Bunbury Outer Ring Road ABORIGINAL BUSINESS UPDATE November 2023





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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 November 2023 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**

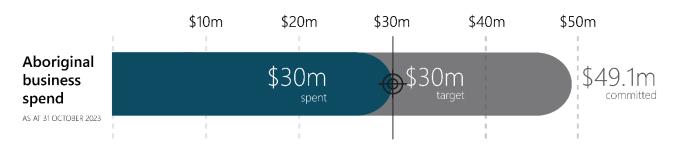
Welcome to another edition of the Aboriginal Businesses on Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) newsletter. Even though the end-of-year is fast approaching, there are still opportunities for Aboriginal businesses to get involved on the project. This newsletter will help you find out about awarded packages and upcoming procurement opportunities, as well as recent business engagement across the project.

### Aboriginal business engagement update

As of November 2023, with just over a year left until the project is scheduled to be completed, we are proud to announce that we have already hit our targeted spend with Aboriginal businesses.

As of 31 October, project engagement with Aboriginal businesses has reached \$49.1 million in committed spend and \$30 million in spend to date. The target spend set was \$30 million. Committed spend refers to contracts in place for work.

Of the 40 Aboriginal businesses and suppliers engaged with, 20 businesses received commitments in excess of \$50,000.



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## **Upcoming procurement packages**

In addition to contract extensions for Aboriginal businesses providing drainage and plant hire services, the following business packages are due for release to the general market soon:

Package description	Details	Indicative Value	Indicative timing to market
Form, reinforcement, and pour (FRP) works	Package 2 of the southern FRP structures	Medium (<\$2m)	Fourth quarter 2023
Herbicide control	Site wide herbicide for weed control for construction & maintenance	Large (<\$10m)	Fourth quarter 2023
Steel safety barriers	Supply and install steel safety barriers - south	Large (<\$10m)	Fourth quarter 2023
Concrete safety barriers	Supply and install concrete safety barriers - south	Large (<\$10m)	Fourth quarter 2023
Limestone retaining walls install	Installation of limestone retaining walls	Medium (<\$2m)	Fourth quarter 2023
Painting & anti-graffiti	Painting and anti-graffiti for noise walls and barriers	Small (<\$500K)	First quarter 2024
Mulch supply	Supply of mulch, project wide	Medium (<\$2m)	Fourth quarter 2023
Permanent line marking	Supply and install of line marking - project wide	Medium (<\$2m)	Fourth quarter 2023
Monowills	Supply and install Monowills – central & south sections	Small (<\$500K)	First quarter 2024
Pavement cutting works	Cutting of pavement to allow for installation of pit lids	Small (<\$500K)	Fourth quarter 2023
Beam post tensioning	Supply, install and stressing of beam post tensioned cables for fauna bridge BR1916	Small (<\$500K)	First quarter 2024

The BORR team provides package tender information and notifications to registered businesses on our database. If your business is not currently on our Business Register but would like to be, or if you would like to explore opportunities for future engagement on the project, please contact Scott Radici at <u>Scott.Radici@swgateway.com.au</u>.

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## Achievements with the Yaka Dandjoo Sustainable Employment Program

On Thursday 16 November, the Yaka Dandjoo Sustainable Employment Program celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> cohort of graduates. This most recent group brings the total number of graduates since the program's inception, in October 2021, to 175.

The program is focused on providing professional training to prepare participants for entry into the workforce. The program is targeted to young people, people over 45 years of age, and women, and Aboriginal people who are unemployed or have never been employed.

For participants, Yaka Dandjoo can be life changing for them, their families, and their communities. The significant positive impact has also been reflected in some recent awards ceremonies.

At the recent Apprentice Employment Network (AEN) WA Awards, two Yaka Dandjoo graduates made the finalist list: Tanya Garlett, who was nominated for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Apprentice award, and Kylie Thorburn who was a finalist nominee for the Trainee of the Year award and winner of a 2023 Special Recognition Award.

Additionally, Jackie Graham, the Training Manager at the Southwest Gateway Alliance, was awarded the Achievement in Health, Safety & Social Responsibility award at the National Association of Women in Construction in Australia (NAWICA) ceremony. Congratulations to Tanya, Kylie, and Jackie.

If your business is looking to hire, please email

Jackie.Graham@swgateway.com.au for recruitment opportunities related to the Yaka Dandjoo Program.

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Jackie Graham at the NAWICA Awards Ceremony



Tanya Garlett at the AEN Awards Ceremony

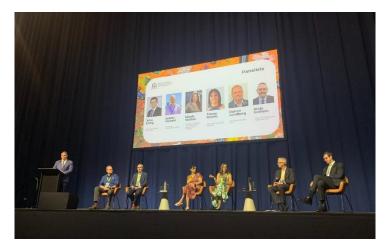


Kylie Thorburn at the AEN Awards Ceremony

## **BORR attends Meet the Buyer**

The Meet the Buyer and Supplier Forum run by the Department of Transport, Main Roads WA, and the Public Transport Authority took place at RAC Arena in Perth on 14 November. The forum was designed to connect Aboriginal businesses with contractors and businesses across the road, rail and port industries.

Representatives from the BORR team attended the event to help advocate to other buyers on behalf of the Aboriginal businesses who have been engaged on the BORR project to date. At the forum, we shared our experiences working with Aboriginal businesses and workforces, and provided insights into setting and meeting spend targets. We also used this opportunity to further promote the Yaka Dandjoo Program and share the exciting achievements of its graduates.



Nicole Walton, Community & Stakeholder Engagement Manager of the South West Gateway Alliance, speaking as part of a panel at the Meet the Buyer and Supplier Forum

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### **Business spotlight: Karrak Designs**

'Djeran' is the artwork that will be featured on the Yalinda Drive bridge abutments and screen wall. The creators are local Noongar Wardandi artists Dellas Bennell and Korrine Bennell-Yarran from Karrak Designs.

The rich colour palette of the art design features flowing bands of green and blue reflecting the local vegetation of the land and the flowing river systems, and the Noongar season of Djeran; the autumn period from April to May.

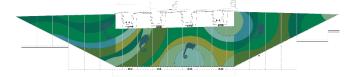
This season-inspired design is part of the larger design strategy developed in consultation with the Urban Design and Landscaping Focus Group and the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Group for the project.

The artwork also features the Koomool, Western Ringtail Possum, the Karrak, forest red-tailed black cockatoo, and the Yorgam, Red Flowering Gum Tree.

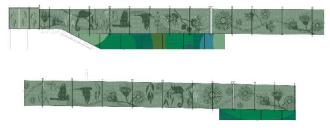
"Our design process was to select an animal and a plant that was not only significant to Wardandi Country, but also to us artists," said Dellas and Korrine in reflection of their design. The design will be seen by thousands of commuters each week when the new Bunbury Outer Ring Road opens.



Erected wall panels with the recessed fauna design



The artwork design featuring the colours of Djeran



The screen walls with the Koomool, Karrak and Yorgam

### Get your business involved

Scott Radici is the Local Content Advisor at the South West Gateway Alliance (SWGA). Scott's priority is to work with local and Aboriginal businesses to help identify opportunities for work on the BORR project.

He also offers ongoing support for businesses to prepare their applications for upcoming tenders.

If you would like to find out more about upcoming tenders, need assistance putting together an application, or would like to express your interest, contact Scott by phone on 1800 979 770 or via email at **Scott.Radici@swgateway.com.au**.

Alternatively, general enquiries can be directed to Main Roads on 138 138 or enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au.



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