

Quarterly Stakeholder Report

Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project

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Acknowledgement: *The Project acknowledges the land of the Kungarakan and Warai Traditional Owners on which the Rum Jungle Project is located. The Project team pays respects to elder’s past, present and emerging and acknowledges the ongoing Warai and Kungarakan connection to Country. The Project thanks Kungarakan and Warai peoples for their ongoing cooperation and participation.*

Executive Project Director's Overview

Welcome to the Quarterly Stakeholder Report for the period October to December 2025. It has been a productive period with the Surface Water Treatment Plant continuing to treat and release water from the Main Pit. Stage 1 of site haul road construction has progressed well during the period with Stage 2 construction expected to commence in January 2026. Preparation for site facilities has been completed with commencement of site building installation works scheduled to commence in January.

The Community Engagement team maintained a strong focus this quarter on stakeholder engagement, facilitating meetings of both the Rum Jungle Cultural Oversight Group (COG) and the Rum Jungle Technical Working Group (TWG).

In October, a three-day archaeological survey was successfully completed across the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust and Coomalie Community Government Council borrow areas. This work was undertaken to identify and protect archaeological places and objects, ensuring compliance with cultural heritage obligations and supporting informed project planning.

The facilitation and delivery of Cultural Induction sessions for project personnel occurred this quarter. While three sessions were planned, two were delivered due to disruptions associated with Cyclone Fina.

During the quarter, the Hon. Minister Maley visited the Rum Jungle site to review project progress and engage with representatives from the Project Team, McMahon Services Australia (NT) Pty Ltd, and the Department of Industry, Science and Resources. The Minister also met with some Traditional Owner members of the COG and TWG, providing an important opportunity for direct dialogue and information sharing.

These activities are critical to the ongoing success of the project, and sincere thanks are extended to all participants for their time, commitment, and valuable contributions.

We will continue to update the community via this Report and the bi-monthly newsletter. As always, if you have any feedback on this report or would like further information, please address all correspondence to the team at rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au or call us on (08) 8999 6528.

Kind regards



Josh Curran

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Project Milestones

A Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) for the rehabilitation of the former Rum Jungle Mine site was executed on 31 January 2022. The FFA underpins the funding arrangements and schedule for delivery for Stage 3 of the Project, specifying 34 performance milestones. The first twelve milestones have been completed, and the Project team is now focused on activities relating to the milestones in the table below:

Milestone		Due Date	Status
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Pit dewatered to reduced level 56m (20% complete) Main Pit dewatered to reduced level 50m (40% complete) 	15 March 2026	In progress

Stage 3 Indicative Timeline and Schedule

The delivery of the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project has been scheduled in stages. The timeline below provides an indication of the high-level schedule of the Stage 3 activities. The schedule is indicative only and as the project progresses, there may be changes to schedule.

Rum Jungle Project High Level Overall Program

		STAGE 3																										
		CONSTRUCTION												STABILISATION AND MONITORING														
		Phase 3A						Phase 3B						Phase 3C														
		2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031		2032		2033		2034		2035		2036				
Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec		Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec		Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec		Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec		Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec		Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec						
Main Pit Backfill	Water Remediation Contract	Install Pit Water Treatment Plant	Jan-Jun 2025																									
		Dewater Pit	Jul-Dec 2025																									
		Pit Geotechnical Monitoring	Jan-Jun 2026																									
		Construct Ramp	Jul-Dec 2026																									
		Install Tailings Cover	Jan-Jun 2027																									
	Site Remediation Contract	Intermediate WRD to Pit	Jul-Dec 2027																									
		Dysons BFP to Pit	Jan-Jun 2028																									
		Main WRD to Pit	Jul-Dec 2028																									
		Cap Pit	Jan-Jun 2032																									
		Flood into lake	Jul-Dec 2032																									
Rock Storage Facilities	Site Remediation Contract	EBFR Realignment through Pit	Jan-Jun 2032																									
		Haul Roads	Jul-Dec 2025																									
		Front Gate Facilities	Jan-Jun 2026																									
		Construct East Rock Storage Facility	Jul-Dec 2029																									
		Construct West Rock Storage Facility	Jan-Jun 2030																									
		Remove haul roads	Jul-Dec 2031																									
Groundwater Decontamination	Water Remediation Contract	Remove infrastructure	Jan-Jun 2032																									
		Install Bore system	Jul-Dec 2025																									
		Install Ground Water Treatment Plants	Jan-Jun 2026																									
		Initial Decontamination	Jul-Dec 2026																									
		Long Term Decontamination	Jan-Jun 2027																									
Stabilisation and Monitoring	Water Remediation Contract	Decomission and Demobilise	Jan-Jun 2037																									
		Revegetation - Infill	Jul-Dec 2030																									
		Monitoring - Post Construction	Jan-Jun 2031																									
		Landform Maintenance	Jul-Dec 2031																									
Monitor and Prove Closure Criteria	Owner's Team	Land Management (fire and weeds)	Jan-Jun 2032																									
		Handover to T.O. (2037 - 2057)	Jan-Jun 2037																									

Note : Formal re-baselining in progress. Progress reporting against Phase 3A schedule

Key Stage 3 Activities

Water Remediation

Progress continues across the key water remediation workstreams supporting the dewatering of the Main Pit and the treatment of contaminated groundwater. Operation of the Surface Water Treatment Plant remains ongoing and is currently performing in accordance with design specifications. Groundwater extraction bore installation and associated flow testing have been successfully completed. The next phase of the Seepage Interception System involves installation of the pipeline network, which is scheduled to commence in early 2026, with full system operation anticipated in the second half of 2026.



Surface Water Treatment Plant.



Aerial view of the Surface Water Treatment Plant.

Bulk Earthworks

Progress continues across the bulk earthworks program to enable the backfilling of the Main Pit with waste rock. Haul road construction activities are underway, with Stage 1 haul roads scheduled for completion by the end of 2025. Construction of a bund to divert surface water around the Main Pit during the wet season commenced in September 2025



Construction of the Haul Road



Bund Plug Completed Work with Rock Armour and Bon Matt Polymer/ SO2

Site Maintenance Activities

Revegetation Works

Revegetation of disturbed areas within the Rum Jungle site will be undertaken progressively over the life of the project. Revegetation activities have already commenced in several small areas located outside the approved construction footprint. The Project has engaged Top End Seeds, a Katherine-based specialist in native seed collection and revegetation, to support the delivery of the revegetation program. In addition, the Land Management Team has been actively involved in the collection of native seed from the Batchelor region to support site-specific revegetation outcomes and undertaking direct seeding of a new area on site.



Land Management team – processing seeds



Land Management team – direct seeding new site as part of the revegetation program

Weed Management

Following recent burn events and rainfall, the Rum Jungle Land Management Team, in conjunction with weed management contractors, transitioned to wet season management of weed regrowth areas. Weed management activities were also undertaken across the Rum Jungle site and associated borrow areas throughout October and November. The extent and outcomes of these activities are illustrated in the images below.

General Site Maintenance

The Land Management Team continues to undertake routine operational activities, including weekly site and boundary inspections, equipment maintenance and servicing, environmental monitoring and sampling, relocation of multi-stemmed cycads, weed management, native seed processing, and the provision of general site support across the project area.



Land Management team – Multi-Stem Cycad Relocation Survey



Land Management team - Bore Water sampling

Heritage Management

Archaeological surveys were undertaken in late October to facilitate the clearance of the Coomalie Council borrow area near Rum Jungle Lake and the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust borrow area adjacent to the Rum Jungle site. Gravel and clay materials will be sourced from these borrow areas and transported to the site for use across various stages of the rehabilitation works. The surveys were conducted to identify any archaeological places and objects and to establish appropriate management and protection measures, ensuring that these heritage values are not disturbed or damaged during project activities.

Engagement

The Cultural Oversight Group (COG) met in October, with the November meeting rescheduled to December to align with a two-day meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG). This coordination supported effective collaboration and information sharing across both project working groups.

Cultural induction sessions were delivered in October and December to McMahon Services staff, subcontractors and project personnel. A planned November session was postponed due to cyclone Fina. Delivered by Traditional Owners, these inductions play an important role in ensuring all workers and visitors understand and respect the cultural significance of the site.

In October, a three-day archaeological survey was successfully undertaken across the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust and Coomalie Community Government Council borrow areas.

Minister Maley visited the site to inspect project progress and meet with representatives from the Project Team, McMahon Services Australia (NT) Pty Ltd and the Department of Industry, Science and Resources. The Minister also met with some Traditional Owner members of the COG and TWG during the visit.

Workforce and Business Development Activities

Performance against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) relating to Aboriginal employment and business development is shown in the table below, which includes figures for the Project Team and contractors.

The Project continues to perform well against the Aboriginal employment KPI, with results exceeding the established target this quarter. This reflects the effectiveness of ongoing recruitment strategies, existing workforce retention, and established partnerships. Targeted training and capacity-building initiatives are being pursued to continue alignment with workforce requirements. Aboriginal Business Expenditure for the quarter was above target but there remains room for increased expenditure over the life of the project as civil construction and other operational activities commence.

	KPI Description	Quarterly Target	Quarterly Result (Average)
1	Employment Full Time Equivalent Aboriginal Employees	25%	33%
2	Aboriginal Business Expenditure (% of operating costs)	5%	8.6%

Project Ready Training Program (PRTTP) - 2026 Training Opportunities

The Project Team, in partnership with Batchelor Institute, is currently negotiating the delivery of a 2026 training schedule for the Project Ready Training Program (PRTTP).

Training opportunities will be promoted through the Rum Jungle Project and Coomalie Community Government Council newsletters and notice boards, community meetings, and the quarterly report. These courses are expected to be delivered throughout the second half of 2026.

All courses will be offered free of charge, with the Rum Jungle Project Team providing wraparound support to participants for the duration of each course. Places are limited, so anyone seeking further information, interested in enrolling, or wishing to nominate a family member is encouraged to contact Gowan using the details below.

In November, two participants successfully completed a four-week Certificate I in Engineering course.

2026 Traineeships

The next round of traineeships is scheduled to commence in July 2026 in order to align with training schedules at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education. Further information will be provided in the coming months as program details are confirmed. If you wish to register your interest in being considered or know of a family member who might be interested, please contact the Project Team at rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au.

Business Support Activities

Our Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project Business Development Officer continues to provide a range of support services to Aboriginal Business Enterprises, including business owned and operated by Warai and Kungarakan Traditional Owners. Support includes mentoring and tailored assistance. To date, this support has resulted in grant applications being submitted to the value of \$4.2 million, and over \$1.8 million of grant funding being awarded directly to Aboriginal Business Enterprises. Our aim is to prepare businesses for participation in the Rum Jungle project, as well as other available opportunities across the Territory.

What's Happening Next Quarter

The January to March quarter of 2026 will continue to be busy, with the following key activities coming up:

PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS

Procurement Underway

- RJP-0058 – Cleaning services for Batchelor Office and Kirra Crescent House
- RJP-0062 – Operation and Maintenance (of the Groundwater Treatment Plant)
- RJP-0065 – Regional Economic Development Focus Group
- RJP-0066 – Dust Management Plan
- RJP-0067 – Provision of Charter Bus
- RJP-0068 – Provision of accommodation and catering services for BITE Students 2026

Active Contracts

- RJP-0038 – Provision of Mined Land Revegetation Planning, Technical Advice, Training and Field Program Supervision for the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project
- RJP-0057 – Provision of Weed Management Services at the former Rum Jungle Mine site for a period of 36 months
- RJP-0059 – Provision of Services to Facilitate Working Group Meetings for a period of 12 months
- RJP-0060 – Provision of Archaeological Surveys and Report Writing for a period of 12 months
- RJP-0S02 – Rum Jungle Rehabilitation – Provision of Civil Works and Site Remediation Services
- RJP-0056 – Provision of Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Services
- RJP-0070 – Senior Project Lead

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

- Ground Water Treatment Plant Construction
- Haul Road Construction

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Main pit dewatering via Surface Water Treatment Plant
- Weed management will continue with visual inspections of all areas and periodical execution of spraying.
- Maintain and repair existing fences
- Targeted burn off (dependant on weather)
- Collection of targeted seeds, training on processing, storage and management of collected seeds
- Revegetation of selected areas and fencing, weed management and watering recently planted tube stock and seedlings