The Evaluation will explore the impact of the HRCPD Initiative on this region in more detail in the Final Report.

Tablelands CIP region

1. A summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region is provided on page 41.

# Tablelands, NT

The table below provides a summary of the Round 1 funded SNG projects funded in the region.



DELIVERY ORGANISATION	PROJECT OVERVIEW	PROJECT TYPE	FUNDING
Charles Darwin University	<b>Building social drought resilience among culturally and linguistically diverse groups in Katherine:</b> Delivery of drought preparedness workshops and support resources that increase the drought knowledge and capability of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) groups to sustain responses to future drought impacts.	Community events	\$44,300
Northern Territory Farmers Association Incorporated	<b>Northern Australia Food Futures Regional Roadshow – Mataranka – Preparing for the Future:</b> Delivery of a roadshow that promotes drought preparedness information, insights and expert advice for the agricultural sector and wider Mataranka community.	Community events	\$47,232

# Tablelands, NT

The table below provides a summary of indicators for individual LGAs in the region.



## LGA DATA OVERVIEW

	Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage		Potential drought impact index	Remoteness	% of population Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	% of population aged below 35	Population per square kilometre	Population size
	Score	Decile						
Coomalie	909	2	0.09	Remote	21%	36%	0.70	1,403
Katherine	961	4	0.05	Remote	26%	54%	1.40	10,706
Litchfield	1030	9	0.03	Outer regional	12%	44%	7.90	23,048
Roper Gulf	534	1	0.21	Very Remote	75%	60%	0.00	7,442
Unincorporated NT	1044	9	0.08	-	11%	49%	0.40	7,489
Victoria Daly	590	1	0.32	Very Remote	66%	63%	0.00	3,224
West Daly	439	1	0.01	Very Remote	89%	68%	0.20	3,426

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