

## Project Progress Report

**Project:** Community Support  
**Reporting Period:** May to September 2009  
**Lead Agency:** Department of Communities  
**Agency Contact/s:** Mr Peter Ryan, Ms Jennifer Scott

### Project Objective

To deliver immediate and ongoing community support and specialised community development and engagement activities and provide a coordinated response to the social needs of the communities affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam and the Wyaralong Dam.

*Note: As a result of recent machinery of government changes, a number of agencies have joined the Department of Communities. These agencies include Child Safety, Disability Services, Sport and Recreation Services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services and Housing and Homelessness.*

### Summary of Progress

From May-September 2009, the Department of Communities has:

- provided information/referral and case management services to Mary Valley community members and organisations at the Kandanga One Stop Shop (KOSS) until 30 June 2009 inclusive;
- implemented alternative service arrangements in terms of information, referrals and access to Government and other services;
- funded Lifeline counselling services in the Mary Valley at the KOSS until 30 June 2010 to deliver targeted counselling services to the Mary Valley);
- funded Lifeline counselling services to the Boonah region as required (no requests received since closure of the one stop shop in March 2007);
- managed community development activities/projects and assisted with community funding applications at the Kandanga One Stop Shop until 30 June 2009; and from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 the department is funding the Cooloola Family & Community Development Committee to employ an additional Community Development Worker to manage community projects;
- coordinated and chaired the Regional Services Forum; and
- reported to the Sunshine Coast Regional Managers' Coordination Network which has adopted the Regional Services Forum as a formal project.

From May-September 2009, the Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation Services):

- is supporting a Funding Information Night in conjunction with Mary Valley Inc. This night will be open to all sport, recreation and community groups and is expected to be represented by a number of different agencies including Sport and Recreation Services. The information session is scheduled for 24 November 2009.

### Activity Report

#### TRAVESTON CROSSING DAM

- **Kandanga One Stop Shop – Community Contacts**
  - The Department of Communities closed the Kandanga One Stop Shop on 30 June 2009 and distributed a brochure with contact details for the Department of Communities and other Government agencies.
  - There have been no calls for information or referrals as at 30 September 2009.
  - In the period 4 May 2009 to 30 June 2009, 97% of the contacts received at the Kandanga One Stop Shop were in relation to community development activities.
- **Regional Services Forum:**
  - The Regional Services Forum met in May, July and September 2009. Member agencies discussed the project timeline and transitional service arrangements in the Mary Valley including project activities to 31 December 2009.
  - Member agencies of the Regional Services Forum are currently implementing 12 projects and 13 projects are being managed through the Cooloola Family & Community Development Committee;
  - The next meeting of the Regional Services Forum is scheduled for 15 October 2009.
  - The Regional Services Forum will continue to meet regularly until the end of 2009 and will provide updates to Task Force meetings.
  - The department will continue to provide bi-monthly Regional Services Forum updates to the Sunshine Coast Regional Managers' Coordination Network (RMCN). The next meeting of the Sunshine Coast RMCN will be held on 13 October 2009.
- **Community development/capacity building:**
  - Until 30 June 2009, community development support to the Mary Valley was provided by the Community Development and Engagement Officer who had been employed by the Department of Communities since January 2007.
  - From 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, in addition to the existing Community Development Worker, the department is funding a Community Development position through the Cooloola Family and Community Development Committee to further assist the needs of the Mary Valley. Existing and future projects will be managed under these new arrangements from premises at Imbil.
- **Counselling:**
  - Between 1 May 2009 to 30 June 2009, Lifeline conducted 86 personal and financial counselling sessions.
  - From 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, Lifeline has been funded by the department to provide a counselling service to the Mary Valley from premises at Imbil.
  - In July and August 2009, a total of 39 counselling sessions was conducted, which is a decrease on the figures for May-June 2009.

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- **Case Management:**
  - Until 30 June 2009, the Case Manager worked with a small number of clients on issues surrounding housing, finance and employment.
  - Since 1 July 2009, the Program Manager (Service Delivery) has had no calls for individual case management from the community.

### WYARALONG DAM

- Since establishment of the department's services in Boonah to 30 June 2009 inclusive there have been 258 community contacts in relation to the Wyaralong Dam with eight contacts recorded during May/June 2009.

### Key Milestones

Project	Date to be Achieved	Project Components
Transition of service delivery in the Mary Valley	1 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed.</li> <li>• Transition arrangements were implemented on 1 July 2009. Arrangements include funding of Lifeline and the Cooloola Family &amp; Community Development Committee for the 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 period.</li> </ul>
Services to the Mary Valley by the Department of Communities will be provided through existing core business	From 1 July 2010	

### Revised Milestones

Outcome	Date to be Achieved	Status
Mary Valley Inc.	Ongoing in 2009/10 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance with strategic planning and viability, organisational management and projects;</li> <li>• Audit of community skills and resources;</li> <li>• Main Street beautification.</li> </ul>
Imbil Development Group	Ongoing in 2009/10 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Viability strategy/vision planning;</li> <li>• Relocalisation project (meeting needs locally).</li> </ul>
Kandanga Information Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic planning</li> </ul>	Ongoing in 2009/10 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic planning for long-term viability of the information centre.</li> </ul>
Youth	Ongoing in 2009/10 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various educational and entertainment activities.</li> </ul>

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Outcome	Date to be Achieved	Status
Mary Valley Hall Upgrades	Ongoing in 2009/10 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrading of Brooloo, Imbil, Kandanga and Amamoor Halls</li> </ul>
Community Gardens	Ongoing in 2009/10 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding application submitted for the Stephanie Alexander School Garden program from Mary Valley College;</li> <li>• Community garden projects for communities other than Kandanga will be progressed depending on availability of community input and availability of land and water.</li> </ul>
Mary Valley Art Gallery (Imbil)	December 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment and development of the old Imbil church building to house artworks.</li> </ul>
Community Transport Strategy	Ongoing in 2009/10 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determining viability and funding of options identified in the needs analysis (completed October 2008).</li> </ul>
Aged Care Strategy	Ongoing in 2009/10 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsibility for advancing recommendations in the report now lies with the community and monitored regularly.</li> </ul>
Funding Information Night	24 November 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organised by Sport and Recreation Services in conjunction with Mary Valley Inc. The event is open to all sport, recreation and community groups in the Mary Valley.</li> </ul>

### Stakeholder Consultation

- The department continues to work effectively with regional agencies, local organisations and individuals and has ongoing consultation with:
  - Community Futures Task Force unit (community issues and social impact mitigation);
  - Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (QWI) (local issues; project milestones);
  - State Government agency regional staff (Mary Valley projects and core service delivery);
  - Lifeline Sunshine Coast and Lifeline Ipswich and West Moreton (service provision to residents affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam and Wyaralong Dam);
  - Mary Valley residents and organisations (community projects);
  - Gympie Regional Council staff and local counsellors (project initiatives; local issues);
  - Scenic Rim Regional Council and Fassifern Community Centre (local issues).

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**Project:** Economic Futures – and Business Adjustment Scheme and Worker Assistance Program

**Reporting Period:** 31 May to 6 October 2009

**Lead Agency:** Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)

**Agency Contacts:** Employment and Industry Development (EID): Gary Warrener, David Stubbin, Lara Tabua, Celena Ross, Robyn White, Shaun Leggate, Ron Everest

Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries (QPIF) Jason Keating, Graeme Whittaker

### Project Objective

To assist the communities in the vicinity of the proposed Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams to gain significant economic benefit from the development of the Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong dams and associated infrastructure works by:

- assisting businesses and workers impacted by the government's decision to build the dams;
- providing information to, and building economic development capacity of, local businesses and primary producers to enable their participation in the emerging opportunities with the objective of creating sustainable rural landscapes.

### Summary of Achievements

- *'Your future, your choices, making farming decisions in a time of change'* publication was launched in May 2009 and mailed to 29 financial institutions and advisers servicing the Mary Valley.
- Sixteen community leaders in the Mary Valley successfully completed a Building Rural Leaders personal development program.
- Completion of the publication, *'Australian Ginger Industry, market trends and opportunities'*, and facilitation of a Ginger Industry Supply Chain enhancement forum on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
- Signing of DEEDI MOU with Sunshine Coast Regional Council on 18<sup>th</sup> August and endorsement of Rural Futures action plan for hinterland region. Public launch of publication, *'Mary Economic Region: Agricultural Resource Guide'* to business leaders and senior local and state government officials.
- 8 seminars were conducted in the Mary Valley region:

24 <sup>th</sup> May	Sustainable Horse Management workshop, Kenilworth; 22 attendees
10 <sup>th</sup> June	How to retain Profits, Imbil - 6 attendees
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sustainable Horse Management workshop, Gympie; 19 attendees
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sustainable Horse Management workshop, Imbil; 20 attendees
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Mary Valley Building Rural Leaders, Course 3. Imbil; 14 attendees
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Mary Valley Building Rural Leaders, Course 4. Imbil; 14 attendees
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Mary Valley Building Rural Leaders, Course 5. Imbil; 14 attendees
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Business Planning - Surviving & Thriving, Gympie – 10 attendees

### Activity Report

#### Business Adjustment Scheme

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The total number of Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority (QRAA) Business Adjustment Scheme applications received from the Traveston Crossing area, by Category as at **30 September 2009**, is as follows:

Fund Type	Applications Received to 30 September 2009		
	Small business applications	Primary producer applications	Total
<b>Business Advice</b>	41	4	<b>45</b>
<b>Business Restructure</b>	30	4	<b>34</b>
<b>Business Exit</b>	12	1	<b>13</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>92</b>

Note (i): QWI administered Business Adjustment Scheme applications are not included in the QRAA administered process.

Note (ii): Applications Received include four withdrawn applications, two for Business Advice Assistance and one for Business Restructure Assistance and one for Business Exit Assistance.

### Projects to mitigate the economic impacts of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam

**Business Opportunity and Capacity Development** – Collaboration between Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI), industry and other government agencies to ensure that business and industry are informed of economic and business development opportunities.

- **Regional Development:**

- **Gympie Regional Council Industrial Land Development Strategy** – The final report has been reviewed by steering committee members..
- **Mary Valley Village Tourist Experience Review** – Tenders have been received and documentation is being progressed for a consultant recommendation to conduct the Mary Valley Village Tourist Experience Review. The steering committee includes representatives from the DEEDI, the Community Futures Task Force, Mary Valley Inc, Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce, Mary Valley Heritage Rail, QWI and Tourism Sunshine Coast. The project is expected to be completed by February 2010.
- **Mary Valley Agritourism Project** – Contactor has been appointed. Project Management Committee is in place. Call for nominations for local Stakeholder Reference group is underway. Representatives will be sought from local community, Gympie Regional Council, Mary Valley Inc, and Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce
- **Rural Leadership Development** - Sixteen community leaders selected from forty two Expressions of Interest were accepted into a Mary Valley Building Rural Leaders program that has recently concluded. Following feedback supporting the program, the Department is presently considering options for a further course targeted at developing the leadership capabilities of young community leaders.

- **Industry Development:**

- **Manufacturing Industry Development** –
  - The Department is working with manufacturers in the Gympie region to form a Lean Manufacturing Network.
- **Agribusiness Industry Development**
  - The Department is working with Australian Ginger Growers Association to mitigate the impact of the proposed dam at Traveston Crossing on the production of ginger grown in the Mary Valley region and assist the industry to grow and become sustainable.
- **Mary Agricultural Precincts**
  - The Department is supporting efforts of various stakeholders in the Floriculture and Sugar Industries through a range of activities aimed at growing rural industries in the Mary region.

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- **Emerging Technologies and Industries**
  - In collaboration with QWI and other stakeholders, the Department is engaged in two Research and Development projects in the Mary Valley. The first is a native timber project that is primarily focussed on tree improvement. Physiological, silvicultural and forest health research is incorporated into the research design. The trials are addressing breeding objectives shared by the different organisations and in some cases are directly related to specific collaborative projects.
  - The second is an Apiculture project that is trialling the establishment of six honey-producing varieties of leptospermum sp trees that yield a greater quantity of nectar containing enhanced levels of the anti-bacterial components for medical application.
- **Sustainable Property Management**
  - The Department sponsored a series of workshops to horse owners in the Mary Valley region to provide the most recent and relevant information on managing their land and water resources whilst caring for their livestock. The four events were well received with more than 75 people attending.
- **Business development:**
  - **Mary Valley Business Expansion and Retention Program** - The Department has entered into a contractor agreement for the ongoing delivery of project coordination services in the Mary Valley. The Steering Committee (Mary Valley Inc and DEEDI) have identified four projects to be progressed:
    - Business Profiling Project
    - Business Expo
    - Business Eco-Sustainability Project
    - Village Renewal Pilot
    - Agri and Food Processing – Business Project
    - Skills Sharing
  - **Invest Mary**
    - **Greater Mary Agribusiness and Processed Food Manufacturing Audit** – A draft report has been completed and is being reviewed by the Department. Recommendations will inform the delivery of future economic services in the region.
    - **Gympie Region Investment Strategy** –Steering Committee comments on the draft report are being incorporated into the document by the consultant . The project is expected to be completed by 30 November 2009.
  - **Capability development and Business Adjustment Services -**
    - Five one-on-one business client meetings were held during the reporting period
    - One Mentoring For Growth panel session was held on 24 August
    - There have been nine rural landholders, three organisations and three businesses assisted throughout this reporting period.

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### Projects to build the economic capacity of the region surrounding the proposed Wyaralong Dam

- **Boonah District Futures Study:**
  - Community Audit & Boonah and District Leadership Program; Projects are completed.
  - Farm and Nature Based Business Development Program; Project has commenced

### Key Milestones

Outcome	Date to be Achieved	Status
Gympie Regional Council Industrial Land Development Strategy	May 2009	The Steering Committee has reviewed a final report.
Greater Mary Agribusiness and Processed Food Manufacturing Audit	December 2009	Department reviewing final report and considering the implications of the findings for service delivery
Promotion of Agriculture into the school curriculum of Mary Valley College	March 2010	DEEDI is working with teaching faculty and students at Mary Valley College to support the wish of the college to become a recognized Gateway I to Agribusiness school.
Promotion of Greater Mary Investment Opportunities; Mary River Water Supply Scheme (MRWSC)	December 2009	DEEDI investigated potential for utilizing unallocated water entitlements in the MRWSC for high value agricultural production and is facilitating final negotiations between government and non government stakeholders.
Ginger industry adjustment and development	June 2010	DEEDI facilitated industry discussions for establishment of a Peak Industry Body and introduction of industry levy.
Land and Water Information Seminars for Mary region	Post release of Mary WROP	DEEDI is planning 5 x Land and Water Use seminars for locations throughout the Mary catchment to inform landholders about changes to land use and water allocations following the release of the Mary River Water Resource Operation Plan (WROP).

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### Stakeholder Consultation

Stakeholder	Date	Outcome of Consultation
Mary Valley Chamber Commerce	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Update of Department programs in the region and alignment of projects.
Gympie Chamber of Commerce	3rd June	Update of Department programs in the region and alignment of projects.
Mary Valley Inc - Villages Renewal Meeting	15th June	Attendance at meeting - to discuss project development and funding options and identifying key stakeholders
Mary Valley Inc.	17 <sup>th</sup> June 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Update of Department programs in the region and alignment of projects.
Mary Valley Steering Group Meeting	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Update on Projects and actions
Australian Ginger Growers Association	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Update of activities to guide targeted at assisting a sustainable supply of ginger for the future.
Gympie Regional Council	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Update on Department projects. Council engagement about Mary Valley Agritourism project
Apex Muster representatives	24 <sup>th</sup> July	Contractor inception meeting and review of Contract and critical issues prior to undertaking Muster Review
Cooloola Regional Development Board	6 <sup>th</sup> August	Update and engagement about Mary Valley Agritourism project
Sunshine Coast Regional Council	18 <sup>th</sup> August	MOU signing at Maroochy between DEEDI and SCRC
Mary Valley Inc and Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Sunshine Coast, Queensland Water Infrastructure, Mary Valley Heritage Rail	24 <sup>th</sup> September	Facilitate meeting to discuss tenders received for Mary Valley Village Tourist Experience
Mary Valley College	6 <sup>th</sup> October	Planning meeting with faculty and Education Queensland staff about Gateway Schools to Agribusiness initiative

### **Achievements to Date**

#### **Studies Completed:**

- Scoping Economic Futures – Traveston Crossing Region.
- Mary Valley Economic Development Strategy report.
- Scoping Economic Futures – Wyaralong Region report
- Boonah District Futures study, April 2009
- Regional Agricultural Trend publications for the Traveston Crossing Region, and Wyaralong Region (2007/08)
- Your Future, Your Choices, making farming decisions in times of change, Upper Mary River Catchment (April 2009).
- Invest Mary publication: Mary Economic Region: Agricultural Resource Guide (May 2009). This publication seeks to highlight the assets of the region for agricultural/agribusiness investment.
- An overview and comprehensive analysis of the impacts on the dairy industry from development in South East Queensland has been completed.
- Investigation into the Ginger industry supply chain identifying likely future impediments and providing information on possible future scenarios.

#### **Business Adjustment Scheme and Worker Assistance Program**

- 92 businesses and 9 individual workers have requested assistance in the Traveston Crossing area through the Business Adjustment Scheme and Worker Assistance Program. To date no applications have been received from the Wyaralong area.

#### **Industry Development in Gympie Regional Council Area**

- Construction and manufacturing industry - 12 Business Opportunity and Capacity Development Awareness Raising Forums, with AIEMnet and QWI - 410 attendees; 118 firms assisted to complete capability statements for QWI
- E-Commerce workshop for tourism industry (15 attendees); Accommodation Industry Forum (50 attendees); Clean, Green & Profitable workshop – targeted at Tourism industry operators – 31 attendees; Business Side of Art workshop – 15 attendees
- Value Added Food Processing - Agri-Food Innovators Forum (in partnership with DPIF) - 45 attendees
- Creative Industries -facilitated Strategic Planning and establishment of exhibition site for Imbil Artists
- 4 x one day horse management workshops were conducted in May and June 2009 with 76 property owners attending.
- Agriculture industry Networking forum at Kandanga on 14th March 2009
- Provision of information and advice to 68 producers in the vicinity of the proposed Traveston Crossing dam. A total of 169 producers and agribusinesses have been assisted throughout the Mary Valley region since the announcement of the proposed dam at Traveston.
- A Building Rural Leaders short course in the Upper Mary Valley was completed at the end of July 2009. 16 participants attended over the duration of the program.

#### **Business Development in Gympie Regional Council area**

- Business Development seminars and workshops – 12 conducted, 270 attendees. Topics covered included - Business Planning, Marketing, Managing Your Cash, Pricing for Profit, Winning and Keeping Customers.

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- Business Opportunity and Capacity Development Seminars – 17 conducted, 418 attendees. Topics covered included – Tendering, Project Management, QA, WH&S
- Business engagement - 303 one on one business appointments to discuss opportunities and issues
- Mentoring for Growth program - Launched in Gympie - October 2007. Participants – 2 businesses from Gympie; 3 businesses from the Mary Valley
- Mary Valley Business Retention & Expansion Project - **Initial project completed.**
- Identification of opportunity to utilise unallocated water entitlements in the Mary River Supply Scheme to accelerate the gross value of agricultural production in the Greater Mary region.

### Scenic Rim Regional Council Area

- The Boonah and District Enterprise Board has been established.
- Boonah Chamber of Commerce has been re-established.
- Boonah business “Walkabout” report finalised .
- Boonah businesses survey report finalised
- Boonah Business District Planning Study report finalised
- Investment Profile for Boonah and District: report finalised
- Marketing Plan for Families; retirees; home based business and tele-commuters: report finalised
- District-Wide Population Profile and Statistical Database: report finalised.
- Boonah District Business and Industry Gap Analysis: report finalised
- Boonah Touring Loops Management Plan: plan finalised
- Catalogue of Natural Assets has been completed

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Project: Mary Valley and Scenic Rim Tourism Projects  
Reporting Period: 11 May to 12 October 2009  
Lead Agency: Tourism Queensland  
Agency Contacts: Lynne Banford, Sharon Raguse and Therese Phillips

**Project Objectives**

To identify and map current tourism product in the Mary Valley and in the Scenic Rim, and to identify and implement priority tourism development, marketing and training initiatives for the two regions.

**Summary of Progress**

The Mary Valley and Scenic Rim Tourism Projects are continuing.

**Activity Report**

Mary Valley Tourism Project:

- Skills and Training Workshops have been completed in the Mary Valley, including a 'Mary Valley Long Lunch', business mentoring event was held at Amamoor Lodge on 19 May 2009. This was an industry networking event to encourage collaboration and partnership between the tourism operators in the area and 21 participants attended.
- A business mentoring program was initiated in June. The initial workshop covered marketing, business development, cash flow and staff retention topics and was followed by one-on-one business mentoring. 18 businesses took part in the initial workshop.
- A debrief session was held in September with all businesses identifying key learnings and ways to improve business. A further phase of one-on-one mentoring will be considered following a decision on the Traveston Crossing Dam.
- An Earthcheck Lite workshop was held in the Mary Valley in July 2009 for tourism operators interested in becoming sustainable. The workshop, was attended by 7 operators and looked at practical applications of environmental sustainability. Lagoon Pocket Bed and Breakfast have subsequently been successful in securing accreditation with other operators working towards this.
- A formal agreement has been made between Tourism Queensland, Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries and Southern Cross University for the Mary Valley Agri-Tourism initiative and this project has now commenced. A project steering group has been formed (including representation from the Sunshine Coast Destination Management Officer) and members of the local community have been asked to volunteer to be part of a broader reference group. The reference group will meet initially on week commencing 26 October 2009.
- A Tracks and Trails project is being developed for the Sunshine Coast hinterland (including the Mary Valley) to coordinate the regions tracks and trails plans and collateral, ultimately to obtain a template for a map which includes the main tracks, classified and graded for visitors to the region. Following selective tender, EC3 Global has been appointed to oversee the project which will commence in October and be completed by January 2010.
- The Mary Valley Identity project is currently being scoped, with the brief being sent to selective tender on 12 October 2009. The aim of this project is to establish a tourism position and message for the Mary Valley based on stakeholder needs and visitors perceptions.
- Sunshine Coast Nature Based Tourism Plan (including Mary Valley) has now been finalised.

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- The Tourism Sunshine Coast Destination Management Officer (DMO) has been appointed by TQ to project manage all projects relating to Mary Valley. In addition, by involving himself in a range of other Government projects (for example, by sitting on project group for the Village Experience Project) he will ensure continuity and synergy across all projects related to Mary Valley.

### Scenic Rim Tourism Project:

- Met with Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) and Small Business Solutions Mentors to progress first round of the Small Business Solutions Mentoring Program for Scenic Rim tourism operators. Eight businesses are involved in the first round of the program, and the program includes nine hours on in-business mentoring which contributes toward a selected Certificate IV level training. The program is due for completion in October.
- Once the first round of the Small Business Solutions Mentoring Program is completed, a second round will be offered to Scenic Rim tourism operators. Due to budget limitations, this second round will be offered to up to eight businesses, with three hours in-business mentoring. This round of the program is due for completion in November.
- Tourism Queensland worked with Untangle My Web to hold online marketing workshops for Scenic Rim tourism operators in early June. Four tourism operators participated in the workshops and each was provided with an additional two hours of business consultation and online marketing support.
- Met with Rose Wright and Robyn Rae from Southern Cross University regarding the Farm and Nature Based Tourism initiative. This project will be undertaken with the support of Ipswich City Council and Scenic Rim Regional Council.
- Scoping of the Scenic Rim Wine Tourism project is currently underway with key stakeholders. This project aims to work with existing wine tourism clusters in the Scenic Rim to further develop and enhance the tourism experience.

### Key Milestones

Outcome	Date to be Achieved	Status
Mary Valley Skills and Training Program	June 2009	The final skills and training workshops were completed in June 2009.
Mary Valley Agri-tourism Project	March 2010	Project has commenced, currently in progress
Regional Tracks and Trails Identification Project	January 2010	Consultant be appointed 26 October 2009
Mary Valley Identity Project	March 2010	Brief to tender until 30 October 2009
Small Business Solutions program and Online marketing workshops	November 2009	Planning meeting with partners to be completed
Scenic Rim Wine Tourism Signage	June 2010	Meeting with Councils to occur shortly

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### Stakeholder Consultation – Mary Valley

Stakeholder	Date	Outcome of Consultation
Mary Valley Tourism Operators	19 May 2009	Mary Valley Long Lunch
Mary Valley Tourism Operators	June 2009	Business mentoring program
Mary Valley Tourism Operators	28 July 2009	Earth-check lite workshop
QTIC	4 July 2009	Training and skills overview
Southern Cross University	26 August	Project reference group meeting – Agri-Tourism business initialisation
Tourism Sunshine Coast – Destination Management Officer	2 October 2009	Update of local projects

### Stakeholder Consultation – Scenic Rim

Stakeholder	Date	Outcome of Consultation
QWI	11 May 2009	Meeting to discuss Wyaralong Dam Recreation Plan
QWI	15 May 2009	Site visitor to Wyaralong Dam site and tourism planning
Scenic Rim Tourism Operators, Small Business Solutions, QTIC, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Ipswich City Council	26 May 2009	Long Morning Tea – Information and planning session for recession-proofing tourism businesses
Scenic Rim Tourism Operators, Untangle My Web, Ipswich City Council	03 June 2009	Tourism online marketing workshops
Scenic Rim Wine Industry Association, Queensland Wine Industry Association, Ipswich City Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council	04 June 2009	Wine Tourism Project Meeting
Scenic Rim Tourism Operators, Small Business Solutions, QTIC, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Ipswich City Council	10 June 2009	Small Business Solutions Workshop
Southern Cross University	18 June 2009	Meeting to discuss Farm and Nature Tourism Development Program
Scenic Rim Regional Council, QWI	24 June 2009	Recreation management Plan Prioritisation
Scenic Rim Tourism Advisory Group Meeting	23 July 2009	Provided update on TQ activity
Scenic Rim Tourism Operators	27 August 2009	Attended Scenic Rim Tourism Awards
QTIC, Small Business Solutions Mentors	02 September 2009	Update on progress of mentorees
Scenic Rim Tourism LTO Meeting	15 September 2009	Provided update on TQ activity
Scenic Rim Regional Council, Southern Cross University	17 September 2009	Meeting to discuss Farm and Nature Tourism Development Program

**Project Progress Report**

**Project:** Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study for the Proposed Traveston Crossing Dam

**Reporting Period:** from 11 May 2009 to 12 October 2009

**Lead Agency:** Department of Infrastructure and Planning

**Agency Contact:** Fiona Bailey

**Project Objective**

The Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam will assist in informing a long-term land use plan and infrastructure program for the Mary Valley region. This will include investigating the impacts of the proposed dam on existing land uses and settlement patterns in addition to identifying and assessing options for locating future land uses and infrastructure.

**Summary of Progress**

The Department of Infrastructure and Planning is currently reviewing the draft Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

The review will ensure the draft Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study is consistent with Gympie Regional Council and Sunshine Coast Regional Council planning priorities, Wide Bay Burnett regional planning preparation, and better reflects the Traveston Crossing Dam project as presented in the Environmental Impact Statement currently under consideration by the Coordinator-General.

**Key Milestone**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Date to be Achieved</b>
Discuss draft Terms of Reference for review of draft Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study with Gympie Regional Council	Completed
Revised Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study to be presented to Department of Infrastructure and Planning.	October 2009
Public Release of Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study	To follow assessment of the Environmental Impact Statement of the Traveston Crossing dam, should the State and Federal Government approve the dam.

**Activities outstanding at end of reporting period**

- Completion of the draft and finalised Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study for the Traveston Crossing Dam as proposed by the Environmental Impact Statement currently under consideration.

**Achievements to Date**

- Provided feedback to community members on information obtained at community meetings;
- Responded to community/other stakeholder questions regarding land use issues in the Mary Valley region and obtained community feedback on general land use issues within the Mary Valley region;
- Presented draft township concept plans to the Imbil and Kandanga communities;
- Obtained community feedback on land use issues affecting Federal State School. In particular, impacts associated with proposed highway realignment;

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- Sourced and co-ordinated relevant consultants to undertake technical projects associated with progressing the Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam;
- Consulted with the relevant shire councils, State agencies and Queensland Water Infrastructure to discuss land use and infrastructure planning matters in relation to the draft Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study;
- Prepared an update and response to 'Frequently Asked Questions and Answers' in relation to the Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study for the Community Futures Task Force Newsletter – Issue 14; and
- Planning officers from the Department of Infrastructure and Planning and the Gympie Regional Council met to discuss strategic planning issues, in January 2009.
- Engagement of consultant to review and finalise the draft Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study in August 2009.
- September 2009 further consultation with Gympie and Sunshine Coast Regional Council's and the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Sport and Recreation.

### Stakeholder Consultation

Stakeholder	Date	Outcome of Consultation
Kandanga	21 Nov 2006	Obtain community feedback on general land use issues
Imbil/Brooloo	5 Dec 2006 (6pm to 8pm)	
Carters Ridge	7 Dec 2006 (6pm to 8pm)	
Federal	21 March 2007 (6pm to 8pm)	
Carters Ridge	26 March 2007 (6pm to 8pm)	
Kandanga	28 March 2007 (6pm to 9pm)	
Federal – school community	3 April 2007 (3pm to 5pm)	Obtain community feedback on land use issues affecting Federal State School
Imbil/Brooloo	4 April 2007 (6pm to 8pm)	Obtain community feedback on general land use issues
Kandanga	11 April 2007 (6pm to 9pm)	
Imbil/Brooloo	2 May 2007 (6pm to 8pm)	Present draft township Concept Plans to community
Federal – school community	3 May 2007 (3pm to 5pm)	Obtain community feedback on land use issues affecting Federal State School. In particular, impacts associated with proposed highway realignment
Federal	9 May 2007 (6pm to 8pm)	Obtain community feedback on general land use issues
Kandanga	29 May 2007 (6pm to 8pm)	Present draft township Concept Plans to community
Gympie	22 July 2008	Briefed Gympie Regional Council on draft Planning Study
Kandanga/ Imbil	To date numerous meetings have been held with reference groups from Kandanga and Imbil on land use planning issues	