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The Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project

PROJECT UPDATE

Culvert Creek Crossing Construction

A major project milestone was achieved in Early January, with the completion of the East Branch Finnis River Diversion Channel Culvert crossing. This is the first significant construction enabling works 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.

Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) - Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Methodology

The ECI Phase One procurement process was finalised in December 2023. The project team has selected one of the 3 ECI Phase One Participants to advance to the ECI Phase Two. The ECI Phase Two will provide a in depth and detailed construction documentation for the for the Water Treatment Plant and Pit Backfill methodology.

Bulk Earthworks and site remediation services

10 companies shortlisted for the Civil Works and Site Remediation Services package during the prequalification stage were issued with the Request for Tender (RFT) on 10 November 2023 followed by a site visit and Industry Briefing on 15 November 2023. The expected closing date for this tender is 23 February 2024. After the receipt of the offers, the assessment panel will start their evaluation and recommendation to move forward.

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) certificates

Project AAPA certificates for both the FRLT and Coomalie Council borrow pits and intersections upgrades were received early December, allowing the Rum Jungle Project team to progress work with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics on upgrading both the Poett/Litchfield and Litchfield/Bachelor road intersections.

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.



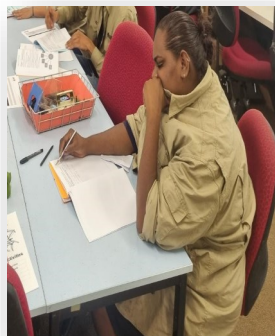
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LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM UPDATE

Due to the holiday season and weather, it was a fairly quiet couple of months across December and January. The Land Management team (LMT) continued to progress through their Certificate III in Conservation Ecosystem Management qualification and undertook the clean up of the work site in preparation for the office shutdown and in case of a potential extreme weather event. The team have also undertaken:

- weed management across the mine site
- monitoring of site access
- vehicle and equipment maintenance
- seed collection, processing and propagation of the dry woodland area.



LMT Cert 3 training



Seed Propagation of Dry Woodland area



Crew travelling to site



Culvert Crossing



RTL work crew

MAJOR PROJECT WORKS UPDATE

The first major milestone was achieved when RTL successfully completed work on the Culvert Crossing in early January 2024. The completion of the works provides an all weather access road to the entire site and moves the primary access point away from culturally sensitive areas. The Culvert will now allow wet season flooding to pass through the culvert, whilst also allowing fish to migrate up and down stream. Other Culvert highlights include:

- The successful engagement and training of a number of Indigenous locals to assist with the civil works execution.
- Successful installation of corrugated steel pipes with stabilised sand and select fill placed over culverts allowing access for all vehicle over the channel.



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GENERAL WORKFORCE UPDATE

The Civil Construction and Business trainees continued to progress well in their traineeships. All trainees have now completed 6 months of course work which included various on-the-job training opportunities and collaborations with businesses and organisations in the Coomalie region.

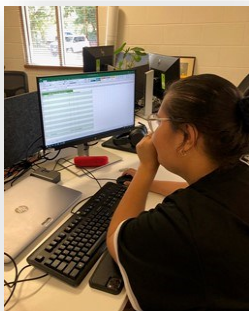
December saw the completion of a 4-week employment and training program; a partnership between RTL and the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project team.

Congratulations to Rhiannon, Matty, Gerod and Denzel who successfully completed their accreditation to operate articulated dump trucks at the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project site.



Rhiannon operating RTL haul truck

BUSINESS TRAINEESHIP



Sharnice RJP Batchelor office work placement

Across both December and January, Sharnice undertook work placements at both the Rum Jungle Batchelor office and the Darwin City Office.

Some of the duties she undertook during her two placements include:

- creation of 2024 attendance records
- development of training checklists
- update K&W Project employees resumes
- book vehicles using the NTG systems
- preparation al work for meetings and workshops.

CIVIL TRAINEESHIP

The Civil Construction trainees continued their Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations studies and a fencing course in December 2023. During the month of January they've undertaken work placements with the Projects LMT and the Batchelor institute grounds crew. Some of the work activities include:

- fencing work assisting a local business and completing practical training
- land Management activities on Rum Jungle Site
- ground Maintenance work on Batchelor Institute campus.



Fencing training,



Trainees undertaking ground maintenance on BIITE campus & undertaking other land management activities



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WORKS PACKAGE UPDATE

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) agreed to manage the upgrading of two public road intersections situated at Poett/Litchfield and Litchfield/Bachelor roads on behalf of the project.

Submissions received for the provision of modular office building and associated works for RJP Cameron Street office in Bachelor following the release of the Request for Tender in September 2023 are currently being assessed. An outcome is anticipated for late February 2024 if deemed suitable.

Further information on The Project's procurement activities can be found at: page:

[Quotations and Tenders Online | Current Tenders & Quotes](#)

RUM JUNGLE PROJECT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

The Department is committed to providing economic opportunities to Kungarakan and Warai individuals, Aboriginal Business Enterprises and the local Coomalie businesses.

The project aims to improve and support Kungarakan and Warai Businesses and the local economy in the region alongside the rehabilitation works, by assisting with the development of business ideas and providing assistance in connecting business with opportunities associated with the Project like the nominated sub-contractor register.

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>

Alternatively, if you wish to discuss options available for either starting up a business or growing an existing business you can contact the Project's Business Development Officer:

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Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Contact Details:

Further information regarding items provided in the newsletter can be addressed by contacting the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project by email at: rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au



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ABORIGINAL PROCUREMENT POLICY REVIEW

“Have your say - Stakeholder Engagement Opportunity”

The Northern Territory Government (NTG) is reviewing its Aboriginal Procurement Policy (APP).

The review will inform the policy direction and delivery for the next three years.

You are invited to have your say, share stories and discuss your experiences since the implementation of the policy by participating in the “have your say” survey, providing feedback on the discussion paper or participating in stakeholder engagement sessions.

For more information and to have your say on the Aboriginal Procurement Policy review visit:

<https://haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/app-review>

ABORIGINAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Assistance is available for Aboriginal Businesses across the Northern Territory to support businesses with business start-up, growth, building business and workforce capacity and capability, strengthening networks, general support services and resources.

Read the Aboriginal Procurement Policy and Guidelines for more information on at:

[Aboriginal procurement policy | NT.GOV.AU](#)

Contact the Project's Business Officer for a assistance in applying for grants and support:

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Useful Links

[Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network \(ntibn.com.au\)](#)

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

[Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations](#)

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

[Business and industry | NT.GOV.AU](#)

Workshop Opportunities

Indigenous Business Australia offer business skills online workshops to assists 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 \(iba.gov.au\)](#)

OTHER BUSINESS SUPPORT AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Northern Territory Government and Australian Government offers assistance and support to businesses to help navigate and simplify the processes. If you are starting a business, developing your workforce, need support with infrastructure or growing your operations, these opportunities may help. Information about these supports can be found at: [NT business support guide](#)