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Bunbury Outer Ring Road

ABORIGINAL BUSINESS UPDATE

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This update contains information regarding the current and future works happening across the Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) project. Information within this update is current as of March 2024 and is subject to change. For the most recent updates, visit the Main Roads BORR website or the Bunbury Outer Ring Road Community Facebook Group.



Aboriginal businesses on BORR

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Aboriginal business newsletter. In this newsletter you'll find relevant information to registered businesses, updates on business events on BORR and details regarding the packages that will soon be released to the market. We have also included the latest data on spending and committed spending across the project against the specified spend target.

Upcoming procurement packages

The following business packages are due for release to the general market soon.

Package Description	Details	Indicative Value	Indicative timing to market
Permanent line marking	Supply and install of line marking - project wide	Medium (<\$2m)	First quarter 2024
Painting and anti-graffiti	Painting and anti-graffiti for noise walls and barriers	Small (<\$500K)	Second quarter 2024
Fauna rope bridges	Supply and installation of timber and wire structures. Package includes fauna culvert furniture	Medium (<\$2m)	First quarter 2024
Rock pitching – south	Supply and installation of rock pitching for drainage structures in bridges across three sections	Small (<\$500K)	First quarter 2024
ARC rail crossing	Installation of ARC rail crossing	Small (<\$500K)	Second quarter 2024
Supply of cable – electrical equipment	Supply of cable for self-performed electrical works (south)	Small (<\$500K)	First quarter 2024
Fire Water Systems	Supply and installation of fire water systems	Small (<\$500K)	Second quarter 2024

Express interest in a package tender today

All package tenders are issued through our project register to relevant and interested businesses.

For more information regarding a specific package, or to express interest in receiving tender information, please contact Scott Radici, Local Content Advisor at the South West Gateway Alliance, by emailing Scott.Radici@swgateway.com.au.

Aboriginal business engagement update

As of 29 February 2024, \$51.1 million has been committed to Aboriginal businesses, which is more than 70 per cent above the targeted spend of \$30 million. To date, \$38 million has been spent within the Aboriginal industry on BORR.



Contracts and commerce basics seminar

The BORR team recently held a seminar for Aboriginal owned businesses on Contract and Commerce Basics. Attendees were given the opportunity to build their knowledge and skills in contract negotiation and commercial management.

[To find out more about the seminar, click here to read the full story.](#)



Aboriginal business seminar on contracts and commercial basics

Yaka Dandjoo Graduate Spotlight: Darhys Smith

Darhys Smith was one of our very first participants of the Yaka Dandjoo ready-for-work program and graduated as part of the second cohort. Keen to turn his life around and explore opportunities for a long-term career, Darhys initially visited our recruitment centre. From there, his new life unfolded.

During his training, Darhys expressed interest in an engineering-adjacent career path and completed two-weeks of work experience with the engineering and surveying team. After graduating from the Yaka

Dandjoo program, the team at Thompsons Surveying provided Darhys with a workplace traineeship where he gained valuable



Darhys Smith

experience on BORR and engaged in a Certificate IV in Surveying. The team at Thompsons, headed by Bill Chernabaeff (who himself has experience in training as a one-time TAFE lecturer), has been instrumental in assisting Darhys in his ongoing career journey.

Here is Darhys describing his experience with Yaka Dandjoo and BORR.

"I started the Yaka Dandjoo program in late 2021 and, thanks to the great teachers and mentors, learned a lot of the fundamental skills needed to thrive in the construction industry. The process was also enjoyable and the awesome support and encouragement has continued until this day.

I initially found out about the program through a family friend who knew I was unemployed and invited me to come along and find out more. I was unsure at first, but I needed work and figured the program wouldn't take too long. With the support of my family and the BORR project team, I was able to make it through the program during an otherwise very stressful time.

Initially, I assumed I would end up in a manual labour role or as a trade's assistant. I would just do whatever job was available. But there were so many options I didn't know about. The program took us all onsite and gave us the opportunity to talk to different people which helped me narrow my options.

During the completion of my program, we had a talk from an engineer. This got me thinking about how cool of a job it was, so I spoke to Glenn Sander (Senior Supervisor, Construction, on BORR) about work experience with the engineering team. Glenn was more than happy to facilitate and so I spent a week working with two site engineers. Afterwards, Jackie Graham (Training & Development Manager) and Damien Chalk (Alliance Coach, Community) encouraged me to spend time with the surveying team, which I was reluctant to do. But I gave it a go and now, almost three years and a

Cert IV in Surveying later, I am working for Thompsons Surveying.

Being part of the company has been rewarding and the team is amazing. I have been welcomed and supported since the first day and have learned so much working on BORR and across a variety of tasks and roles as a surveyor.



Darhys working on site

I am grateful for the Yaka Dandjoo program and the team behind it. The support has allowed me to set up an awesome career and find a great team that would help me thrive in both work and my personal life. I hope, once BORR is completed, I can continue working in construction. I have come to really enjoy and learn a lot about what I am doing and am excited to see more of what surveying has to offer across mining, roadworks and construction..."

If you are interested in finding out how your business can get involved in the program, please contact the team by email at people@swgateway.com.au.

For more information on work packages

Scott Radici, the Local Content Advisor for BORR, works with Aboriginal businesses to identify opportunities and connect contractors with available project packages.

If you would like to be added to the [Business Register](#), need support preparing for an upcoming tender, or would like to express your interest in engaging with the project, feel free to reach out to Scott by phone on 1800 979 770 or via email at scott.radici@swgateway.com.au.

Alternatively, for general enquiries, you can contact us at 138 138 or email enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au.



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