

Environmental Strategic partnerships

During 08-09 Defence continued to establish and maintain strategic partnerships with universities, local community groups, key stakeholders, local governments and non-government organisations.

Key partnerships during the year included:

- University of Canberra and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government—monitoring of threatened species across the ACT
- Greening Australia and Australian National Botanical Gardens—collection and propagation of threatened flora species seed for revegetation programs in the ACT.
- Canberra Ornithological Group—data sharing and monitoring of bird species in the ACT region
- University of Newcastle—trial of fertility control methods for eastern grey kangaroos in the ACT.
- University of Melbourne, University of New South Wales, CSIRO, RSPCA, ACT Government and the Australian Museum—eastern grey kangaroos and threatened species management in the ACT
- Ngunnawal Indigenous groups—Indigenous heritage advice and assessments for the Majura Training Area and HMAS Harman in the ACT region.
- Australian National University—project at Jervis Bay to develop sustainable fire management practices and to integrate improved biodiversity conservation with improved land and asset protection in New South Wales (NSW).
- University of Melbourne—kangaroo census and management at Puckapunyal, Victoria (VIC).
- South Australian Department of Environment and Heritage—collaborative research project on natural regeneration and rehabilitation of remnant vegetation, in South Australia (SA)
- University of Western Australia—setting up and implementing tammar wallaby monitoring at Garden Island in Western Australia (WA)
- University of Western Australia and Murdoch University—monitoring of little penguins at Garden Island in WA
- Edith Cowan University—monitoring of seagrass in Cockburn Sound at Garden Island, WA
- Western Australian Museum—Carnaby's Cockatoo monitoring Bindoon Training Area in WA.
- Western Australian Museum—stygo fauna research at Learmonth Air Weapons Range in WA.
- Western Australian Water Corporation—trial of sewage by-product for revegetation and carbon sequestration at Bulls Brook Training Area in WA.
- Yued Working Party of the South West Land and Sea Council —heritage rehabilitation of Bullfrog Well area within the Lancelin Defence Training Area in WA.
- Yued Indigenous group—heritage rehabilitation of Bullfrog Well within the Lancelin Training Area in WA.
- Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management and Defence – Ecological Character Descriptions of the Shoalwater and Corio Bays Ramsar listed wetlands in Queensland (QLD).

- Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management and Defence – water quality monitoring and flora and fauna surveys at Shoalwater Bay Training Area in QLD.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority – development of a management agreement on implementation of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Strategic Environmental Assessment in QLD.
- Central Queensland University—regional sustainable development in QLD.
- Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – feral animal disease testing in Shoalwater Bay Training Area in QLD.
- University of Queensland—native animal management at the Greenbank Training Area in QLD
- Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service — supporting bio-security; detection of exotic diseases in feral animals (Bradshaw Field Training Area and Yampi Sound Training Area), NT.
- Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee—member of committee that advises Government on the use and management of Darwin Harbour in NT.
- Katherine District Weeds Advisory Council—membership to support cross-boundary treatment and reduction of risks due to invasive grasses and subsequent high fire risk species in NT.
- Darwin Region Weeds Advisory Council—membership to support cross-boundary treatment and reduction of risks due to invasive grasses and subsequent high fire risk species in savannah woodland environments in NT.
- Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary and Australian Wildlife Conservancy—enabling access to Bradshaw Field Training Area for Gouldian finch health research in NT.
- Rapid Creek Catchment Area Committee—Defence maintains membership to support RAAF Darwin's placement in the catchment in NT.
- Gouldian Finch Recovery Group – member of group that advises on recovery status and actions in NT.
- Victoria River District Conservation Association – participation in a bio-control trial for *Parkinsonia*, a Weed of National Significance in NT.
- Kimberley Land Council – employment and training of Indigenous Australians in the conduct of fauna surveys and fire management activities at Yampi Sound Training Area, NT.
- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources – support to freshwater fish surveys at Bradshaw Field Training Area, NT.
- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources – support to national marine bio-security monitoring at Larrakeyah/Coonawarra, NT.
- Department of Natural Resources, Environment, Arts and Sport – support to biodiversity surveys of NT islands projects through provision of access to Bradshaw Field Training Area, NT.
- Kakadu National Park – cross-boundary planning and sharing of data on feral animal management activities on Mount Bundy Training Area and Kakadu, NT.

In addition, Defence was involved in the following arrangements:

- Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan and Scenic Rim Regional Councils, Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management and Defence – Flinders-Peak to Greenbank Karawatha Conservation Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- Biosecurity Queensland and Defence – membership on State Land Pest Management Committee.
- Multi-tenure Feral Animal Management Working Group. Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Queensland Main Roads, Regional Councils, Forestry Plantations, QLD.
- Bremer River Catchment Coordinating Committee. Members: Ipswich Shire Council, industry and landholders, QLD.
- New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service and Defence: environmental management of Evans Head Air Weapons Range, NSW.
- Healthy Waterways Partnership, South East Queensland: the Moreton Bay Catchment, QLD.
- Weeds Working Group. Participants: Molonglo Catchment Group, ACT Government agencies including the Land Development Agency, ACT Parks, Conservation and Lands and Research and Planning, ACT Rural Landholders and Defence, ACT.
- Stage Three Water Restrictions in the ACT. Defence cooperatively developed a Water Minimisation Strategy with ACTEW AGL to meet the water restriction targets.
- Supporting Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority with the implementation of erosion and salinity control works in the Singleton area, NSW.
- North Sydney/Mosman, Manly Bushfire Management Committee. Committee Members: Local NSW Government, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council and Defence.
- Sydney North Regional Weeds Committee – Holistic management of noxious weeds across the Sydney North Region of NSW. Participants: Local NSW Government, NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), Sydney Water, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, NSW National Parks, TAFE and Department of Defence.
- NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change – NSW Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) – Plains Wanderer Research Group in the Riverina, VIC.
- South Australia Department of Environment and Heritage, Department of Land Water and Biodiversity Conservation – habitat restoration project at Murray Bridge Training Area and Port Wakefield Proof and Experimental Range, SA.
- Executive member Cockburn Sound Management Council, a State Government stakeholder body relating to HMAS Stirling and Fleet Base West, WA.
- Member Ellen-Brockman Integrated Catchment Group, a State Government stakeholder body relating to RAAF Pearce, WA.
- Member North Swan Landcare Group, a State Government stakeholder body relating to RAAF Pearce, WA.
- Partnership with Friends of Allen Park and City of Nedlands for management of remnant vegetation and public access, Campbell Barracks, WA.