

Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2007

New South Wales

The University of New England

LP0775034 Dr BG Boughton; Dr R Spence

Approved Project Title **An investigation into the contribution of the national adult education system to the post-conflict reconstruction and development of East Timor**

2007 : \$ 46,000

2008 : \$ 45,000

2009 : \$ 45,000

Primary RFCD 3301 EDUCATION STUDIES

LIF Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

DRTL Ministry of Education & Culture

DRTL Ministry of Labour & Community Reinsertion

Linga Longa Inc.

Administering Organisation The University of New England

Project Summary

This project will improve our understanding of the society and culture of our closest neighbour, East Timor, and of the dynamics of aid and development in our region. The Australian adult education community will learn to interact more effectively with the development process in Timor, as we pilot an approach which may be applicable in other communities, particularly ones with histories of conflict and where poverty is a major issue. Funding agencies will benefit from understanding better how to target adult education aid to achieve poverty reduction and democratic development. The project will strengthen the capacity of the government of East Timor to use adult education policy to raise living standards in their country.

LP0775145 Dr PJ Clarke; Dr K Knox; Dr RA Bradstock; Dr TD Auld

Approved Project Title **Fire severity, habitat heterogeneity and life histories. Resolving the persistence ability of plants in frequently fired landscapes**

2007 : \$ 102,148

2008 : \$ 102,148

2009 : \$ 102,148

Primary RFCD 2707 ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION

APA(I) Award(s): 1

APDI Dr K Knox

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

NSW Department of Environment and Conservation

Administering Organisation The University of New England

Project Summary

The wise management of Australia's biodiversity has major economic and social benefits for the nation through the provision of ecosystem services, bio-products and tourism. Fire is a pivotal environmental factor that will continue to influence plant biodiversity in fire-prone ecosystems. Inappropriate fire regimes, however, threaten biodiversity through disruption of life cycles. If too many or too few fires occur in an area this can lead to decline and extinction of plant and animal species. This research will provide a risk-assessment tool for the management of biodiversity to reverse population declines and prevent extinctions.