



# QMDC Aboriginal Rangers

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC), in partnership with the Federal Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, has employed nine Aboriginal Rangers to deliver environmental outcomes as part of the Working on Country Regional program.

The QMDC Ranger program will undertake projects to help manage land across a variety of tenures, in partnership with state and local government, and private landholders.

QMDC's Aboriginal Rangers *will work with land managers* to implement on-ground works to help boost the sustainability of the Basin. It is hoped that along with *strong natural and cultural outcomes*, these projects will result in an *exchange of Aboriginal cultural knowledge*.

## The services

The QMDC Aboriginal Rangers will extend QMDC's work with land managers throughout the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin.

The Ranger team members are also keen to *work alongside landholders* where possible. The basis of this service is that QMDC provides the labour and the landholder/manager provides the materials.

The *two exceptions to this are weed control and cultural heritage projects*. There will be a charge of \$600 a day for weed control projects. The landholder also provides any registered chemicals necessary. For cultural site protection work, the Rangers will provide the labour and negotiate on the supply of materials.

Funds raised via weed control will contribute to further Ranger program activities.

## Project breakdown (examples only)

### Fencing riparian areas

QMDC

Aboriginal Rangers' labour

Land manager (plus own labour)

Fencing materials and equipment

### Weed control

QMDC

Rangers' labour costs

Land manager (plus own labour)

Rangers' labour costs (\$600/day)

Registered chemicals



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### What types of projects can be undertaken by the Rangers?

Those with natural resource management outcomes. Supported works include activities undertaken to prevent erosion, improve riparian conditions and boost biodiversity, as per QMDC's Sub-Catchment Planning (SCP) process. More information on SCP, can be found by visiting the QMDC website at: [www.qmdc.org.au/sub-catchment-planning.html](http://www.qmdc.org.au/sub-catchment-planning.html).

### What types of projects will the Rangers NOT undertake?

Anything QMDC would normally not support through Sub-Catchment Planning (SCP).

### I have a project I think would interest the QMDC Rangers. How do I get involved?

Please contact your local Landcare Coordinator, your nearest QMDC office (Toowoomba — 4637 6200, Goondiwindi — 4691 9700 or Roma — 4620 4600) or contact QMDC Ranger Coordinator Charlie Waters on 0400 455 048.

### Are the Rangers only contracted out as a team, or can they split into a pair or individuals?

The QMDC Aboriginal Rangers can, at the moment, only be contracted as a team, unless circumstances arise where they may be required to work individually. The team includes a Senior Ranger and two Rangers or a Senior Ranger, Ranger and Trainee Ranger.

### Do projects have to be linked to an approved SCP or QMDC project?

Ideally, the works would be linked, however, other projects will be considered.

### What do you as a landholder need to contribute?

Landholders need to meet the cost of materials and potentially, any specialised equipment. Labour costs are only charged in the case of weed control. Landholders will be asked to work alongside the Rangers but this is not compulsory.

### Is the landholder required to provide all necessary project tools? E.g. cement mixer, posthole driver, shovels and chainsaws.

The QMDC Aboriginal Rangers do have tools and equipment but each project will need to be assessed to determine if specialised equipment is required.

### Will the Rangers ensure vehicles and equipment are clean to reduce the impact of weed seed spread?

The Rangers will ensure vehicles and equipment are washed down between properties.

### How do I get a quote for weed control projects?

Project costs vary depending on the activity, location and other factors. Please contact QMDC Ranger Coordinator Charlie Waters on 0400 455 048.

### Does the quote include travel and accommodation costs?

The Ranger program will cover travel and accommodation. Land managers may be asked to help with accommodation (e.g. shearing quarters) depending on the location.

### Who is part of the Ranger team?

Please visit the QMDC website at for full details: [www.qmdc.org.au/contact-us/staff-contacts](http://www.qmdc.org.au/contact-us/staff-contacts).



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