



# Newsletter

June 2023

Rum Jungle Project Update

## Conservation Land Management Team Update

The land management team have had a busy June. They have completed the last round of Gamba grass spraying for the season and have been busy sorting seeds. The team have also started undertaking a Certificate III in Conservation Ecosystem Management this month.

Some members of the team assisted with the installation of fire breaks and a number of hazard reduction burns onsite with the Batchelor, Adelaide River, Tortilla Flats (B.A.R.T.) Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Boundary.

They continued with the preparation of sites for revegetation works later in the year, and the team were also observers to the stocking of Rum Jungle lake with Barramundi.

- Fire breaks and hazard reduction burns
- Weed management across the mine site
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Seed collection and processing
- Preparation of revegetation sites
- Monitoring of site access



Crew & Batchelor residents Watching Fisheries officers release the Barra

Land Management crew undertaking their Certificate 3



Team conducting a controlled burn on site under the watchful eye of B.A.R.T



## Borrow Pits Update

The project team have ramped up engagement with both the 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 has not been reached to date and the project team will move to work on sourcing an alternative borrow pit site to ensure the project schedules are met.

As the commercial agreement with the Coomalie Community Government Council regarding access and use of the Borrow Area has 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.

Across June, the project team undertook separate FRALT Borrow Area site visits and undertook separate MS teams meetings or teleconferences for individuals who couldn’t attend the family site visits, but requested an update on the S19. The purpose of the site visits, meetings, discussions and this newsletter updates is to provide both a visual representation and an update to Traditional Owners on opportunities associated with the Borrow Pit for their information and consideration prior to a scheduled NLC meeting in early July. Topics of discussion include:

- explaining that Zone 2 (Blue section of FRLT Map on following page) is the main area the Project will focus on for the materials required to undertake rehabilitation of the Rum Jungle Mine site.
  - ◇ Zone 2 picked as this was an old Besser borrow pit and has already been disturbed
  - ◇ will ensure that 50 meter buffer zones exist from the rivers (Red sections in FRLT map)
  - ◇ Avoids good quality vegetation as much as possible and avoids culturally significant trees
  - ◇ Will dig slightly deeper than normal pits to minimalise footprint on FRLT land
- potential to use this site to safely training Kungarakan and Warai machine operators
- potential location of the RJP site access building (Blue box is identified on the FRLT map), so that the infrastructure can be left for K&W to own and use, once the project is completed.



Jackie outlining plans for Borrow Area Site

It is hoped that the summarised information above and the meetings we have had/offered provide more in-depth information for K&W to better understand the work involved with extracting the materials and also consider the benefits associated with the FRALT Borrow Pit. At the very least, it should provide some talking points for the upcoming NLC meeting. Alternatively, if you wish to discuss the above in more depth please feel free to contact the Project team.



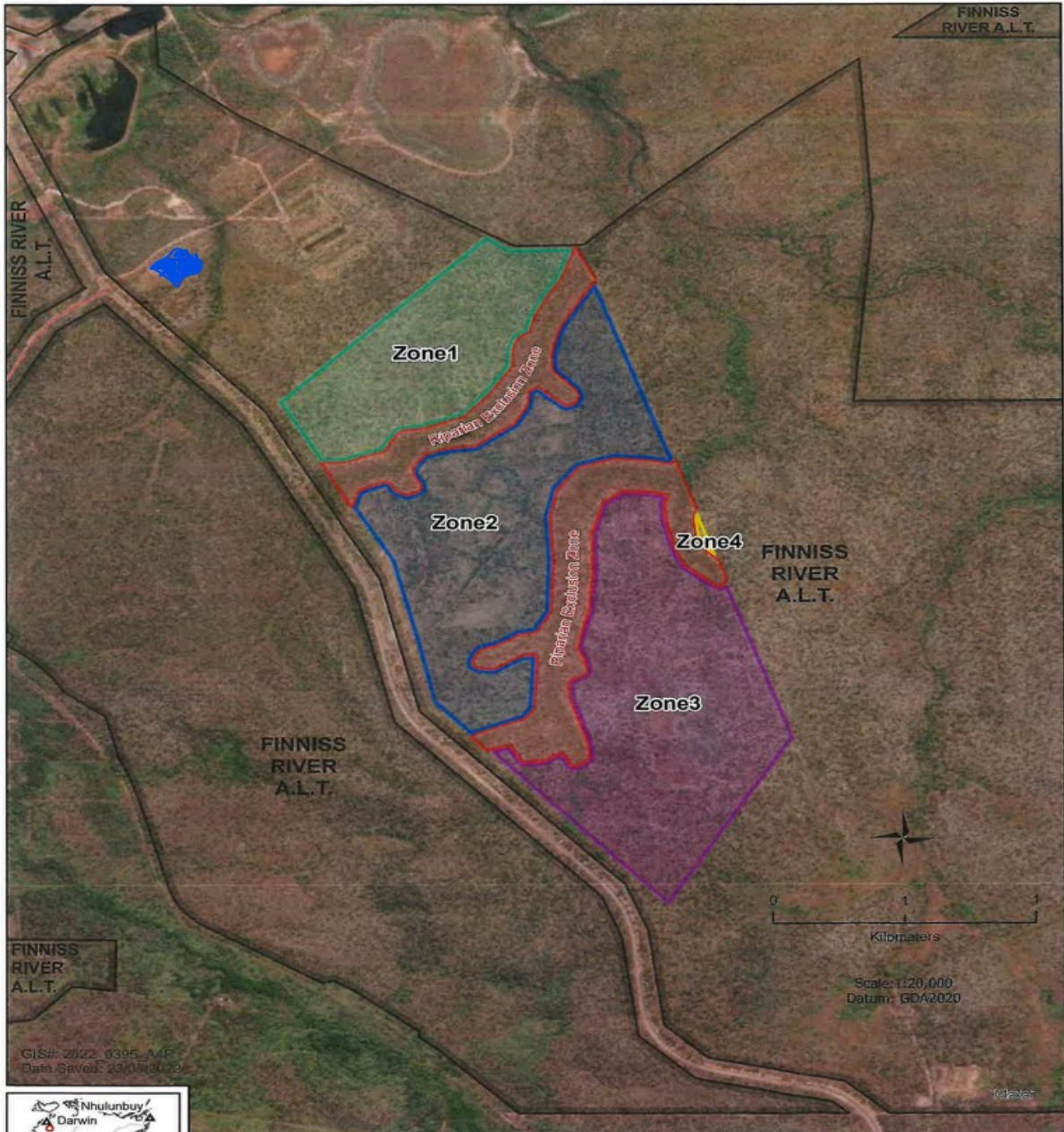


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## Finniss River A.L.T. - Borrow Pit Proposal Area Map



- Borrow Pits Zone1
- Borrow Pits Zone2
- Borrow Pits Zone3
- Borrow Pits Zone4
- Riparian Exclusion Zone
- Aboriginal Land Trust
- Road

Proponent: Department of Industry, Tourism & Trade  
 Agreement # 7078, Contract # 2022/0746  
 Requesting Officer: Philbert Mukundi





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## Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Update

The Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) have requested an extension to the processing time for the Rum Jungle Environmental Approval under the EPBC Act. The extended date indicates that the Project is likely to receive the approval in July this year.

## Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) Update

Consultation on the AAPA certificates for the borrow pits has been temporarily suspended due to sorry business. Consultation activities will likely not re-commence until July.

## Project Board site visit and Traditional Owner meetings

On the 6th June 2023, the Rum Jungle Board undertook a site visit, met with the Coomalie Community Government Council (CCGC) and some Kungarakan & Warai Traditional Owners who were interested in meeting.

The site visit and stakeholder meetings were very beneficial in providing Board members with an understanding of where things are at, what works have been completed so far and what improvements or issues stakeholders may have with the project.



## CRCTiME Board site visit and meeting with Coomalie Council

The Cooperative Research Centre Transformations in Mining Economies (CRCTime) are working to reimagine and work to help transform post-mine transitions by connecting Australia's best researchers with industry, government and regional and First Nations communities and organisations.

On the 12th June 2023, CRCTiME held their board meeting in Darwin. As part of the trip to Darwin we hosted the Board on a site visit, networked with regional stakeholders and provided an overview of the Rum Jungle Projects economic and workforce strategies and commitments aimed specifically at maximising Traditional Owner, Aboriginal Business Enterprise (ABE's) and regional business opportunities.



CRCTiME Site induction and site visit





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## Procurement Update

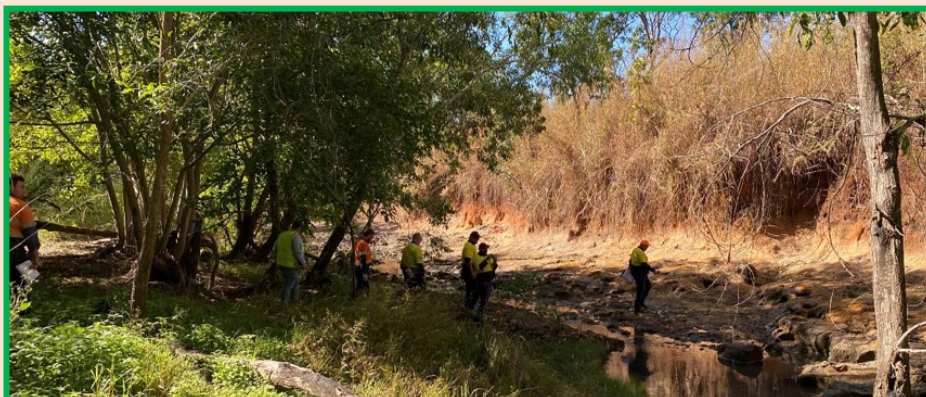
The Project team have created a Kungarakan & Warai business owner register. This register will help us to identify any Kungarakan & Warai run businesses who may have the capacity and capability to assist in completing areas of upcoming works within the procurement parameters.

Please get in touch with the team via [rumjunglecontracts@nt.gov.au](mailto: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.

## 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. All three ECI Participants provided their offer on the 16 June 2023 and now the Project Team is assessing the long documentation received. The outcome of the assessment is expected to be delivered on July/August 2023.
- The Civil works and Site remediation services package Expression of Interest (Prequalification stage) were received on 1 June 2023. 11 companies submitted their interest and provided their documentation for the Project Team assessment. The outcome of this assessment is expected on July/August 2023.
- 10 tenderers attended to the site inspection for the Construction of the Culvert Crossing over the Diversion Channel onsite. The tender closed on 16 June 2023 with 6 offers received. Assessment panel is evaluating the offers and outcome is expected on July 2023.





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## Civil Plant Operations & Business Administration Traineeship Announcement

The Rum Jungle Project are pleased to announce that the following candidates from various Warai and Kungarakana families have been appointed to one of ten Certificate III in Civil Plant Operation (8) and Certificate III Business Administration (2) traineeships. The individuals who were successful are:

### Civil Operations (8)

Gabrielle McGregor  
Krystal Fitzgerald  
Tyreece McGregor  
Jeremy Ahfat

Talisha Zammit  
Jude Lami Lami  
Carl Roberts  
Trevina Nikki

### Business Administration (2)

Sharnice Verburg  
Georgina Yates

The ten (10) successful candidates will commence their traineeships from 03 July 2023.

Of the initial 40 applicants, the remaining 30 candidates that were unsuccessful for these traineeship opportunities this time around, will be given the opportunity to participate in a work ready program through a number of skill sets to be offered across 2023 and 2024. These skills sets will include:

<b>Plant Operations:</b>	Roller / Excavator / Skid Steer loader Operation	2-3 Week Training Period
<b>Traffic Management:</b>	Stop-Go traffic management & license	2-3 Days (only)
<b>Land Management:</b>	Chemical handling, Transport and Mixing; and Chainsaw Operation	2-3 Days for 2 weeks
<b>Office Admin:</b>	Communication & computer Skills	2-3 Days for 2 weeks

These skill sets will give each participant the opportunity to gain required qualifications, valuable experience and will assist each individual in gaining future work opportunities with the Rum Jungle Project Contractors, or through Warai & Kungarakana Aboriginal business enterprises and or with other employers who operate in the region.





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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://Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations)

### **Australian Government — Indigenous Business Australia**

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

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

### **Northern Territory Government Business information and grants**

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

## 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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## 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





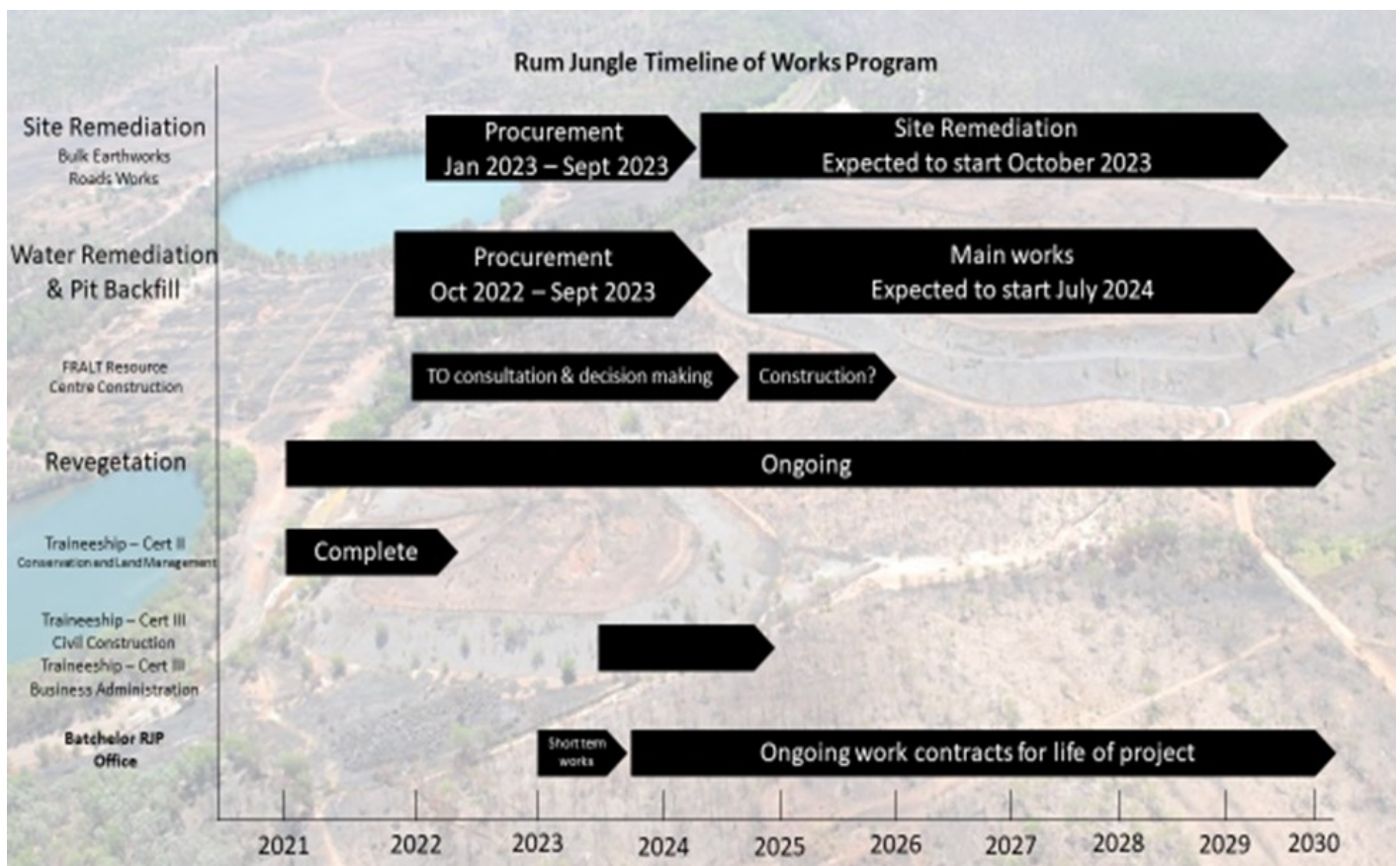


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## Rum Jungle Project Economic Opportunities Update



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.**