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Jobs, Skills and Industry Participation (JSIP)

The Bulletin - Winter 2022 edition

Welcome to the Winter edition of the JSIP Bulletin!

Each quarter we'll provide you with an update on the JSIP activities on the Regional Rail Project.

Mindyarra Maintenance Centre Helps Grow Local Business

As part of the Regional Rail project, Dubbo-based, Aboriginal cleaning business 'I need a Cleaner' has been engaged to work at the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre. The family-run business started in 2015, with two employees engaged in contracts working on cleaning jobs for small businesses and local builders.

The 'I need a Cleaner' team attended one of the Regional Rail Tender Writing Workshops, run as part of the Jobs, Skills and Industry Participation program. The workshop gave the team the skills to create quality assurance, environmental and safety policies for their business, and the confidence to proactively seek larger commercial contracts.



Owners Kerry and Dean Riley

Business owner Kerry Riley said their business has tripled in size and enabled their employees to receive white card training, basic rail training and employ two trainees, giving the business opportunities they did not believe were possible.

“Our business has grown further than we ever imagined, creating more local jobs. You have to put yourself out there, make yourself visible on contractor registers such as Supply Nation and the ICN register, and find the pathways to gaining employment on government and major projects,” she said.

Transport for NSW is committed to supporting Aboriginal participation. The Regional Rail Project team is proud to partner with another regional Aboriginal business to help deliver the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre.

Central West Firms Taking Care of Business at Dubbo’s New Mindyarra Maintenance Centre



Construction of the new Mindyarra Maintenance Centre has provided a welcome boost for the regional economy with a number of Central West businesses engaged to work on the project.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Sam Farroway said the \$2.8 billion project was a major investment into regional NSW by the NSW Government, supporting about 200 jobs during the construction phase and providing opportunities for regional businesses to become involved.

“The NSW Government is committed to supporting local economies right across the state and projects such as the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre provide great jobs and opportunities for people living in the regions,” Mr Farroway said.

Central West based business contributions include welded rail components designed and manufactured in Bathurst by voestalpine Railway Systems Australia, while Parkes-based Compliance Rail has been contracted to coordinate safe working arrangements during track works.

Member for the Dubbo Electorate Dugald Saunders said it was fantastic to see several local businesses contributing to the centre during the construction phase. “These are great regional businesses employing local people from diverse backgrounds and contributing to the bright future of regional NSW.”

voestalpine Railway Systems Australia Sales Manager Glenn Kyte said the company provided specialised technology and manufacturing services. Mr Kyte said voestalpine had supplied about 10,650 metres of rail track for the centre with about 3000 metres forming the Main Western rail line. “We have

also supplied 11 turnout systems that allow the management of rail traffic by guiding trains from one rail track to another,” Mr Kyte said.

The turnouts are manufactured with about 95 per cent locally supplied Australian materials.

Rhine And Dine: Train Maintenance Centre’s Tree Treats for Zoo’s Rare Rhinos

Black rhinos from Taronga Western Plains Zoo are doing their bit for the ‘zero waste’ movement by making a snack of tree branches removed to build Mindyarra Maintenance Centre’s access road.

Transport for NSW Regional Director West Alistair Lunn said it was a happy coincidence that the leaves of Kurrajong *Brachychiton populneus* trees are one of the endangered rhinos’ favourite things to eat, which also helps maintain their dental health.

“When widening roads and building transport infrastructure, we do our best to minimise the impacts on the nearby vegetation,” Mr Lunn said.

“So when the project team needed to remove some trees and was made aware the zoo is always seeking this particular vegetation species for their Black Rhinos, they were more than happy to reach out and assist.”

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Senior Rhino Keeper Jake Williams said Black Rhinos are a browsing species, meaning they eat branches and vegetation, and at the top of their preferred list is Kurrajong.

“We’ve been undertaking significant work to maintain the dental health of the Black Rhinos, which can be challenging with such a high-spirited, complex megaherbivore,” Mr Williams said.



‘Bakhita’ and her one-year-old calf ‘Sabi’ - two of the Zoo’s endangered Southern Black Rhinos - enjoyed feasting on the Kurrajong.

“Each rhino can easily consume 20 to 30 kilograms of Kurrajong, Casuarina, Mulberry and Acacia each day so all donations of suitable species from local businesses and contractors are gratefully received and much appreciated.”

The Black Rhino breeding program at Taronga Western Plains Zoo is the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere and one of the most successful programs of its kind internationally.

Pre-Employment Program Success for Dubbo Locals



Regional Rail Pre-Employment Program Graduates

As part of the Jobs, Skills and Industry Participation initiative, Transport for NSW developed and delivered a Pre-Employment Program which prepares local people for jobs either on the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre in Dubbo, or with local businesses.

The program has been assisted by an advisory group made up of local representatives including the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, who identified participants through job providers such as JobLink Plus and Sureway.

To apply for the program, prospective participants registered their interest either directly or via their Job Active representative. They were then invited to attend one of three information sessions. An additional session was also open to the public.

The program was completed over six weeks and included both accredited and non-accredited content, delivered by registered training organisation Dubbo Traffic Control and ATAC. Content included General Construction White Card, Working at Heights, Working in Confined Spaces and Plant Operating Tickets. Along with these accreditations, participants completed modules in resume writing, interview preparation and budget management. On completion of the program, participants celebrated with a graduation ceremony.

The most recent program was completed in December 2021 and all participants were successful in securing positions with local employers, including at the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre.

[Meet the graduates](#)

Local Dubbo Business Brings Sustainability to Mindyarra



A family-run, Dubbo-based business, Western Plains Electrical and Solar has the contract to install, test, commission and maintain the solar panels at the Regional Rail Mindyarra Maintenance Centre. We're working together to support the NSW Government's target to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

During construction of the Mindyarra Rail Maintenance Centre, up to 5000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions were reduced by using 9000 cubic metres of carbon-neutral concrete. There will also be 3400 solar panels installed on the rooftop of the centre, which will generate at least 95 per cent of its annual power.

Thanks to its green design, the rail project has been awarded a top rating by the Infrastructure Sustainability Council (ISC). The ISC uses a rating system to evaluate economic, social and environmental performance of infrastructure across the planning, design, construction and operational phases of infrastructure assets.

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[Bee-ing Sustainable at Mindyarra](#)

Mindyarra Maintenance Centre Forklift Contract Awarded to Dubbo Small Business



In a major boost to the local economy, Dubbo small business JM Forklifts has successfully won the tender to provide a fleet of forklifts for use on-site at the new Mindyarra Maintenance Centre.

Part of the Momentum Trains consortium, CAF Australia, the Principal Sub-Contractor for the Regional Rail Project building the maintenance facility in Dubbo has purchased a total of five forklifts ranging in size from 1.5 tonne to 5 tonne from JM Forklifts.

Owner John Monaghan couldn't be more pleased with the sale. "It's great to see a local company getting selected. I'm a local born and bred and believe strongly in buying in Dubbo whenever possible. It helps maintain the local economy and keeps people in jobs."

I've been in business for 15 years and have a staff of six. We look forward to continuing our relationship with CAF Australia and the Regional Rail Project in the years ahead," John said.

The forklifts will be used for varied material handling activities at the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre.



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