# **Bunbury Outer Ring Road**







#### **ABORIGINAL BUSINESS UPDATE**

**August/September 2023** 

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 August 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**

The Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) project continues to meet its commitments in Aboriginal business engagement.

As part of our social and economic outcomes commitment, the team is working with the Aboriginal business community. We want to initiate opportunities to increase employment, consistently consider cultural heritage and respect the cultural impacts that the project is having.

In this update, we've curated the latest information regarding upcoming work packages, recently awarded packages (where applicable) and upcoming scheduled business briefings.

### **Upcoming procurement packages**

Package tenders will be issued to relevant businesses who have registered with the project's database. Businesses who would like to express an interest in a specific package of work or want to explore opportunities for future engagement on the project, should contact Scott Radici at **Scott.Radici@swgateway.com.au**.

The following packages are due for release to the market in the coming months:

Package description	Details	Indicative Value	Indicative timing to market
Concrete safety barriers package 2 (south)	Supply and install slip formed concrete safety barriers	Large (<\$10m)	Third quarter 2023
Drainage pit and pipe installation	Pit and pipe installation – South and Central	Large (<\$10m)	Fourth quarter 2023
FRP works (central)	FRP structures package for the Preston River bridge	Medium (<\$2m)	Fourth quarter 2023
FRP works package (south 2)	FRP structures package for the Yalinda Drive interchange, Fauna and superstructure for the Bussell Highway interchange bridges	Large (<\$10m)	Third quarter 2023





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Permanent line marking	Supply and install of line marking across three sections	Medium (<\$2m)	Fourth quarter 2023
Installation of post and panel walls	Installation of noise, screen and retaining walls post and panel, including footings	Large (<\$10m)	Third quarter 2023
Herbicide control	Site wide herbicide for weed control for construction and maintenance	Large (<\$10m)	Third quarter 2023
Landscape installation 2024	Plant installation for 2024 planting season	Medium (<\$2m)	Third quarter 2023
Major & minor signage	Supply and install of all directional signage, posts, foundation, including gantry	Medium (<\$2m)	Third quarter 2023
Materials testing (site wide)	Earthworks, pavements, and concrete works materials testing	Medium (<\$2m)	Third quarter 2023
Painting and anti-graffiti	Painting and anti-graffiti for noise walls and barriers	Small (<\$500K)	Fourth quarter 2023

### **Recently awarded packages**

The following packages have been awarded to Aboriginal businesses over recent months:

Package description	Details	Indicative Value
Supply and install monowills for drainage (north)	Supply and install of monowill handrails for drainage North	Medium (<\$2m)
Labour hire (site wide)	Operators and labourers to support earthworks	Medium (<\$2m)

### **Business spotlight: Triodia Australia**

One of the recent companies engaged through an open tender was Triodia, a leader in workplace productivity and employee safety across the rail, mining, civil and electrical industries.

Triodia is an Aboriginal and family owned and operated company with ISO certifications in quality, safety, and environment as well as Supply Nation certification.

Directors Ryan Gordon and Terry Gordon were engaged by the project to provide drainage work on sections 22 and 24 of BORR, over a three-month period. While headquartered in Perth, Triodia has been employing local labourers, pipe layers, machine operators and carpenters, including a Noongar supervisor, to help support the regional economy.



"It's been a long journey to get to the point where Triodia is actively working on BORR," said Ryan, "but it's great to be part of such a transformational project. We're committed to supporting community development in every area of our operation and our engagement in the South West is no different."

The logo depicts its namesake, the Triodia (or spinifex) - the dominant vegetation of the owners' traditional country

Find out more about Triodia and their operations by visiting www.triodia.com.au.











### Aboriginal business spend targets update

To 31 July 2023, we have committed \$41.7 million with 40 Aboriginal suppliers currently engaged on the project.

20 of those businesses have been awarded packages in excess of \$50,000 and six have been awarded packages over \$1 million in value.

As of July 2023, \$24.3 million of the committed amount has already been spent. With the BORR project just over 50 per cent complete, we are committed to continuing to explore ongoing opportunities for Aboriginal businesses.



## **Feedback from Aboriginal industry and businesses**

The South West Gateway Alliance (SWGA) is managing works on BORR on behalf of Main Roads. Across quarter two of 2023, the SWGA, in partnership with an independent research firm, conducted the second of ongoing sixmonthly surveys with community members and project stakeholders. One of the main audience groups was Aboriginal businesses with 20 organisations providing feedback.

General sentiment towards the BORR project from Aboriginal businesses remained largely "positive" and



"extremely positive". The feedback received has allowed the SWGA team to identify opportunities for growth to ensure we are connecting with business as efficiently as possible.

To view a summary of the research findings, click here.

#### **Economic outcomes on BORR**

The BORR project continues to achieve great economic outcomes for the local industry and wider WA community. Between the 300 local businesses and 38 Aboriginal businesses engaged on the project so far, there has been a significant number of opportunities for a variety of businesses to get involved on a sizeable construction project for the first time.

Find out more about how BORR is providing sustainable industry opportunities and hear from just a few of the many regional business owners by watching the **BORR Economic Outcomes video online here.** 



### **Ensuring sustainable business engagement**

The BORR project's business engagement has been the subject of a recent award submission with the Infrastructure Sustainability Council (ISC). The focus of the nomination was the project's success in committing local business and Aboriginal spend on the project well beyond the initial procurement targets.

The ongoing initiatives to achieve these economic outcomes have included our Local Business Advisory Groups, the Local Weighting table allowing prioritisation of local businesses, the business register database, business briefings and advice, and dedicated Local Content Advisors.

The Yaka Dandjoo ready for work program has also been instrumental in helping to upskill and train previously unemployed individuals and then subsequently securing roles on the project. View more on the Yaka Dandjoo outcomes video here.



# Interested in working on the Bunbury Outer Ring Road? Speak to Scott!

Scott Radici, the Local Content Advisor at SWGA, is dedicated to assisting Aboriginal businesses access opportunities to win work across the BORR project.

If you require assistance registering with SWGA, or would like advice about putting together an application for a specific tender, you can contact Scott by phone on 1800 979 770 or via email at Scott.Radici@swgateway.com.au.

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















