

New South Wales

Charles Sturt University

LP0883952 Dr PG Spooner; A/Prof DM Watson; Dr GW Luck; Mr DS Valentine; Mr ID Temby

Approved Project Title **Managing agricultural landscapes to maximise biodiversity gains: the case of the regent parrot**

2008 : \$ 42,500

2009 : \$ 85,000

2010 : \$ 85,000

2011 : \$ 42,500

Primary RFCD 2707 ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION

APA(I) Award(s): 2

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Select Harvests Limited

Vic. Dept. Sustainability and Environment

Administering Organisation Charles Sturt University

Project Summary

This project provides crucial knowledge to achieve an Environmentally Sustainable Australia (National Research Priority) and meets a principal aim of the National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development-to develop sustainable agriculture while protecting the biological resources on which they depend. We achieve this through a novel approach linking production targets and conservation trade-offs with agricultural landscape design and management. This information will underpin the development of policies to improve the environmental performance of Australian agriculture, ensure farming enterprises maximise benefits obtained from native ecosystems, and guarantee profitable and viable rural industries.

LP0883913 Prof J Sumsion; A/Prof LJ Harrison; Ms F Press; A/Prof S McLeod; Prof BS Bradley; Dr J Goodfellow

Approved Project Title **What is life like for babies and toddlers in childcare? Understanding the 'lived experience' of infants through innovative mosaic methodology.**

2008 : \$ 29,067

2009 : \$ 63,209

2010 : \$ 51,617

2011 : \$ 17,475

Primary RFCD 3303 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Family Day Care Australia

KU Children's Services

Administering Organisation Charles Sturt University

Project Summary

High quality childcare provision is a continuing policy challenge for the Australian Government. Lack of public confidence in childcare contributes to Australia's relatively low female workforce participation and constrains economic growth. This study will increase public, professional and parental knowledge of what life in childcare is like for infants; assist parents to make informed choices about childcare; enhance carers' professional practice; and provide guidance to the National Childcare Accreditation Council and relevant government departments about how to improve the quality of infant childcare. It will also lead to better outcomes for infants and help to ensure their healthy start to life.