



# Newsletter

The Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

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

The Northern Territory Government (NTG) and subject matter experts engaged in eight collaborative sessions with contractor, McMahon and their subcontractors. The focus of these discussions were around the Water Treatment Plant, Water Management Plan, and Pit Backfilling Methodology.

### **Bulk Earthworks and site remediation services**

The Bulk Earthworks tender package closed on 23 February 2024, a thorough examination of offers received is currently being evaluated by the assessment panel.

### **Section 19 - Borrow Pits and Access**

The Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust (FRALT) Borrow Pit and Site Access Section 19 draft agreements are currently with the Northern Land Council for consideration.

## **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

During the month of February, the Land Management Team completed the revegetation of the Monsoon forest, planting 2000 tube stock native plants. These plants were the result of several years planning, from the collection of native seeds from the local area, seeding and raising the tube stock for planting on site. The team also undertook:



Leroy & Tyreece planting native trees

- Weed spraying with the involvement of Northern Revegetation
- Preparation on site for back burning later in the month
- Ongoing remedial site repairs due to wet weather
- On site seed collection
- Familiarisation and learning about the Trial Water Treatment Plan



Tyreece & Jeremy digging holes for planting

### GENERAL WORKFORCE UPDATE

Members of the Rum Jungle Project Land Management Team and Civil Construction Trainees in collaboration with the Coomalie Council undertook planting of 100 trees at the Rum Jungle Lake.

The team continues to engage and collaborate with the Coomalie Council, Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Tertiary Education and other businesses in the Coomalie region around on-the-job workforce training opportunities for both our Civil Construction, Business trainees and casual staff.

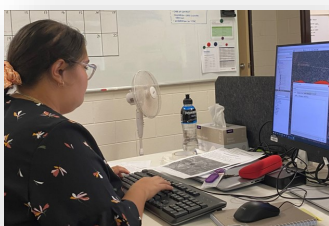
We would like to thank all businesses and organisations that have provided their time and resources to provide meaningful training opportunities for the Rum Jungle Project trainees and staff.



Land Management & Civil Trainees team tree planting at Rum Jungle Lake

### BUSINESS TRAINEESHIP

Congratulations to Sharnice Verburg who has now successfully completed her Certificate III in Business. Sharnice will now progress into a Certificate IV in Business and continue work placements at both the Rum Jungle Batchelor office and the Darwin City Office.



Sharnice marking completed weed spraying locations

Some of the tasks Sharnice undertook in February to count toward her completion were:

- creation of job safety analysis templates for daily tasks
- assisting with updates and management of project electronic filing system
- minutes of the project teams monthly meetings



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### **CIVIL TRAINEESHIP**

Over the month of February, the Civil Trainees continued to progress through their Certificate III in Civil construction Plant Operations and Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, undertaking the following training:

- Operation of skid steer, roller, excavator and forklift; and
- Caring for nursery plants and propagation.

The trainees have also been working with the Land Management Team (LMT) undertaking the following tasks on site and other areas of the Coomalie region:

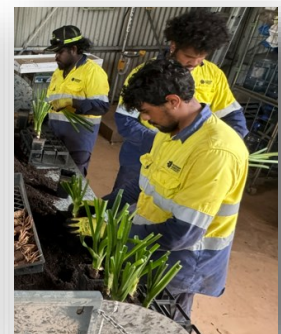
- Completing the onsite planting of 2000 native trees in the revegetation area next to the rain forest.
- Maintaining the revegetation area on site, placing soil and hay to support plants.
- Assisted in the planting of 100 trees at the Rum Jungle Lake.



Jeremy using forklift to move cement blocks



Civil Trainees planting tube stock native trees



Jude, Tyreece & Jeremy potting lemon grass

### **WORKS PACKAGE UPDATE**

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) approved the definitive drawings for the public road intersection at Rum Jungle Road and Litchfield Road, which included the updated speed limits at the intersection. The tender will be made public in March and will remain open for a duration of four weeks.

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

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



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### **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:

#### **Lynda Coates**

Mobile: 0473 092 729

Email: [Lynda.coates@nt.gov.au](mailto:Lynda.coates@nt.gov.au)

### **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 following Rum Jungle Project for a assistance in applying for grants and support:

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#### **Useful Links**

[Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network \(ntibn.com.au\)](http://ntibn.com.au)

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

[Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations](#)

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



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## **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](#)

### **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](mailto:rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au)