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3D digital captures of the iconic high-country huts of the Australian Alps	Department of Planning Industry and Environment	<p>This project will digitally capture and produce 3D digital models of over 100 heritage huts across the Australian Alps National Parks and Reserves of the ACT, NSW and Victoria. The high-definition 3D digital models will be made available online and incorporated on the Australian Alps National Parks website for public viewing. The models will allow 3D virtual tours and walk-throughs with incorporated interpretive material such as drone footage, videos and historic information about each hut.</p> <p>This is a joint application with Department of Planning Industry and Environment.</p> <p>The project duration is 30 months.</p>	Australian Alps National Parks and Reserves	NSW	198,102	217,912
Protecting Tasmania’s Port Davey–Bathurst Harbour World Heritage Values	Department of Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment	<p>This project will assess the effectiveness of existing management arrangements to protect the globally unique tannin-influenced marine communities in Port Davey-Bathurst Harbour, southwest Tasmania. Previously established monitoring sites will be re-surveyed using standardised methods, including photo-quadrats, to determine whether significant changes to the community have occurred and whether exotic species have established. If significant changes have occurred or exotic species have been detected, then appropriate management responses will be developed. Video and still imagery will be collected to produce and release a virtual underwater tour to increase awareness and engagement of the values. This is a joint project with the University of Tasmania.</p> <p>The project duration is 22 months.</p>	Tasmanian Wilderness	Tas.	171,195	188,314

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Replace 15 Damaged Poles in Murtoa's Heritage Listed Stick Shed	Murtoa Stick Shed Committee of Management	The project aims to replace 15 damaged timber poles to maintain the structure of the Murtoa No. 1 Grain Store. The project activities involve the use of a suitably qualified building practitioner to replace the damaged poles across three work periods. The use of the timber poles is in keeping with the heritage values of the listed place. The project duration is 27 months.	Murtoa No. 1 Grain Store	Vic.	61,000	67,100
Nilpena Ediacara Fossil Beds Conservation Management Plan & Stabilisation	Department for Environment and Water	The project aims to conserve and preserve the fossil beds both physically and digitally at the Ediacara fossil site – Nilpena as evidence of the emergence of Earth's earliest complex animal life. The activities include preparing a conservation management plan, fossil bed stabilisation and drainage work at the excavated beds and conducting photogrammetry and digitisation of all fossil beds to preserve all data. This is a joint application with project partner, Flinders Ranges Ediacara Foundation Limited. The project duration is 34 months.	Ediacara Fossil Site - Nilpena	SA	310,200	341,220
Interpreting the wonders of the Purnululu World Heritage Area	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	The project aims to improve the presentation and appreciation of the natural and cultural values of the Purnululu National Park by developing interpretation at the new Visitors Centre and throughout the Purnululu National Park using innovative technology, signage, storytelling, and landscaping; developing Virtual Reality tours of key walking trails; and exhibiting the Purnululu National Park on the Google Arts and Culture Platform. The project duration is 30 months.	Purnululu National Park	WA	243,928	268,320
Improving the Management and Resilience of Shark Bay (Gathaagudu) WHA	Rangelands NRM Coordinating Group (Inc)	The project aims to support and train local Indigenous groups and partners to carry out on-ground environmental works, monitor the natural and cultural heritage values of Shark Bay (Gathaagudu) World Heritage Area, and engage the wider community, both locally and globally, to increase awareness and support. The activities will involve community engagement; land management; and publication. This is a joint application with Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions, Bush Heritage Australia, and Malgana Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC. The project duration is 25 months.	Shark Bay, Western Australia	WA	395,720	435,292

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Elizabeth Springs management review and cultural engagement	Department of Environment and Science	<p>The project review of past management actions by specialist to achieve collaborative agreement on future management actions will ensure the long-term conservation and preservation of the ecosystem, to guide management plans and re-establish a baseline of ecosystem health and condition. The project will also identify the cultural values of Elizabeth Springs to ensure future planning and management actions are culturally appropriate.</p> <p>Key activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing stakeholder engagement requirements • background information paper to collate history and current knowledge • field trips to review condition of the mound springs against base line condition assessment • developing a draft proposed management plan • implementing actions including fencing and weed management, and • integrating the agreed and recommended management actions into a strategy and planning process. <p>The project duration is 24 months.</p>	Elizabeth Springs	QLD	60,000	66,000
Ngarrabullgan – Cultural and Natural Responsibility to Care for Country	Nguddaboolgan Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	<p>The project aims to protect evidence of Aboriginal occupation of Ngarrabullgan from Pleistocene to Anthropocene, archaeological sites and cultural sites, examples of the rock art, and natural and cultural features of the mountain that are valuable to the Djungan People and surrounding tribes. The project also aims to provide easy and safe access for Traditional Owners and Elders to express traditional cultural practices and reconnect with Djungan People through cultural activities and promote wider awareness of cultural and natural values of the site and surrounds. The activities will update a new Ngarrabullgan Management Plan; construct firebreaks to improve fire safety of cultural heritage sites and endemic fauna and flora; install fences around Ngarrabullgan to protect cultural heritage sites and sensitive ecosystems from animals and trespassers; and improve awareness of Ngarrabullgan cultural and natural values through development of a marketing campaign.</p>	Ngarrabullgan	QLD	367,353	404,088

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		<p>This is a joint application with project partners, Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation, North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, On Common Country Pty Ltd, Lawrence Sproats, Steven Cran, Bush Heritage Australia, David Fell Environmental Pty Ltd and Gambir Yidinji Cultural Heritage and Protection Aboriginal Corporation.</p> <p>The project duration is 17 months.</p>				
The Wet Tropics Cultural Landscape Hub	Wet Tropics Management Authority	<p>The project involves the development of the Wet Tropics Cultural Landscape Hub, a program that aims to educate and enhance awareness and recognition of the cultural landscape and Indigenous heritage values of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. The program will: promote best practice principles for engagement and access to Country, increase the understanding of the custodial responsibilities held by Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples, and improve roles and aspirations in ongoing management and presentation of the Area. The program will be presented from a Rainforest Aboriginal perspective through stakeholder engagement and innovative delivery. This is a joint application Tourism and Events Queensland, Dawul Wuru Aboriginal Corporation and Djabugay Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC.</p> <p>The project duration is 24 months.</p>	Wet Tropics of Queensland	QLD	395,000	434,500
Central Castlemaine Diggings Conservation, Interpretation & Access	Parks Victoria	<p>This project will implement actions in the Heritage Landscape Management Framework for the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park, focusing on the Central Constellation which comprises six gold mining landscapes. The project will conserve and protect the heritage values of the site, improve visitor access and increase engagement and awareness of the Castlemaine Goldfield through onsite and digital interpretation and information. This is a joint application with project partner the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, representing the Traditional Owners of the site, the Dja Dja Wurrung.</p> <p>The project duration is 20 months.</p>	Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park	Vic.	400,000	440,000
Review of the Walalako Healthy Country Plan	Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation	<p>The project aims to revise the Walalakoo Healthy Country Plan so that it reflects the current understanding regarding the viability of values and severity of threats. The activities will involve a series of in-person</p>	The West Kimberley	WA	168,575	185,432

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		workshops and consultations with the Nyikina Mangala Rangers, Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation staff, the wider Nyikina Mangala Traditional Owner community and trusted scientists to examine whether the current strategies are conserving the national heritage values of the listed place. Outcomes of the workshops will be reflected in the updated Walalakoo Healthy Country Plan. This is a joint application with project partner, World Wide Fund for Nature Australia. The project duration is 21 months.				
Protecting Tasmania's world heritage values from fallow deer	Department of Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment	This project will survey and eradicate deer within the Walls of Jerusalem National Park by aerial shooting with thermal assisted imagery. Fallow deer are increasing in number and distribution in Tasmania and are spreading into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area where they impact natural and cultural values by browsing, grazing and trampling. Climate change is predicted to facilitate the further expansion of the deer population into the Tasmanian Wilderness. The project also aims to create a risk model of targeted areas to monitor for incursion into the future, beyond the funding. This is a joint project with the Department of Regional NSW. The project duration is 36 months.	Tasmanian Wilderness	Tas.	400,000	440,000
Willandra-Planning for a Shared Future; Stage 1	Department of Planning Industry and Environment	This project is stage one of a larger project to inform the development of a new strategic management plan. Through a series of co-designed workshops, the project will investigate and identify the importance of connection and management of Country for both Traditional Owners and landholders. The information from the workshops will be collated into a strategic direction report which will articulate the shared rights and responsibilities, risks, options and key considerations for the future development of the strategic management plan. The project duration is 16 months.	Willandra Lakes Region	NSW	250,000	275,000
First Nation's Cultural Values Assessment Queensland Gondwana Rainforests	Department of Environment and Science	The project will work with First Nations people to inform better management, protection and interpretation of their cultural values, and assist them in continuing their cultural practices. The activities will engage experts to undertake a high-level cultural assessment in partnership with First Nations groups with a possible focus on the	Gondwana Rainforests of Australia	QLD	395,000	435,500

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		relationship between the cultural values and the listed values (natural) of Gondwana Rainforests of Australia. The project duration is 19 months.				
The Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout National Heritage Management Plan	The Corporation of the City of Adelaide	The project will develop a Heritage Management Plan for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout to provide clear and detailed objectives, principles, policies and processes to maintain, protect and conserve the heritage 'listed values' of the listed place. The Heritage Management Plan will build on the findings of the 'Issues and Opportunity Analysis for the National Listing' of the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout and contribute to the delivery of the City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. The project duration is 11 months.	Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout	SA	95,000	104,500
K'gari Groundwater Quality Study to identify Health risks/enviro impact	Fraser Coast Regional Council	The project will undertake a study of ground water quality on K'gari (Fraser Island) to identify Public Health risks and potential impacts on environmental values. An unsewered sand island, K'gari properties have decentralised wastewater treatment systems with inherent risks of groundwater contamination due to on-site wastewater treatment systems releasing primary treated effluent into subsoils. This study will assess current and future drinking water supply on K'gari and provide recommendations for drinking water supply/treatment - residential/commercial sites and for wastewater treatment systems/location with respect to water sources and Council's obligations undertaking assessments. The project duration is 22 months.	K'gari (Fraser Island)	QLD	108,648	119,513
Digital recording of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the WTACL	Department of Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment	This project will generate quality, repeatable, digital datasets of 10 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and five surrounding landscapes within the Western Tasmania Aboriginal Cultural Landscape. Activities include recordings which include laser scanning and photogrammetry of the sites and aerial imagery capture, using an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, and LiDAR acquisition of the surrounding landscapes. These datasets will be used to determine a baseline understanding of the conditions and risks of the sites to inform effective management actions for ongoing and future management of the cultural values within the Western Tasmania Aboriginal Cultural Landscape.	Western Tasmania Aboriginal Cultural Landscape	Tas	194,666	214,133

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10-year review of the Ngurrara Healthy Country Plan	Yanunijarra Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	The project aims to review and revise the Ngurrara Healthy Country Plan to maintain and preserve the cultural and natural resources of the West Kimberley. Activities will involve face to face workshops to evaluate the past implementation of conservation strategies and adapt the Ngurrara Healthy Country Plan to reflect the changed circumstances. The associated Operational Plan and a Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting, and Improvement (MERI) Plan will also be further developed to ensure future on-ground activities respond to the most urgent threats on the listed values. This is a joint application with The Nature Conservancy Limited.	The West Kimberley	WA	71,999	79,199
		The project duration is 16 months.				
Story, Song, Sound - Illumination Projection and Mixed Media, Cooper Creek.	South Australian Native Title Services Ltd	The project is anticipated to improve engagement and awareness for visitors along Kinipapa (Cooper Creek) Innamincka Regional Reserve by upgrading existing interpretive material and creating an immersive cultural experience exhibiting Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Traditional Owner stories and perspectives of the Burke and Wills Expedition. Activities will be nighttime illumination at the township of Innamincka, and daytime mixed media displays at the 5 heritage-listed Burke and Wills Expedition Sites. This is a joint application with project partner Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Traditional Land Owners (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC.	The Burke, Wills, King and Yandruwandha National Heritage Place	SA	316,000	347,600
		The project duration is 6 months.				
Lord Howe Island- Improving access to the world's most southern coral reefs	Lord Howe Island Board	This project aims to improve visitor access to Lord Howe Island World Heritage area by undertaking maintenance and repairs of tracks and stairs at Middle Beach. This will enable the reopening of two highly utilised walking tracks (north and south Middle Beach tracks) that currently only have restricted access due to damage caused by successive significant weather events resulting in land slip and coastal erosion. The project will also enhance interpretation of the island's World Heritage values along its popular track network by showcasing and promoting the protection of the island's environmental values.	Lord Howe Island Group	NSW	320,000	352,000
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Fremantle Prison Murals Conservation	Department of Planning Lands and Heritage	<p>The project will preserve, maintain and improve engagement with Fremantle Prison. Activities to murals will be stabilised, losses infilled with an option for retouching of losses in the composition. The murals will be lined onto a new support so they can be safely reinstalled into New Division cell E51 without being affected by environmental and/or structural issues. Current conservation and hydraulic works to address the impacts and levels of moisture in the walls of the Main Cell Block will also contribute to the stability and ongoing preservation of these artworks.</p> <p>The project duration is 12 months.</p>	Fremantle Prison (former)	WA	170,000	187,000
Essential safety, conservation & interpretation of Rippon Lea Mansion Tower	National Trust of Australia (Victoria)	<p>The project will complete essential repairs to the important features of the Rippon Lea mansion tower for conservation purposes, and provide improved safety and access, enable public education and access (including digital) for ongoing conservation, management, and restoration of the listed site. Key project activities include an engineering and safety assessment, implementation of the required make safe works including conservation and repair of the concrete/render and crumbling sections of the balustrade and the design and implementation of interpretation (digital and signage) about the tower, to support public access and education.</p> <p>The project duration is 12 months.</p>	Rippon Lea House and Garden	Vic.	53,350	58,685
Conservation works and visitor app update Old Great North Road	Office of Environment and Heritage	<p>This project involves two main activities - conservation works to be undertaken on the World Heritage section of Devines Hill and an update the current Convict Road smartphone app for visitors. Conservation works include retrieving and replacing fallen blocks, realigning the sandstone blocks in the spillways to direct water away from the buttresses and the continuation of the movement monitoring program for the for the wall and buttresses. This conservation work will maintain the heritage values of the site by preventing loss of fabric and further damage from water flow.</p> <p>The Convict Road app which provides a history, modern day and kids tours, needs updating to run on the current smartphone iOS and Android versions. The smartphone app engages visitors to raise their understanding of the significance of the site.</p>	Old Great North Road	NSW	64,000	70,400

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Heritage Interpretation for Children and Families	Abbotsford Convent Foundation	Abbotsford Convent with lead artist Jessica Wilson and creative collaborators will present a 6-month season of self-guided, on-demand digital heritage interpretation activations through 2 participatory family projects: 'Child Nation' and 'Wayfinders'. The project involves immersive storytelling, participative art, and audio tours. This project will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase hands-on engagement by current and new Convent family visitors by facilitating engagement between children and our heritage listed place building deep and lasting connection to place provide accessibility for linguistically diverse children/families by providing interpretation activities in Mandarin, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Spanish, French and Arabic. This is a joint application with Jessica Wilson Pty Ltd.	Abbotsford Convent	Vic	42,900	47,190
The project duration is 14 months.						
Burra Heritage Passport Signage Revitalisation project	Regional Council of Goyder	The project will protect, conserve and transmit the National Heritage Values of the Australian Cornish Mining Sites: Burra, encourage regional tourism, build resilience and support local economic development. The project will remove and replace all signage infrastructure and interpretation boards at each of the Burra Heritage Passport sites and introduce technology such as QR codes to increase engagement. This is a joint project with Burra Community Management Committee Incorporated, Department for Energy and Mining, Department for Environment and Water, Meredith Satchell, Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North Incorporated and the Department of Parliamentary Services.	Australian Cornish Mining Sites (Burra)	SA	270,000	297,000
The project duration is 22 months.						
Recovering Darlington Probation Station's hidden convict landscapes	The University of New England	The project aims to research and understand the impact of the first wave of convict settlement on Maria Island (1825-1832). The project activities include: Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) acquisition and processing of the area around Darlington; archaeological fieldwork to further analyse sites of significance; data refinement and reporting; research and Geographic Information System database compilation; and	Darlington Probation Station	NSW	130,949	144,044

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		<p>the output of the captured data in a web map product to be used to inform the management framework going forward.</p> <p>This is a joint project with Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service.</p> <p>The project duration is 19 months.</p>				
Mt Toolbrunup walktrail maintenance	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	<p>The project will upgrade sections of the Toolbrunup walking trail within Stirling Range National Park. Activities include repairing erosion, improving the trail tread through construction of stone steps, improving drainage, improving trail markers and visitor information to encourage visitors to stay on the trail. The upgrade works are intended to minimise interactions and impacts from visitors to the site on threatened flora, reducing the potential of trail braiding and risk of degradation to the habitat of the short-range endemic invertebrates.</p> <p>The project duration is 5 months.</p>	Stirling Range National Park	WA	50,672	55,739
Abbotsford Convent Master Plan: Investment Logic Map and Business Case	Abbotsford Convent Foundation	<p>This project will develop and produce an Investment Logic Map and Business Case to support the realisation of the new Master Plan. This project will enable the Convent to deeply understand the Master Plan costs in terms of time, money and opportunities and provide the context for partnership cultivation. The project will deliver three key outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment Logic Map • Short form business case • Glossy 5-6 page summary document <p>This is a joint application with project partner, Ernest & Young.</p> <p>The project duration is 4 months.</p>	Abbotsford Convent	Vic.	83,682	92,050

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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