



# Newsletter - August 2023

## 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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## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

- Preparation for revegetation this wet season
- Commencement of Work Ready Skill Sets Group
- Staff Awards - Justin Salzgeber



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### Land Management Team Update

The team are continuing with their Certificate III in Conservation Ecosystem Management. They are currently undertaking work health and safety, as well as cultural heritage protection units this month. The cultural heritage units have been brought forward so that the team are better equipped to carry out the important tasks of cultural heritage protection on site.

The land management team have been working with Territory Native Plants on both seed propagation and cycad relocation planning.

Members of the team provided support for the surveying on the Rum Jungle site, seed collection in partnership with the projects consultant Top End Seeds this month.

Well done to Justin Salzgeber, who has received an award for exemplary role modelling and performance at work.



### Borrow Pits Update

The Project team are awaiting feedback from the consultation meetings held by the Northern Land Council (NLC) in Early July, regarding the outcome of Project's application for the Section 19 Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust (FRALT) Borrow Area. Initial feedback provided to NLC by Traditional Owners indicates support for the planned borrow area. The NLC is still working on the formal documentation to support the Lease arrangements.

Coomalie Community Government Council have applied for the extractive mineral lease for the site and are awaiting final approval from Surveyor General.

### Approvals Update

The intersections at Poett/Litchfield Road and Batchelor/Litchfield Roads will require upgrades to ensure safety. The Project has submitted designs to DIPL for approval of the upgrade works at two intersections near the old mine site. DIPL are reviewing the designs and assisting the project in planning the works. The works to deliver the intersection upgrades is planned to start at the beginning of the dry season 2024.

### 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](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.



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### Large Major Work Packages 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 execution stage of the works.
- 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:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Allan King & Sons  | 6. Georgiou Group    |
| 2. Black Cat Civil    | 7. Exact Contracting |
| 3. Sitzler            | 8. East Arm Civil    |
| 4. McMahon Services   | 9. RTL Mining        |
| 5. Liberty Industrial | 10. Ventia           |

The RFT is expected to be released to market in September/October 2023

- The procurement for the construction of the Culvert Creek Crossing was awarded to RTL Mining and Earthworks Pty Ltd. The construction works are scheduled to commence in September.
- 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/Bachelor 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.

### 2023 Rum Jungle Quarterly Stakeholder Report Schedule

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



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### Civil Plant Operations Traineeship

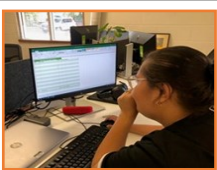
The civil operations trainees are well into their traineeships and have been busy undertaking their white cards, forklift operations training and a number of hands on projects. Due to their commitment to training they are already nearing the completion of their Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation unit of competency.

The trainees recently did an excellent job in completing a clean up of the workshop, which included the relocation of equipment, resources and machinery held at the construction workshop.

This month the trainees have been hard at work on individual small to medium projects, utilising their welding and metal work training skills to make items such as metal scoops, metal storage trays to hold nails and screws and small work tools, high stools and barbeques.

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Armando Padovan (Senior Executive Director, Mines) made a training site visit to the BIITE construction workshop to meet the trainees and the trainers, to see how they were progressing in their traineeships and view some of the work they have done since commencing their traineeships in July 2023.

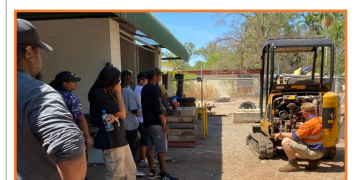


### Office Administration Traineeship

Sharnice has now completed 4 units of her qualification and spent most of the month undertaking on the job training with the Rum Jungle Project at the Batchelor office. During the last week of August she began her second block of classroom and online training with the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education. Some of the tasks she completed for the office were the creation of signage, visitor and key registers. Sharnice also prepared monthly RJP team meeting minutes and undertook other general administration tasks.

### Work Ready Skills Sets (Civil Plant Operations)

The 4-5 week program is not paid work like the traineeships. Each participants meals, accommodation and transport (where requested) is covered by the Project, as to is any payment for their associated tickets or plant operation licenses. The program will provide each participant the opportunity to gain valuable industry skills and experience, making them work ready and preparing them for the possibility of future work opportunities that may come up with the Rum Jungle Project Contractors, with Warai & Kungarakan Aboriginal business enterprises, local Coomalie organisations or businesses and with other employers seeking people with industry skills in these areas.





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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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### 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.

**Phone: 1800 943 039**

**Email: [grants@ntaic.org.au](mailto:grants@ntaic.org.au)**

#### **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](http://niaa.gov.au/contact-us/regional-network-addresses) or:

**Phone:**  
1800 079 098

**Email Address:**  
[indigenoustrangersgrants@niaa.gov.au](mailto:indigenoustrangersgrants@niaa.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 Project Economic Opportunities Update

The diagram below 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 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.**

