



brewarrina business centre

Brewarrina Community Interpretive Plant and Nature River Path

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The schedule for works and the milestone timings, originally laid out, have been severely challenged by the environmental conditions that have prevailed, in the Brewarrina region, since the release of funds.

The flooding and rainfall events that have affected the site, to date, have postponed the commencement of the project.

EMPLOYMENT

Due to a hold up in expected funding, which supported the project workforce, in other areas, the core workforce of ^{s47F}indigenous local residents had to be stood down in early November 2010.

The workforce is now made up of a combination of CDEP participants, work experience volunteers and casual workers, all local indigenous Brewarrina residents.

The workers themselves are a combination of being new to the project and having a long association with the project. The original plan had a mixture of CDEP participants and the project workforce. This approach is still applicable, only the proportion of project workers to CDEP workers will change.

This will not impinge on the quality of the work done but will give the added benefit of involving a wider portion of the community, which is the start of a number of approaches which will draw in the community, their knowledge and support into the project outcomes.

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Although the original employment outcome nominated up to ^{s47F} trainees and support workers, due to the change in ratio of knowledgeable project workers to new CDEP participants there may be a reduction in worker numbers to ensure the quality of project remains.

However, the performance indicator of ^{s47F} indigenous participants will be met and the stated aim of employment during the project and future employment through the establishment of Indigenous owned tourism and cultural businesses remains intact.

LEADERSHIP & MENTORING

The Leadership and Mentoring outcome, through the pathway being constructed by members of the Brewarrina indigenous community remains intact. The participants are all people who contribute to the community, in a variety of way.

The combination of project workers and new CDEP workers will enable the transfer of skills within the community as well as the uptake of new skills.

The remaining outcomes of **Health, Education, Economic Participation and Social Inclusion** are all outcomes that will appear at different stages of the project, due to their individual focus.

There has been much interest, especially from the tourist element now travelling through the region, in regards to the pathway. This supports the economic, employment and education outcomes that will be more prominent towards the second half of the project.

The health and social inclusion outcomes are also elements which will find more growth towards the end of the construction phase and as the information phase commences.

Financially, only a small amount of funding has been expended to date, however, once the weather has cleared and the riverbank is dry enough to allow safe work, the project will proceed to the construction stage. In the interim research, necessary for the information phase, has commenced.