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PROJECT	APPLICANT	AMOUNT SOUGHT	PROJECT SUMMARY	DISTRICT
Blinman Cactus Control Volunteer Support Project	Blinman Progress Association	\$15,500	For two decades, volunteers have been central to control of cactus infestations in the Blinman area. Their work comes at considerable cost, and this project will support the wider community of volunteers by reimbursing fuel costs and providing chemicals to support their work.	North Flinders
Reducing Reliance on Underground Water by Harvesting and Storing Rainwater Project	Blinman Men's Shed Inc	\$14,391	Since its establishment in July 2024, Blinman Men's Shed has contributed more than 1600 hours developing a community garden and gathering space. The garden relies on donated bore water, drawing from the town's water supply. This project will reduce pressure on this shared aquifer through the installation of a 100,000L tank to harvest and store rainwater from multiple roof catchment sources.	North Flinders
Conservation Reserve Protection of Endemic Flora and Fauna from Feral Intrusion	Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby Preservation Association	\$13,510	Native vegetation plantings that have been propagated from seeds collected on the property, including Slender Bellfruit and Silver daisy, will be protected. A section of rotted cypress pine fence posts will be replaced with a six-strand fence with mesh to prevent goats, other ferals and stock from entering Bunkers Conservation Reserve from boundary and creek crossings. The results will be tracked in the annual grassland and shrubland herbivore impact study, which records the number of grass butts and shrubs, scats and scoring on damage to these species at 10 sites across the property.	North Flinders
Community Walking Trails Tree Planting Project – Stage One	Hawker Area School	\$6,975	One hundred Eucalypts that are endemic to the Flinders Ranges will be planted along a Walking Trail Reserve in Hawker. Funds will support the purchase of poly pipe and fittings, chicken wire and spacers for tree guards. Hawker Area School students will assist in the installation of the drip-irrigation system, fabricate the tree guards, install a battery-powered timer for a drip irrigation system and monitor tree health weekly. Project success will determine if an additional 100 trees are ordered from Trees for Life for stage two.	North Flinders



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Invasive Weed Management and Education	Port Augusta Golf Club	\$9,991	Port Augusta Golf Club has been impacted by the spread of Buffel Grass to its boundaries, which are now impacting the course. Clusters of buffel have encroached onto fairways and the club is looking to manage the risk of spread further onto the course and into the community. Funds will be used to purchase chemicals to control the Buffel and other weeds, while the risk of spread will be highlighted through signage visible to the public and visitors using the course.	Port Augusta-Quorn
Noxious Weed Control in the Moralana and Bunyerroo Creek Floodplains	Merna Mora Station	\$14,453	Ongoing efforts to eradicate the weed African Rue (<i>Peganum harmala</i>) from the Moralana Creek and floodouts, and Noogoora Burr (<i>Xanthium occidentale</i>) in the Bunyerroo Creek were impacted with heavy rainfall in March 2026. What followed was an explosion of Noogoora Burr on the boundary of Wintabatinyana and Moralana Stations, which was an area previously contained. Funds will be used to support the landholder to continue the weed control in the area and raise the awareness of the importance of keeping the weeds out of waterways to stop widespread infestation.	North Flinders
Marine Education for Schools and Community Education and Participation in Restoration Efforts	Port Augusta Coastcare	\$8,600	The Marine Discovery Centre will be engaged to deliver an environmental education program that includes school incursions and a community education event in May 2027. Both events will increase awareness of marine environments, promote sustainability and inspire conservation action among young people and the broader community. Funding will also support guest speakers for the Science in the Pub event to run during the Nature Festival and involvement in a community project to restore native oyster reefs in the Spencer Gulf at Port Augusta	Port Augusta-Quorn
Enhancing Public Awareness Through Signage at Strangways Springs	Friends of Mound Springs	\$2,942	Six signs will be replaced at Strangways Springs, a site comprising natural springs and ruins of an Overland Telegraph Repeater Station. First installed in 2011 by the Friends of Mound Springs to highlight the ecological and cultural significance of the site, the signs will be redesigned using grant funds and printed with additional funding from the Friends of Parks and Nature.	Marla-Oodnadatta



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Control of the Toxic Environmental Weed Castor Oil Plant	Yellow Foot Rock Wallaby Preservation Association Ltd.	\$2,500	The invasive Castor oil plant, which has spread from the old Barites Mine along 15 Mile Bore Creek into Bunkers Conservation Reserve, poses a serious threat to humans, wildlife and aquatic ecosystems through its toxic seeds, rapid growth and ability to suppress native biodiversity. The Yellow Foot Rock-wallaby Preservation Society hopes to eradicate the weed before it spreads into the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, using a combination of hand removal for young plants and chemical control for established ones.	North Flinders
Connecting Kids with Nature	Stirling North Primary School	\$4,453	A <i>Connecting Kids with Nature</i> event, developed by Stirling North Primary School student leaders and staff, will deliver a full-day nature-based learning experience for 90–100 Year 5-6 students. It will integrate wellbeing, Aboriginal education and environmental learning, as students rotate through three hands-on workshops featuring native animals, nature-based craft, and a birdlife presentation. The event is designed to increase students' connection to nature and decrease screen time.	Port Augusta-Quorn
Gumglen Bulloak, Bulluck Bush and Emubush Preservation	MD and PP Hooper	\$3,704	A 20-hectare area containing old Bullock Bush, Bulloak trees and young Emu bush will be protected to encourage new growth recruitment. The area will be fenced to prevent livestock and native fauna from overgrazing. The project aims to preserve a significant stand of mature native vegetation while supporting its natural regeneration.	Port Augusta-Quorn
Expanding GPS Capacity for Improved Landscape-Scale Cactus Control	Range Rover Club of Australia – SA Branch	\$3,903	Additional GPS units will be purchased to support the volunteer network of five 4WD clubs, who work across the northern and central Flinders Ranges in locating, mapping and treating invasive cactus infestations. The additional units will allow more teams to work simultaneously during the three-month seasonal window, improving coverage, coordination and the total area treated each season.	North Flinders
Educational Native Bush Food Garden	Mt Ive Station	\$3,000	Signage at the Mt Ive Educational Native Bush Food Garden will be expanded to highlight flora and First Nations history and cultural knowledge, drawing on contributions from local flora experts and traditional owners. The upgraded garden will serve local schools, clubs and international guests staying at Mt Ive Station, deepening appreciation for the region's natural and cultural heritage.	Gawler Ranges
Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby Monitoring and	Zoos SA	\$7,120	Camera traps will be used to monitor yellow-footed rock wallaby habitat, abundance and feral predator activity at Aroona Sanctuary. The project will engage Leigh Creek Area School students in hands-on	North Flinders



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Leigh Creek Area School Engagement Project			learning experiences covering ecological monitoring, biodiversity, civics and Aboriginal Learning on Country, in partnership with First Nations community members.	
Nukunu NAIDOC On-Country – Pithi Kawi Bush Food Garden Community Event	Nukunu Wapma Thura (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC	\$4,500	A community-led cultural and environmental event will be held at Quorn's Pithi Kawi Bush Food Garden during NAIDOC Week 2026. The event will bring together Elders, youth, schools, local residents and partner organisations to celebrate Nukunu culture and promote caring for Country through activities that will include storytelling, bush food education, language activities and Junior Ranger-style learning. It will strengthen intergenerational and community connections, greater cultural awareness and increased participation in environmental stewardship activities.	Port Augusta-Quorn
Oodnadatta Town Common Buffel and African Lovegrass Management Expansion	Dunjiba Community Council Inc	\$14,000	Specialised equipment will be purchased to improve the safety, efficiency and scope of invasive grass control operations. It will allow Dunjiba Community Council to expand its management program around Oodnadatta and provide practical training and upskilling opportunities for local Aboriginal staff. This initiative will reduce long-term reliance on external contractors and deliver lasting environmental benefits for the Oodnadatta region, while strengthening local workforce capability and cultural connection to Country.	Marla-Oodnadatta
Monitoring Plains-Mouse populations at Arid Recovery	Arid Recovery	\$19,500	After boosting numbers of the threatened Plains Mouse inside its fenced reserve, numbers began to drop in areas where Western Quolls had been reintroduced, leaving questions about predator-prey dynamics. This project will fund replacement drift fences and dedicated camera traps targeting Plains Mice. Used with existing pitfall trapping programs, they will enable better detection, continuous sampling and insight into predator-prey interactions inside the reserve and outside in partnership with Kokatha Rangers and the SAAL Landscape Board.	Kingoonya