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Conservation Land Management Team Update

The land management team have been working on a revegetation plan for a few sections of the mine site that will not be impacted by the rehabilitation works. As part of this work they have been working weed eradication in these areas and planning on the installation of fire breaks and preparation of the sites ready for revegetation works later in the year.

Additionally the team have been completing the following this month included:

- Weed management across the mine site
- Assistance with set up of new project base
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Monitoring of site access
- Seed collection and processing
- Relocation of test pit samples to Darwin



Seed stock being sorted



Watering of established tube stock plants



Crew travelling to site



Site to be revegetated later in 2023

We are working with Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education to get the team ready to start their next qualification, Certificate 3 in Conservation Ecosystem Management.



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Reconciliation Action Plan Update

All feedback for the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) has now been collated and incorporated into the final RAP document and will be published shortly. Please note that this is a live document and can be updated where required through consultation with the Kungarakana and Warai Traditional Owners and the Rum Jungle Project team.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Update

Consultation on the draft Commonwealth environmental approval has now been completed. The Project is expecting to receive the final approval in the coming weeks. With these major milestones checked off the Project has started work on the Remediation Action Plan, which is the a second round of approvals required before major works can start.

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) Update

The Project is working with AAPA to finalise the certificate for the borrow areas and sections of road marked for upgrades. The Project is hoping have this completed in the coming weeks.

Borrow Pits Update

The project team continues to work with Northern Land Council (NLC) and the Traditional Owners on the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust (FRALT) Borrow Area "Section 19" application. A response around the borrow material is now critical with NLC being given a hard deadline on an outcome of the Section 19 of June 2023. If there is no outcome by the end of June, the project team will have to work on sourcing an alternative borrow pit site to ensure the project schedules are met.

A commercial agreement with the Coomalie Community Government Council regarding access and use of the Borrow Area has now been reached. The next step is the extractive mineral lease which has now been applied for. The Rum Jungle land management team will only continue on with the seed gathering, fencing, weed and fire management work, until the AAPA Certificate approval is forthcoming.



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Procurement Update

The Project team have created a Kungarakan & Warai business owner register. This register will help us to identify any Kungarakan & Warai run businesses who may have the capacity and capability to assist in completing areas of upcoming works within the procurement parameters.

Please get in touch with the team via rumjunglecontracts@nt.gov.au if you would like your business added to the register. Our team will be using the register to contact interested parties in their call out for quotes.

We will also give the business register to large contractors in future when it comes to tendering for the large work packages.

Large Major Work Packages Update

- The multi-staged procurement process for the Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Services package started in October 2022. The first phase of the Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) was granted to McMahon Services Australia (NT) Pty Ltd, Sitzler (NT) and Ventia Pty Ltd, who are currently working on the development of a Water Management Plan, Water Treatment Plant design and a Pit Backfill methodology. Four interactive design sessions have taken place and the final proposals are expected to be received from each participant for evaluation on 16 June 2023.
- Civil works and Site remediation services package, the Expression of Interest (Prequalification stage), was released on 28 April 2023 and closes June 1st. To submit your interest, please register and download the Expression of Interest on [Quotations and Tenders Online | Tender Details \(nt.gov.au\)](#)
- The Construction of the Preliminary Haul Road Section and Culvert Creek Crossing package was released on 18 May 2023, with mandatory site visits happened on 30 May 2023. Tender Closing

Bulk Earthworks Expressions of Interest - Industry Briefing

The industry briefing for the upcoming Bulk Earthworks Expression of interest (EOI) was held 11 May 2023 attracting a number of local businesses. The EOI process closes June 1st.

A total of **39 individuals** participated in the event, with 14 attending in person and 25 joining via Microsoft Teams. This includes representatives from **18 businesses**



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Certificate III in Civil Construction & Business Administration Traineeships Update

Members of the RJP team with help and support of Matthew Scott (Lecturer/Trainer BIITE) and Ironbark representatives, travelled over 4 days to the following locations to undertake and assist individuals interested in applying for the Civil Construction (8) and Administration Officer (1) traineeships and future training and workforce opportunities (e.g. General Labour Pool and Traffic Management) being offered under the project.

There was a lot of interest and great turnouts at all sessions from Kungarakana and Warai family groups exceeding all expectations. All interested applicants were interviewed and undertook a language, literacy and numeracy assessment and were helped with resumes if they were needed.

Location	Date	Number of Applicants
Batchelor	Thursday, 4 May 2023	12
Palmerston Town Village (15 Mile)	Friday, 5 May 2023	11
Palmerston	Monday, 8 May 2023	6
Adelaide River	Tuesday, 9 May 2023	10

Next Steps

We are currently working through the applicant shortlisting process and will be able to notify all applicants of the outcome in early June 2023, prior to the scheduled commencement of the Trainees with Rum Jungle, 3rd July 2023.

2023 Rum Jungle Quarterly Stakeholder Report Schedule

- Quarter 2, 20 July 2023
- Quarter 3, 20 October 2023
- Quarter 4, 20 January 2024



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Aboriginal Business Enterprise (Useful Information)

The following information is provided to assist small to medium Aboriginal businesses at all stages in the Northern Territory with links and information to organisations and support services that may be able to assist with business start up, growing and building business and workforce capacity and capability, strengthening networks, general support services and resources:

Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network (NTIBN):

[Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network \(ntibn.com.au\)](http://ntibn.com.au)

Supply Nation:

[Supply Nation | Australia's largest national directory of Indigenous businesses](http://Supply Nation)

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC):

[Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations | Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations \(oric.gov.au\)](http://oric.gov.au)

Australian Government — Indigenous Business Australia

[Indigenous Business Australia \(iba.gov.au\)](http://iba.gov.au)

Your Business and IBA information session	31 May 2023
Business Essentials: One page business plan	31 May 2023
Your Business and IBA information session	07 June 2023
Procurement Workshop	20 June 2023

Workshop Opportunities:

Indigenous Business Australia will be offering the following upcoming business skills online workshops to assist with meeting the challenges of a business life cycle: Additional information regarding these workshops can be found at:

[Workshops to start or grow your business - Indigenous Business Australia \(iba.gov.au\)](http://Workshops to start or grow your business - Indigenous Business Australia (iba.gov.au))



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Rum Jungle Project Economic Opportunities Update

Below are some of the identified layers of business & employment opportunity that fall from stage 3 of the project. You can seek help to create a business through;

Many Rivers Microfinance Limited: <https://manyrivers.org.au/programs/small-business-support/>

NT Government Small Business Champions: <https://nt.gov.au/industry/business-support/small-business-champions>

Stage 3 Layers of Opportunity



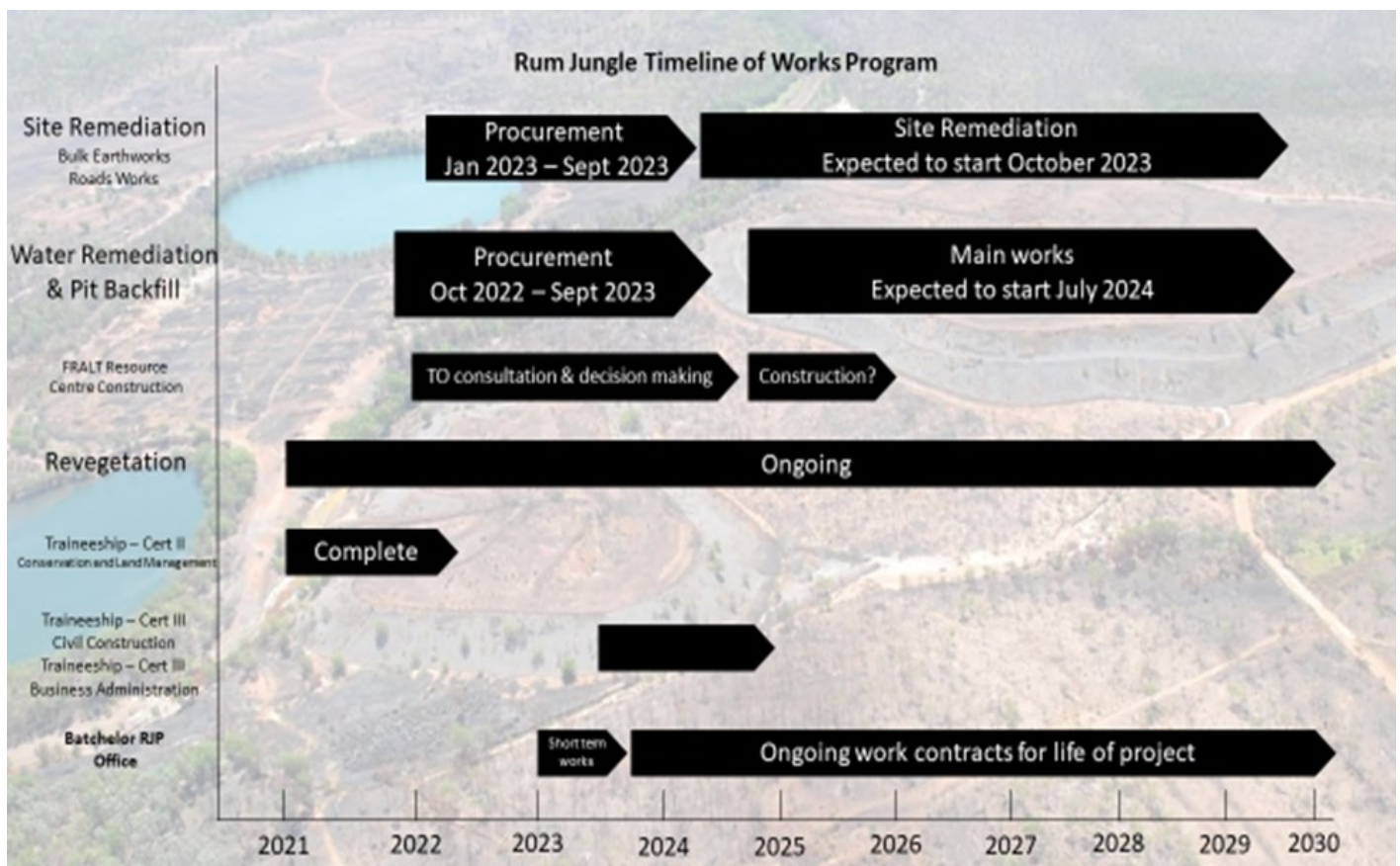


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The above diagram titled “Rum Jungle Timeline of Works Program” highlights scheduled project works. There are two very large major work packages: Site Remediation and the Water Remediation & Pit Backfill packages. **These works need equipment operators, Water Treatment technicians, Crew supervisors, Surveyors. There’s an ongoing need for Security, Traffic Management, General Labourers, catering services and accommodation services. There is also a requirement for the new Rum Jungle Batchelor office to undergo immediate & longer term works.**