



Rum Jungle Project

Newsletter

June 2025 – July 2025



Acknowledgement

The Rum Jungle Project Team acknowledges the Kungarakana and Warai Traditional Owners of the Rum Jungle site, and their ongoing traditional connection to the land, waters, and community. We value their deep cultural knowledge and respect their obligation to care for Country. We thank the Kungarakana and Warai people for their ongoing patience, vigilance, and participation in this rehabilitation project, and hope to continue working together to restore the values that have been impacted by mining.

Rum Jungle Context

The Rum Jungle site is a special place for the Kungarakana and Warai Traditional Owners, and there are many places, features and objects of cultural significance located both on the site and in the surrounding area. Mine related contaminants continue to impact the environment and limit the ability for Kungarakana and Warai people to access and use the land. The contamination stems largely from the waste rock stockpiled at the site which leaches into surface and groundwater. The Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project will remediate the site by installing a water treatment plant to clean the water, treating affected soil and rock forms with lime to stabilize and permanently bury the waste rock to control and contain the contaminants. The aim is to restore the site's natural and cultural values and enable Kungarakana and Warai people to reconnect with this land.

REHABILITATION UPDATE

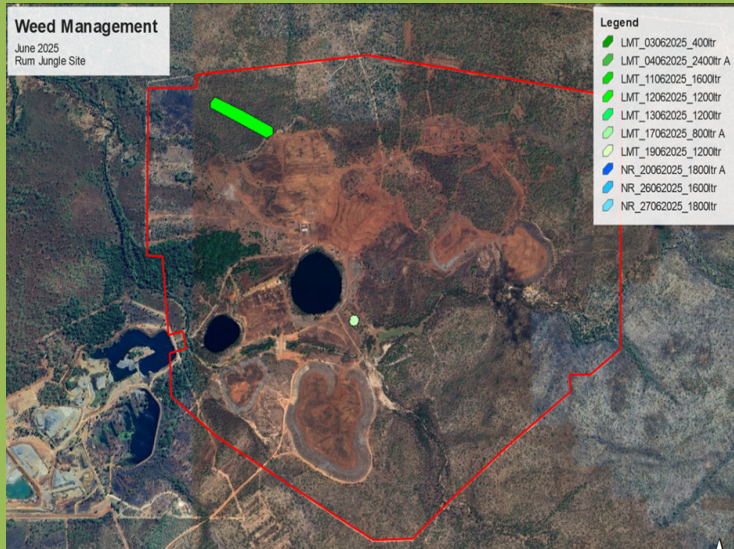
Revegetation Works

The Land Management Team have continued the Revegetation Program undertaking various monitoring activities including hand watering plants in the direct seeding area and the revegetation plots on a weekly basis to help plants establish root systems.

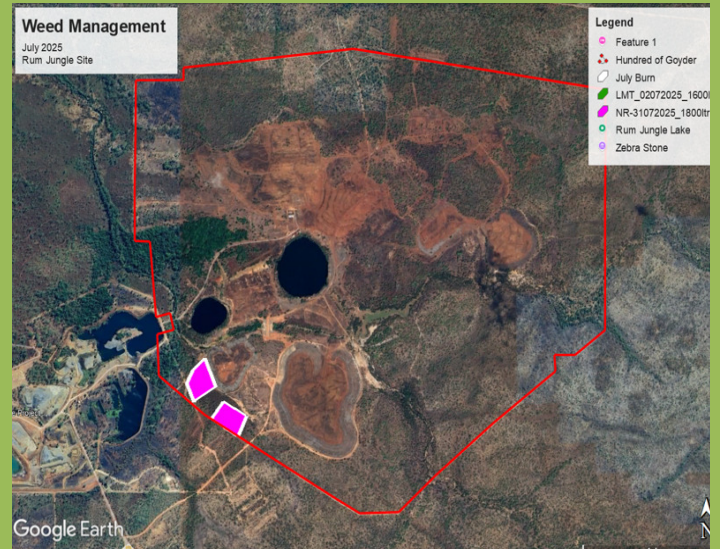
Weed Management

The Rum Jungle Land Management team and weed management contractors continued light vehicle weed management activities across both the Rum Jungle and Coomalie Council Borrow sites over the months of June and July.

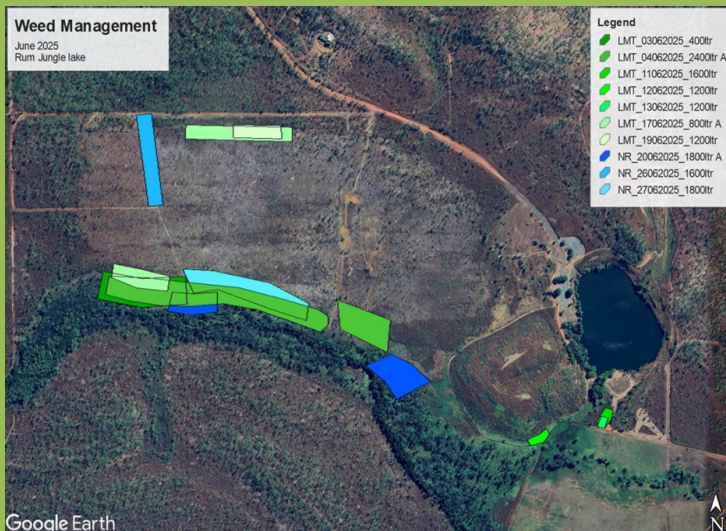
The images below show weed management activity that occurred across both sites during June and July 2025.



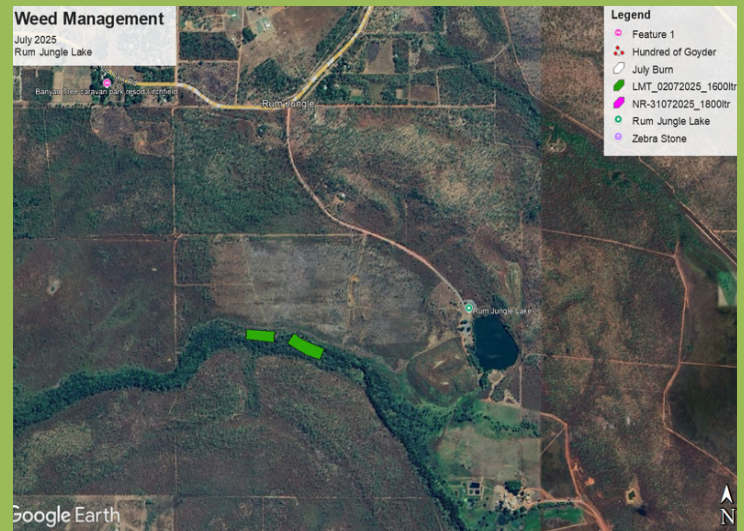
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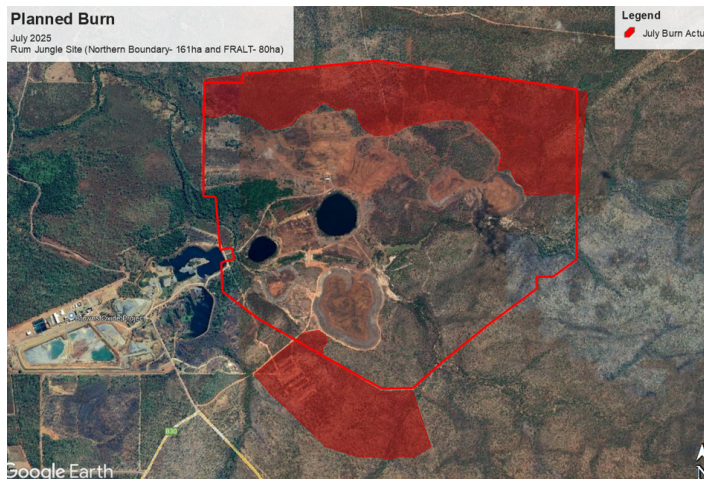


Coomalie Council Borrow Area Weed Management July 2025

SITE MAINTENANCE AND PREPERATION

General site maintenance

The Land Management Team reached a major milestone in June carrying out and completing their first planned controlled burn on site. The team will continue to undertake other general site maintenance including the erection of new signage for cultural heritage conservation zones, bore maintenance checks and feral animal monitoring.



Map indicating planned controlled burns that occurred during July 2025



Staff member carrying out controlled burn



RJP Land Management Team pre-planning for first planned burn

Members of the Land Management Team have also been undertaking water monitoring training and have been involved in conducting on and off-site monitoring during June and July and undertaking an audit of all existing water quality stations. This training provides provide these people with important skills sets that can be used as the project continues to move forward.



Team Member undertaking onsite water monitoring



Team Member assisting in the identification and sorting of seeds

Some members of the team have also recently recommenced training in the identification, collection, sorting of targeted and management of seeds from the Batchelor region.

Preliminary Works – Road Intersection Upgrades

Intersection upgrades at the Batchelor and Litchfield Park Roads continues as planned and is now approximately 85% complete with work expected to be completed in August 2025 as planned. Once completed the upgrades will see safer road conditions in the area, improved traffic flow and reduced congestion when the transport of borrow material for the major works begins.



Sealing of the Batchelor Road and Litchfield Park Road Intersection upgrade.

Early Works – Water Remediation

The Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Services activities across June and July have included the installation of the Surface Water Treatment Plant, equipment and facilities. This plant will treat the water from the Main Pit. The next step will be a basic function test of the equipment to ensure it is ready for use.



Filtration vessels and prefabricated piping manifold container



Crew undertaking ground water bore installation

Drilling of the of the Ground Water Bores has also continued with nine bores now complete. The purpose of these bores is to intercept and remove existing contaminated ground water in preparation for treatment through the Ground Water Treatment Plant when installed.

Site Remediation Works

The assessment and evaluation of the Site Remediation tender submissions have now been finalised with the contract being awarded to McMahon Australia (NT) Pty Ltd on 17 June 2025. Works are anticipated to commence in line with the construction schedule mid-August 2025.

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES – June/July

- Archaeological surveys have been undertaken across key areas on site, where work activities are planned. Even though the site has been heavily disturbed in the past, there are still intact archaeological sites and objects that must be protected. Additional scheduled archaeological surveys will be occurring on the site in the coming months.
- The Community Engagement Team conducted a series of project information sessions with the broader community to share various employment and training opportunities in relation to the project that have been planned for 2025 and 2026.
- Meetings with Rum Jungle Working Group members continued in June and July.
- To ensure that all contractors, workers and visitors to the site are inducted, Cultural inductions are being delivered to the McMahon Services Australia (NT) staff, contractors and RJP staff who may be accessing the site with sessions held in June and July. Cultural inductions will continue on a routine basis ensuring all persons requiring access to the site is inducted.

OTHER ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES – September 2025

- The Rum Jungle Project team will be conducting project update Information sessions September 17-18. Sessions will focus on training, employment and business development opportunities. A guest speaker from McMahon Services Australia (NT), will provide a general update of current activities on site. All interested Kungarakana and Warai family members are encouraged to attend. Details for the sessions are as follows:
 - Wednesday, 17 September 2025, Batchelor
 - Thursday, 18 September 2025, 15 Mile, Community Hall

Times and locations will be confirmed and sent out prior to information sessions. For more information please contact: Gowan Bush on 0457 252983 or email gowan.bush@nt.gov.au

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

Project Ready Training Program (P RTP) - 2025 Training Opportunities

The Project team in collaboration with Batchelor Institute have negotiated the below 2025 training schedule for the Project Ready Training Program, which will be delivered between June – December 2025. Courses include:

- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate 1 in Engineering (Welding)
- Heavy Rigid (HR) Vehicle License
- Certificate 1-4 in Business
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation

All courses are free with the Rum Jungle Project team providing wrap around assistance for the duration of each course. If you are interested any of the courses learning more about the courses and wish to participate in any of the training as per the schedule on the following page, please contact Gowan on the below contact details.












Traineeships

The next round of Traineeships is being planned for early 2026. More information will be shared over the next few months as more specific details are known.

If you wish to register your interest in being considered or know of a family member who might be.

Contact details are: Gowan Bush - MB: 0457 252 983 - Email: gowan.bush@nt.gov.au

Public Holiday

	Cert II in RII		Civil Construction Plant Ops skill set		CEM Skill Set Training		Cert 2 CEM		FSK/SEE/LLND
	HR License		VET IN School Camp		White		Office Admin/Business		Forklift
									Cert 1 in Engineering (Welding)

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Business Grants

Aboriginal Investment NT have a range of grants to support Aboriginal businesses and community initiatives. You can find more information on the new grant streams offered by Aboriginal Investment NT below. The grant streams include Business Grants, Community Quick Response Grants and Community Impact and Innovation Grants. Aboriginal Investment NT also provide grant funding to Aboriginal communities through the Collective Impact Initiatives stream.

Community Quick Response Grants - These grants are open for application throughout the year. You can apply for up to \$10,000 to support one-off projects. See here for the [Community Quick Response Guidelines](#) and [checklist](#). When you're ready to apply, head to the [Smartygrants website](#) where you can also view the grant agreement template.

[Common Grants Guidelines](#) apply to all grant streams.

Contact Aboriginal Investment – phone (08) 79061741 or email info@aboriginalinvestment.org.au
Phone us on 1800 943 039 or drop us an email at info@aboriginalinvestment.org.au

Economic Opportunities

Aboriginal Business Development

The Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project aims to support the local economy in the Coomalie region, particularly through procurement of goods and services required to deliver the Project. A range of support services are provided to assist Aboriginal Businesses across the Northern Territory (including Kungarakana and Warai owned businesses), helping to maximise the opportunities available to them throughout the Project.

Aboriginal Business Support

The Northern Territory's central hub for business support and resources, business.nt.gov.au has been upgraded to better support our local businesses.

Whether you're starting out, looking to grow, or managing an established business, the refreshed website provides the tools and guidance you need for success.

Key highlights of the new site include:

- Comprehensive insights into the NT business landscape
- Practical tools and guides to help you upskill and build a sustainable business
- Step-by-step support for navigating government tendering opportunities
- Information on programs and services to boost your business

Explore the updated business.nt.gov.au and discover how it can support your business journey

Attention Kungarakana and Warai Business Owners

To stay informed about current and upcoming government tender opportunities the **Northern Territory Government publishes procurement opportunities** on [Quotation and Tenders Online \(QTOL\)](#). Once you are registered, you can check upcoming tenders and contracts for anticipated procurement activities.

Please see here for a link to [QTOL](#) for register and [Business Territory](#) for information and tools to help you start, grow and run your own business.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Foundations of Governance Workshops

A series of free workshops will be held across the Territory to help support and upskill committee and board members of local incorporated associations. The face-to-face workshops will be delivered by Matrix in September. Details about the next sessions are as follows:

Palmerston.

1 September 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Location: Durack Arts Centre

Register for the [Palmerston's September Section](#).

First Circles Leadership Program – 2026

The First Circles Leadership Program is an NT Government flagship program aimed to help identify, mentor and support Aboriginal emerging leaders from remote communities across the Northern Territory. The program brings new and quiet voices together to ensure Aboriginal people from remote areas can confidently speak, negotiate and influence government about matters affecting their lives, their families and communities.

The 2026 program opens in September 2025. If you are interested nominating/applying please contact Aboriginal Partnerships on 08 8999 8579 or email firstcircles@nt.gov.au.

Flexible Skills and Training Response Program

This program provides access to low cost training or free training for business owners or managers. Workshops will be run in urban, regional and some remote areas between July 2025 and June 2026.

More information can be found at [Flexible Skills and Training Response Program | Business NT](#), [Flexible Skills and Responsive Training Program Flyer](#)

Grant Programs

First Australian Capital – in case you weren't already aware of them: [Home - First Australians Capital](#)

Department of Employment Workplace and Relations have rolled out a Self-Employment Assistance Program with My Pathways: <https://www.dewr.gov.au/self-employment-assistance>

Free VET courses

Charles Darwin University have a host of free courses with limited places available to the public. If you are interested, please click on the link to learn more: [Fee-Free TAFE courses | Charles Darwin University](#)

Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project Team Contact Details:

If you would like any further information about the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project or would like us to include anything on the next Community Noticeboard, please contact us via email rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au, or call the Community Engagement Director on 0476 307 756.