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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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SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Preparation for revegetation this wet season
- Completion of Work Ready Skill Sets Group
- Traineeships updates



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Land Management Team Update

The Land Management Team (LMT) are continuing with their Certificate III in Conservation Ecosystem Management. 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.

This month the LMT was engaged in an engineering solution to slow the effect of water erosion through a cultural site with the use of hale bales. Hay bales are used to slow water erosion and is a practical and cost-effective solution. The bales were placed (by hand) strategically in the affected area in the path of last year's wet season events. The bales act as barrier structures to absorb the energy of flowing water, reducing its erosive force .

The team also spent a day with Territory Native Plants, who have been engaged to propagate and ensure the correct number and variety of native seed stock (that the team have been collecting over the past year), are ready to plant. A vegetation assignment date for planting has been set for January 2024.

Team members spent the day selecting appropriate seeds for the Monsoon forest, then sowing them into growing trays. They will return in 2 weeks 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 in January 2024.

The LMT also conducted several site surveys to locate and flag all multi stem cycads within the planned waste storage facility for removal. The culturally valuable multi stem cycads' will be carefully removed and relocated to a safe area outside of the planned future works area. In addition to this, identified single stem cycads and sand palms will also be removed with the intention of relocation to a selected revegetation area before the wet season sets in, allowing salvage and preservation of these specimens.





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Borrow Pits Update

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

The survey plan for the Coomalie Community Government Council borrow pit extractive mineral lease has been approved by the Surveyor General. The final approval from the ministers office, is expected to be granted in a couple of weeks.

Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) - Site Visit

On Tuesday 26 September, approximately 60 delegates from the Society for Ecological Restoration conference which was held in Darwin, September 26-30, 2023 (the 10th World Conference on Ecological Restoration) were hosted by the Rum Jungle Project team for a tour of the former Rum Jungle mine.

The Society for Ecological Restoration conference is an exciting biennial gathering of experts in the scientific, technical, and socio-economic dimensions of restoring damaged and degraded ecosystems all biomes and on all continents. Conference attendees are passionate about discussing and debating big picture issues and broad trends, as well as specific tools, techniques, research, and policies for restoration.

The tour was very well received by participants and was a great opportunity for the delegates to hear about the Project's Rehabilitation plan.



2023 Rum Jungle Quarterly Stakeholder Report Schedule

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



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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 detailed design phase 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 Earthmoving |
| 5. Liberty Industrial | 10. Ventia |

The Request for Tender is expected to be released to the shortlisted companies in October 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/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.

Procurement Update

Kungarakan and Warai businesses can become Nominated Subcontractors for the Civil Works tender. If you are interested, please contact rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au as soon as possible to kick off this process.

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 operations trainees have now completed their Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation qualification. Six of the completed units from this qualification will be used as recognition of prior learning when they commence their Certificate III in Civil Operations on the 9th of October 2023.

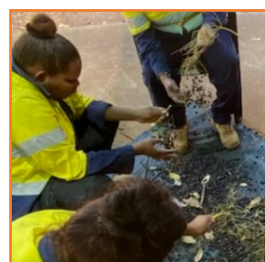
Over the past 2 weeks the trainees have been engaging in off the job training with the Coomalie Community Government Council (CCGC) working at the Rum Jungle Lake, Adelaide River and Batchelor townships carrying out a number of tasks and training opportunities organised through the great work of RJP team and the staff of the CCGC.

Some of the tasks and training that the trainees have undertaken and assisted with under the supervision of CCGC and RJP staff were:

- Ground maintenance, clearing and filling of holes at the Adelaide River Cemetery.
- Use of jack hammer for the placement of guideposts.
- Placement of bollards and civil work, with the construction of a new carpark in Batchelor.
- Garden maintenance and landscaping.
- Supervised use of pole saws including guidance around safe usage.
- Correct usage of safety signage.
- Use of tipper truck

The trainees have also been working with the Land Management team undertaking the following activities:

- Spotting seedlings/flowering trees
- Collecting seeds
- Seed sorting/processing
- Placing signage at the Rum Jungle Site





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Office Administration Traineeship

The office administration trainee continues to progress steadily through her office administration traineeship, completing her second block of classroom training and spending the remaining time undertaking on the job training with the Rum Jungle Project at the Batchelor office and a 1 week block with the Coomalie Government Community Council (CCGC) office.

Some of the tasks undertaken while training with the CCGC included reception work, dealing with customers, answering phones and redirecting to other staff, scanning documents to sort EFT and BPay payments.

Sharnice has also developed and expanded her knowledge and skills through the use of Excel software and training on how to use the Northern Territory Government Vehicle Booking System (VBS) and the Travel Request Information Processing System (TRIPS) to assist in the management of RJP staff and vehicle movements.

Work Ready Skills Sets (Civil Plant Operations)

The participants in the civil plant operations work ready skill sets program have now completed their first lot of training. The 4-5 week program consisted of the following skill sets:

- ✓ White Card
- ✓ Roller Operations
- ✓ Excavator Operations
- ✓ Skid Steer Loader

In addition to this, participants from this group were given a project induction and site visit outlining the project objectives, what is planned in achieving these objectives and to show where the project is currently at.

The program has provided each participant the opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience, making them work ready and preparing them for the possibility of future work opportunities that may come up with Rum Jungle Project Contractors, Warai & Kungarakana Aboriginal business enterprises, local Coomalie organisations or businesses and with other employers outside the project 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

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



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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 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 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.**

