

CFOC – Protecting Ramsar sites and values under Sustainable Environment
Reporting period 3 : July to Dec 2014
Lake Kungie (Pitherty) Project

The Lake Kungie rehabilitation projects is aimed at reducing the impact that domestic stock and feral are having on the health of the riparian zone. This will be achieved through the installation of alternative watering points and the construction of a hinge-joint fence. This will allow the property owner to reduce the total grazing pressure of the lake which will lead to an increase in ground cover. This fence will also lead to reduction in the number of feral animals which frequently graze and hunt around the waters edge, this fence while it is not a recognised Total Grazing Pressure fence will have some impact on the number of feral pigs, dogs, foxes and cats which use the lake for hunting and grazing. The erection of this fence will create a more suitable habitate for native animals, especially birds.

Photo 1: Native birds on Lake Kungie



Photo 2: Feral Pig damage at Lake Kungie



Photo 3: Water point at Lake Kungie:



Alternative waterpoints will also need to be installed, there is a bore currently supplying water for domestic stock which will be inside the fence.



This project was only signed on the 3rd of November, therefore only a relitly small amount of work has been carried out on this project. Stage one of this project is the installation of the alternative water points and it is due to be completed by the 1st of June 2015. The materials for this project are on site and the pipline has been sited and cleared. The heavy machinery required to bury the pipeline is also onsite however the recient rainfall has made the ground to soft and the installation of the pipe has been delayed until the ground conditions are more suitable.

Below: A map showing the Lake Kungie project.

