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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Mineral Title Update
- Culvert Crossing update
- Hydrobiology team flora and fauna survey
- Staffing Updates



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Land Management Team Update

This month the Land Management Team (LMT) continued to work through their Certificate III in Conservation Ecosystem Management, currently Working on cultural heritage units.

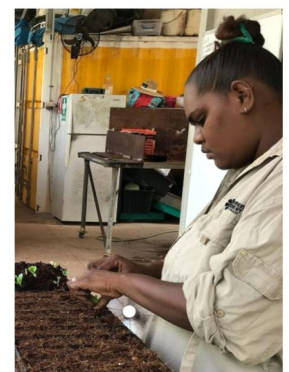
The LMT was engaged in assisting the Hydrobiology team complete a 2 week flora and fauna survey along the East Branch of the Finniss River downstream from the mine site.

The team have now completed the installation of the 60mm fence for first portion of the Monsoon Forest revegetation area in preparation for planting in January 2024. In addition to this, the team with the assistance of the Civil Construction Plant Operations trainees continued with the preparation of the area marked for rehabilitation through the spreading of 960 hay bales to act as mulch and to slow the effect of water erosion in the area.

Team members also spent some time with Territory Native Plants, who have been engaged to propagate a variety of native seed stock that the team have collected over the past year at their nursery to complete the pricking process to remove the small stems from the trays and place them into individual tubes to grow for the next 4 months before planting early next year.

The LMT were also involved in conducting several site surveys to mark out the footprint of the future Waste Storage Facilities (WSF) sites. The team members then assisted an Archaeologist with a survey of the location of the WSF and the future haul roads.

The team are currently preparing for the cycad relocation program scheduled with Territory Native Plants next month, and have taken the delivery of the new fit for purpose truck for use during the rehabilitation program. In addition to this the team continues to undertake seed collection across the Rum Jungle site for the purpose of salvage and conservation of species native to the area and for use in the rehabilitation of the site.





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Environmental Update

The Project has recently completed a riparian flora and fauna survey. The survey aims to update baseline environmental health data prior to the commencement of construction works. The survey looked at the density and health of riparian vegetation as well as key riparian reptile species such as Mertens Water Monitor and freshwater crocodiles.

The Project will perform another survey during the construction works and after major works on the site are complete. This information will be used to monitor and track any positive or negative impact of construction works on the East Branch of the Finniss and the Main Finniss.



Mineral Titles Update

An Extractive Mineral Lease application was granted to the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation project by the Mineral Titles Department on 26 October 2023. The project team will be required to submit a Mining Management Plan (MMP) before any works can commence. The MMP will outline any works to be conducted on site and the nomination of an operator to conduct and oversight the work.

2023 Rum Jungle Quarterly Stakeholder Report Schedule

- Quarter 3, October 2023
- Quarter 4, January 2024





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Works Package Update

- The procurement process for the Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Services package commenced in October 2022 and has been carried out in multiple stages. During the initial stage of Early Contractor Involvement (ECI), McMahon Services Australia (NT) Pty Ltd, Sitzler (NT), and Ventia Pty Ltd were engaged to develop Water Treatment, Water Management & Main Pit backfill methodologies. Each of the ECI Participants has provided their design proposals, which are presently under consideration by the DITT evaluation panel. This assessment also includes review by technical specialists to ascertain the most suitable design approach for advancing to the subsequent detailed design phase of the works. It is expected that ECI Phase one will be concluded in November 2023.
- On 1 June 2023, we received Expressions of Interest for the Civil Works and Site Remediation Services package during the prequalification stage. 10 companies were shortlisted to proceed to the Request for Tender (RFT) phase and the expected to be released to the shortlisted companies in early November 2023.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) will oversee the procurement process for the upgrade of two public road intersections located at Poett/Litchfield and Litchfield/ Batchelor roads. DIPL is currently reviewing the technical documentation prepared by the Rum Jungle engineering team. Consequently, the release to market has been deferred to the fourth quarter of 2023.

Procurement Update

The Project team have created two business registers — a Kungarakan & Warai business owner register and a Coomalie business register. These registers will help us to identify any Kungarakan & Warai or locally 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 for quotes.

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



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Civil Plant Operations Traineeship

The civil construction plant operations trainees have now commenced their Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations and the following Skill Set training in Conservation and Ecosystem Management (CEM).

- Participate in workplace health and safety processes
- Operate basic machinery and equipment
- Undertake operational maintenance of machinery



The trainees have also been engaging in on the job training and work opportunities including:

- The completion of a fencing project in which they were required to make 9 fence stays for a Coomalie region client. The trainees had to measure, cut, grind and weld the fence stays which will provide strong reinforcement for the fencing wire once in place.
- Onsite work was conducted with the BIITE Land Management trainers, undertaking the following training:
 - ◆ Work Health and Safety and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) processes and procedures.
 - ◆ Checking and maintaining equipment (whipper snippers, blowers) prior to use.
 - ◆ Use of equipment to maintain and upkeep land management training site, and
 - ◆ Identification of weeds in and around the Batchelor township.



The trainees are progressing steadily through their traineeships.



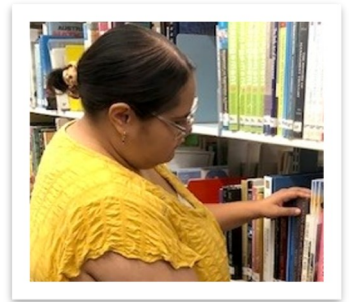


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Business Traineeship

Sharnice Verburg continues to advance through her Business traineeship, completing another 3 units of competency during the months of September and October 2023.

Sharnice is currently undertaking on the job training with the Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) in the Batchelor Campus Library and will also be training in the BIITE Student Progression Office Oct/early Nov.



Some of the tasks Sharnice has undertaken, but were not limited to while training in the Batchelor Campus Library were:

-  Customer Service
-  Assisting with the libraries calendar of events
-  Setting up library facilities for Higher Education and Research students
-  Organise shelving and displays
-  Monitor Inter Library Loan (ILL) and Library emails
-  Familiarisation with library policies and procedures
-  Daily statistics for people visiting the library
-  Assisting children with after school computer and other electronic facilities

Sharnice is progressing well, further expanding and developing her knowledge and skills through the various on the job opportunities she has had since starting the traineeship.

Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Staff Update

The Rum Jungle Rehabilitation project has welcomed a number of new members to the team over the past few months.

Mark Mialzygrosz started with the project as the Project Superintendent in September 2023 and will be working closely with contractors both on and off site coordinating and controlling operations to ensure works and contractual obligations are performed efficiently and effectively.

Brett Macdonald commenced with the project early July as a Procurement Project Officer. Brett brings to the team extensive NTG procurement and contract experience and knowledge.

Lynda Coates commenced with the team in early October on a 6 month secondment from the DITT, Business and Workforce Division where she works as a Small Business Champion. Linda will be working as the Business Officer working closely with existing and proposed Kungarakkan, Warai and Aboriginal business enterprises (ABEs) in the region to assist with business development and support.

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Culvert Crossing Works Update

The construction of the new culvert crossing commenced 27 September 2023 with the primary contractor (RTL Earthworks) mobilising their office and plant machinery and establishing a laydown on site. The Culvert crossing is the first earth works project for Rum Jungle aimed at establishing an all-weather access road to the entire site as well as moving the primary access away from significant culturally sensitive areas. The Monsoonal Forest revegetation project expected to be planted January 2024 would not possibly be accessible without the culvert in place, with the wet season moving in.



The foundation works in the crossing have now been completed with RTL taking delivery of the corrugated steel pipes which will be used as the culverts. When completed the culvert designs main purpose will be to allow for wet season flooding to pass through the central culvert with the intention of also allowing fish to migrate up and down the creek. The culvert will remain in place for the term of the project.





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Aboriginal Business Enterprise Support Activity

The Rum Jungle team has engaged a Business Officer who will be focusing on working closely with Kungarakan, Warai and Aboriginal businesses in the Coomalie region.

Since commencing with the Rum Jungle team the Business Officer has been working with businesses to register with NTIBN and Supply Nation to become certified.

From the **1st January 2024**, [The Aboriginal Procurement Policy](#) that applies to all Government contracts with an estimated value of \$15,000 requires an ABE to be:

- Registered with a [certifying authority](#)
- At least 51% Aboriginal owned
- Operating as a business
- Be able to prove Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people:
 1. Are involved in the daily operation of the business
 2. Have effective control that is at least equal to the degree of ownership of the business.

In addition to this, this officer has been and will continue to provide support for businesses at meetings with:

- [Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment Corporation](#) (NTAIC),
- [Indigenous Business Australia](#) (IBA),
- [Business Enterprise Centre](#) (BEC), and
- [Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network](#) (NTIBN)

This coordination and support when talking to these organisation can help you to understand the services that are available and how they can leverage off each other.

Other support offered has been to help businesses to navigate grant and funding opportunities and assisting businesses to make sure that all supporting documents are provided if applying for these opportunities.



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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](#)

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)

Northern Territory Government Business Information and Grants

[Business and industry | NT.GOV.AU](http://NT.GOV.AU)

Workshop Opportunities

Indigenous Business Australia offer 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 \(iba.gov.au\)](#)



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Business Support & Grant Opportunities

Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment Corporation (NTAIC) - Grants Program

NTAIC General Grants

The General Grants program will fund a range of business, cultural, community and land and sea country initiatives. Some examples could include grants to support Aboriginal employment and businesses, cultural festivals and activities, and grants to improve community facilities.

In the General Grants program, applicants can apply for up to \$500,000 per year for a maximum period of 3 years. There is no minimum amount of funding that can be applied for. The NTAIC has allocated a pool of \$50 million per annum for this funding stream over three years to Financial Year 2025-26.

See the following documents for more information on NTAIC General Grants:

[Grants Program Guidelines](#)

[General Grant Application Form Example Only*](#)

Click below to apply for a NTAIC general grant:

[Apply for a NTAIC General Grant](#)

Contact Us

For more information, please call or email.

National Indigenous Advancement Agency (NIAA)

Indigenous Rangers Program Expansion Round One

The Indigenous Rangers Program (IRP) is a successful and well-respected program that assists First Nations people to manage Country in accordance with Traditional Owners' objectives, delivering a range of environmental, cultural, social and economic development outcomes.

The Australian Government is committed to an expansion of the IRP with funding available to double the number of Indigenous rangers to 3,800 by the end of the decade and work towards gender equality in ranger positions.

For more information regarding the Indigenous Rangers Program Expansion Round One contact your local NIAA Regional Office listed at niaa.gov.au/contact-us/regional-network-addresses or:

Phone:

1800 079 098

Email Address:

indigenoustrangersgrants@niaa.gov.au

Northern Territory Government Business Support and Grant Opportunities

The Northern Territory Government offers assistance and support to businesses to help navigate and simplify the processes if starting a business, developing a workforce, support with infrastructure or growing your operations through the Northern Territory Business Support Guide and various grant opportunities on offer to new and existing businesses.

Information about these supports can be found at: [NT business support guide](#) and [Business grants and funding | NT.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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Rum Jungle Works Program Timeline

The diagram below titled “**Rum Jungle Works Program Timeline**” highlights scheduled project works. There are two very large major work packages: Site Remediation and the Water Remediation & Pit Backfill packages. ***These works may need equipment operators, Water Treatment technicians, Crew supervisors and 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.***

