



Rum Jungle Project

Newsletter

August – September 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 treating mine-affected water, soil and rocks to permanently 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

Heritage Management

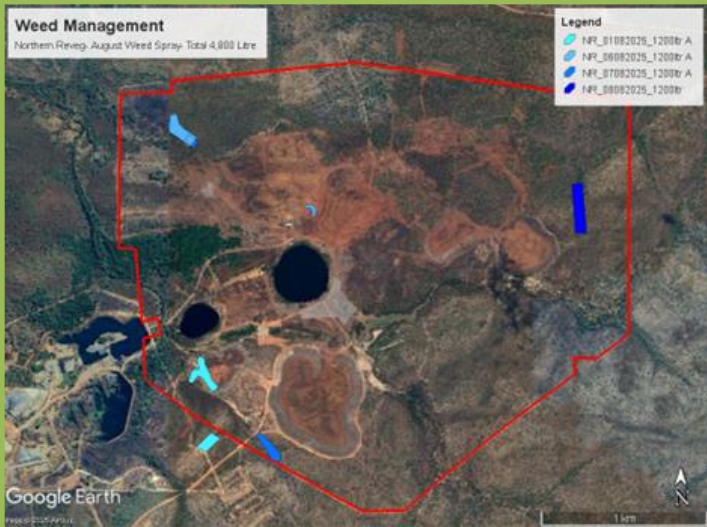
Archaeological surveys were undertaken across key areas on the Rum Jungle site and on the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust borrow area (subject to a Section 19 agreement). The surveys are critical for identifying and protecting archaeological places and objects.

Revegetation Works

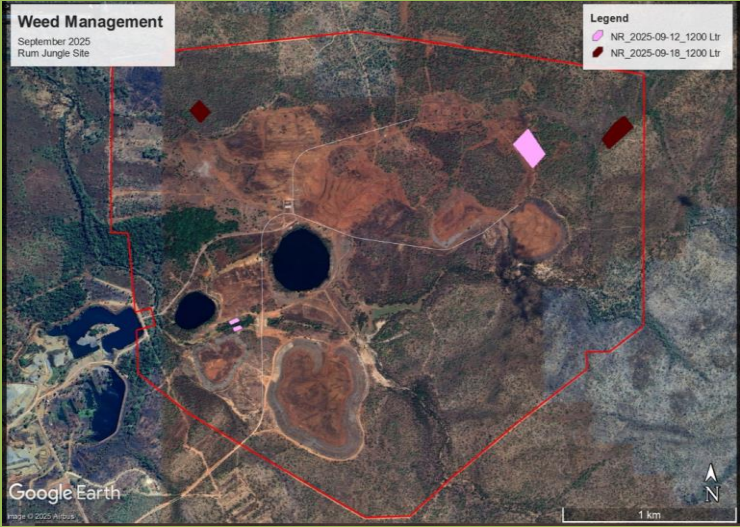
The Land Management Team have been collecting various native seeds from different sites around the Coomalie area and hand watering plants in the areas that have already been revegetated. Planning is underway to revegetate additional areas around the site before the coming wet season.

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 August and September, as shown in the images below.



Rum Jungle Site Weed Management August 2025



Rum Jungle Site Weed Management September 2025



Comalie Council Borrow Area Weed Management September 2025

SITE MAINTENANCE

General site maintenance

The Land Management Team continue to undertake routine activities including Site and equipment maintenance and servicing, environmental monitoring and sampling, managed burns, cycad relocation, weed management, native seed collection, and general site support.



Team Members collecting seeds



RJP Land Management Team setting up Trail cameras to monitor site



Team member conducting site maintenance work



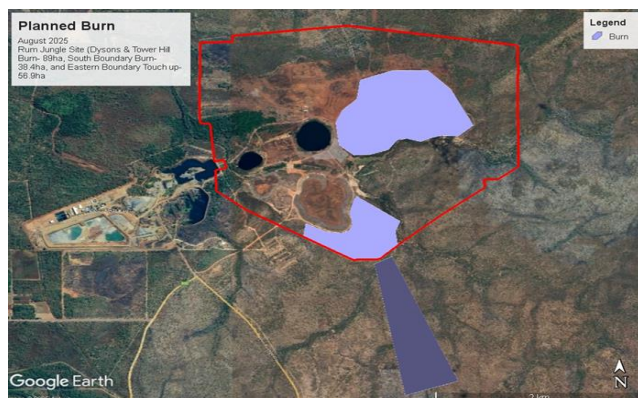
RJP Land Management Team pre-planning



Team member carrying out controlled burn



Team Members processing seeds



Controlled Burns – Rum Jungle Site August 2025



Controlled Burns – Rum Jungle Lake August 2025

The Land Management Team executed a handful of planned burns across the months of August and September totalling an area of 199.5Ha.

- Dysons & Tower Hill Burn- 89ha
- South Boundary Burn- 38.4ha
- East Boundary Burn- 56.9ha
- Coomalie Borrow Pit Creek Burn- 15.2ha

Road Intersection Upgrades

Intersection upgrades at both the Batchelor and Litchfield Park, and Litchfield Poet Roads are now complete. The upgrades to both intersections 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.



Batchelor Road and Litchfield Park Road Intersection



Poet Road and Litchfield Park Road Intersection upgrade.

REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

The Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Services activities across August and September saw the installation of the Surface Water Treatment Plant, equipment and facilities. The plant is now fully operational and will treat the water from the Main Pit on a continuous basis.



Operational Water Treatment Plant



Ground water bore installation

Drilling and testing of the of the Ground Water Bores is nearing completion. The purpose of these bores is to intercept and remove contaminated ground water from the site, which will be treated through the Ground Water Treatment Plant when installed.

The major works contracts have been awarded to McMahon Services Australia (NT) Pty Ltd (McMahons), who as the head contractor will oversee all construction and civil earthworks being undertaken at the site. To date, in addition to the work outlined above, construction of the site haul road has commenced, office facilities have been installed, and water management infrastructure is being constructed.

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Meetings with the Cultural Oversight Group (COG) members continued in August and September. An additional periodical face-to-face meeting with COG members and the Projects Senior Responsible Officers (SRO's) was held in Batchelor 13 August 2025.
- A Rum Jungle Technical Working Group meeting was conducted in August.
- Several cultural inductions were delivered to the McMahons staff, sub-contractors and project staff. These monthly and ad-hoc cultural induction sessions ensure that all contractors, workers and visitors to the site are inducted in a timely manner.
- The Rum Jungle Project team in partnership with McMahons conducted General Project Information Sessions on 17-18 September 2025. These sessions provide high-level updates on key project activities, with a focus on training, employment and business opportunities arising.

For more information please contact: Gowan Bush on 0457 252983 or email gowan.bush@nt.gov.au

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Mining and Energy would like to announce the appointment of **Mr Josh Curran** as the **Executive Director of the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project**.

His appointment marks an important step in supporting the continued safe and successful delivery of the Rum Jungle Project.

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

Project Ready Training Program (PRTTP) - 2025 Training Opportunities

The Project team in collaboration with Batchelor Institute have negotiated a 2025 training schedule for the Project Ready Training Program, courses on offer for the remainder of 2025 include:

- Certificate 1 in Engineering (Welding)
- Medium Rigid (MR) Vehicle License

All courses are free with the Rum Jungle Project team providing wrap around assistance for the duration of each course. Student places for each course are limited so If you wish to learn more about the courses and or are interested in participating or know of a family member who might want to undertake the training as per the schedule on the following page, please contact Gowan on the below contact details.

In September, nine Aboriginal students, including five Kungarakana and Warai Traditional Owners, enrolled in the Rum Jungle Project Ready Training Program (PRTTP). Of this cohort, five students successfully completed their Certificate III in Civil Plant Operations, while the remaining four are in the final week of a four-week Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) program.

Traineeships

The next round of Traineeships is being planned for early 2026. More information will be shared over the next couple of months. 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

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Grants Directory

The Northern Territory (NT) Government provides a wide range of grants, scholarships and other forms of support for businesses, community organisations and individuals.

You should use local goods and services wherever possible if you are awarded a grant. There are specific requirements to buy local if you are receiving a [capital grant](#). Find out more about [GrantsNT](#), the management system for NT Government grants.

Visit [Aboriginal Investment](#) for details on their Business Start-Up and Business Growth Grants.

The Australian Government funds and delivers a range of programs specifically for First Nations peoples.

Information about all government funding opportunities is available at [GrantConnect](#)

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 Business Enterprises across the Northern Territory (including Kungarakana and Warai owned businesses), helping to maximise the opportunities available to them throughout the Project.

If you are interested in discussing any opportunities, please contact us via email rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au

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 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

First Circles Leadership Program – 2026

First Circles Leadership Program provides an opportunity for emerging Aboriginal leaders from remote communities across the Territory to build strong leadership skills. The Program provides an opportunity for members to directly engage at the highest level of government.

The program is designed to enable members to become active participants in decision making.

To register your expression of interest, or to find out more about the First Circles Leadership Program contact Aboriginal Partnerships and Reform on: 08 8999 8579; email: first.circles@nt.gov.au or click on the following link [How to apply | Aboriginal Partnerships and Reform](#)

Nominations close: 31 October 2025

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](#)

October Business Month (OBM)

OBM is the Northern Territory's premier business event, delivering a dynamic, Territory-wide program of events that spark ideas, build capability, and connect the business community.

This year's key theme is to **Play to our Strengths**. All events will bring this concept to life with a focus on one or more of these supporting themes:

- Digitalisation - embracing AI and smart technologies to drive productivity and innovation.
- Workforce - attracting, retaining and developing talent for long-term success.
- Resilience - building agile businesses that respond to changing consumer behaviours and market shifts.

[OBM Calendar of Events](#)

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.

Complaints:

If you have any concerns or would like to make a complaint in relation to the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project, you can contact the project team at rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au.

You can also make a report to the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption NT (ICAC) through the [Make a Report online form](#), or by email to report.submission@icac.nt.gov.au. The ICAC deal with alleged improper conduct by employees of NT Government agencies, statutory authorities, local government councils, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and government owned corporations can be reported to the Commissioner.