



NEWSLETTER

Rum Jungle Project
April – May 2026



The Rum Jungle site is a special place for the Kungarakan and Warai Traditional Owners. 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 Kungarakan 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 sites natural and cultural values and enable Kungarakan and Warai people to reconnect with this land.

Acknowledgement

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

Looking Forward



NAIDOC Week 2026
5 July – 12 July 2026



Got an upcoming event in the region?
Contact us at rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au

Rehabilitation Update | Bulk Earthworks

Works progressed steadily through April and May as conditions improved following the large wet season. Key earthworks resumed across site, including construction of the groundwater treatment plant and various haul roads.

The completion of the Stage 1 haul road was a key milestone, supporting safer and more reliable site access. Work continues on the different sections of the Stage 2 haul road, which will improve future connectivity across the site including access to the Main Pit to enable backfill.



Onsite office facilities and lay down area



Haul road passing the groundwater treatment ponds

Site establishment continued to move forward, with the onsite facilities including crib rooms, ablutions, workshops, and fuel systems now operational. NT link started delivering the new buildings for the site office, with installation to be completed in early June. The new office will be equipped with a meeting room that can be used to host various project meetings.

Rehabilitation Update | Water Remediation

With the dry season upon us, the rate of dewatering of the Main Pit is starting to accelerate. The water level in the pit is over sixteen metres below its normal wet season level, with about 1.8 million cubic metres of water having been removed, treated and discharged to the East Branch of the Finniss River.

Construction of the new groundwater treatment plant continues, with foundations nearing completion and major equipment such as tanks starting to be delivered to site.

Based on construction progress so far, the groundwater treatment plant is expected to start treating water in October 2026.



Groundwater treatment ponds



Clarifier Tank

Rehabilitation Update | Revegetation

The Rum Jungle Project's environment team has been busy preparing for monitoring activities that are set to commence over the coming months. These activities include the monitoring of the revegetation trials located on the Old Tailings Dam and monitoring the presence and health of the monsoon vine thicket.

In addition to the preparation work, the team has gained a new staff member. Bianca Meggitt is a Graduate Trainee with Department of Mining and Energy and has just begun a 4-month rotation with the Project. Bianca has a background in Environmental Science, and we are all looking forward to the contributions she will make to the team during her time here.

Cultural Oversight Group | Kungarakan & Warai

The Cultural Oversight Group (COG) met again on 9 April 2026. Discussions during the meeting were robust with a focus on the significance of cultural inductions for project staff and contractors who require access to the site, and cultural monitoring during planned works on the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust (FRALT) section 19 area.

Some members of the COG undertook a visit to the FRALT section 19 area to inspect the section of the Stage 2 haul road that will be constructed to haul borrow material from the area to the main site. These visits are very important to the Traditional Owner COG members and provides insight and opportunity to voice their views and concerns, and to ensure cultural heritage is being regarded during planned and future works.

COG member involvement in Cultural Monitoring and Cultural Inductions will ramp up during June. Both activities help ensure that all people working on the Rum Jungle Project do so in full respect of the cultural significance and values of the area.

Technical Working Group | Kungarakan & Warai

Members of the Rum Jungle Technical Working Group (TWG) came together again in April with a focus on key activities including the alternate options for backfilling the Main Pit.

The group was introduced to revegetation consultant Boronia Saggars and discussed the importance of two-way information and knowledge sharing. There was a very strong interest in a full day workshop and time on Country together so Traditional Owners and the project team can learn from each other about the best approach and methods for revegetating the site.



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Since the construction and commissioning of the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project surface water treatment plant, 1,934,576 m³ of surface water has been treated and discharged from the Main Pit, which is the equivalent of over 770 Olympic swimming pools, or 8 million standard NT wheelie bins.

Business | Development and Opportunity

Staying Informed About Government Tender Opportunities

With the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project ramping up, staying informed about upcoming procurement opportunities for various work contracts associated with the project is important. Interested businesses in the Coomalie region and across the Northern Territory should be prepared in advance by registering with Quotation and Tenders Online ([QTOL](#)) to stay in touch.

QTOL offers businesses a glance of all upcoming NT Government tender opportunities for this and other projects. Other support services to assist businesses is also available through the [Business Territory](#) website, offering a wide range of information and resources.

Supporting Local Business Capability

Preparing early is an important step for businesses wanting to take up opportunities as they arise. The Rum Jungle Projects Business Coordination Officer continues to work alongside Kungarakana and Warai individuals and businesses, providing practical, one-on-one support to help position them for current and future opportunities linked to the Project and other NT Government work.

The Business Coordination Officer can assist with:

- Business planning and readiness
- Understanding procurement processes and tender requirements
- Identifying opportunities suited to business capability
- Connecting with broader business support services where needed

Are you a Kungarakana or Warai business?

Why not connect with the Business Coordination officer for additional support for your business?

You can contact Lynda Coates on 0473 092 729 or via email at lynda.coates@nt.gov.au

Helpful links:

- Register and access tenders via [QTOL](#)
- Explore guidance and business support through [Business Territory](#)

You can also find out more information on business support services available through the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project, by contacting the Business Coordination Officer on 0473 092 729 or via email at RumJungleProject@nt.gov.au

Aboriginal Business Development Support

Support services are available to assist Aboriginal business enterprises across the Northern Territory, including Kungarakana and Warai-owned businesses, to help maximise opportunities connected to the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project.

Some of the supports offered may include:

- information about business and procurement opportunities
- guidance on grants and funding programs
- connections to business support services
- assistance navigating government tender processes

If you are interested in discussing opportunities connected to the Project, you can contact the team via: rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au or lynda.coates@nt.gov.au

Pathways | 🚧 Training and Employment

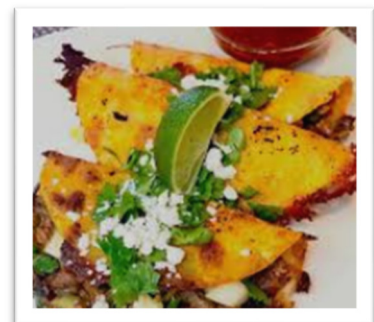
Training and Employment Opportunities – Rum Jungle Project

Heads Up – Following a couple of busy months of recruitment advertising, employment opportunities with the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project have now closed. As works on the project progress further it is expected that other employment and training opportunities may become available. As opportunities arise they will be advertised and published on the [Northern Territory Government Careers in Government and Employment Opportunities](#) website and in the Rum Jungle Project Newsletter, so keep any eye out..

Behind the scenes | The Project

Take 5 with Stephen Turner

- Hello, I am Steve, I work as a Contract Manager within the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project. I have lived in the NT for approximately 20 years with small stints interstate during those 20 years. I love living here for approximately 4 months of the year (dry season).
- ***What is one thing you love about working on the RJ Project?***
I love Employee Appreciation Day. Seriously it is the team of personnel and the ability to work through any issue collaboratively.
- ***What's a good piece of advice you've received?***
Choose your attitude, you wake up in the morning, and you can choose to be grumpy or cheerful.
- ***What is something about you people might not know?***
I love American BBQ and own around 12 smokers and BBQ's
- ***What is your favourite food?***
Beef Cheek Birria Tacos



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Contact Us | We'd love to hear from you

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 0436 353 717.

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 rumjungle.complaints@nt.gov.au or by calling 0436 353 717.

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.