

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 February 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 our first edition of the Aboriginal business newsletter for 2024. In this update, you will find engagement opportunities available for Aboriginal businesses eager to participate on the project and engage in tender packages. Read on to find out about recently awarded packages, upcoming procurement opportunities, and the latest business engagement project news.

### Aboriginal business engagement update

As at 31 January 2024, \$50.6 million has been committed and \$35.7 million has been spent with Aboriginal businesses—the key target being \$30 million in spend. This spend includes engagement with 42 Aboriginal businesses, with 20 of those businesses having been engaged with a spend in excess of \$50,000.



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## **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
Steel barriers (south)	Supply and install steel safety barriers - south	Large (<\$10m)	First quarter 2024
Permanent line marking	Supply and install of line marking - project wide	Medium (<\$2m)	First quarter 2024
Monowills	Supply and install Monowills – central & south sections	Small (<\$500K)	First quarter 2024
Painting and anti-graffiti	Painting and anti-graffiti for noise walls and barriers	Small (<\$500K)	First quarter 2024
Limestone retaining walls	Installation of limestone retaining walls	Medium (<\$2m)	First quarter 2024
Harvey Metal Works – Form, reinforcement, and pour	Installation of drainage concrete structures for water wheels and gates	Small (<\$500K)	First 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)	First quarter 2024
Supply of rock protection – sits wide	Supply of rock protection material	Small (<\$500K)	First quarter 2024
Supply of cable – electrical equipment	Supply of cable for self-performed electrical works (south)	Small (<\$500K)	First quarter 2024
Supply of luminaires	Supply luminaires for self-performed electrical works (south)	Small (<\$500K)	First 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**.

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## **Contractor Spotlight: Melchor Contracting**

Melchor Contracting is a WA-based infrastructure and industrial project service provider, delivering civil construction services on the BORR project.

Mick Ablett, the Operations Coordinator – Mobilisation and Training at Melchor Contracting, addressed our most recent Yaka Dandjoo ready-for-work program graduates at their graduation ceremony at the end of last year.

Mick shared his experience working with the Yaka Dandjoo trainees on BORR and other projects, and the life-changing outcomes of the program he and his team have witnessed themselves.

Throughout this partnership, the Melchor team have employed five graduates from the Yaka Dandjoo program: Ben began as a labourer and has since been engaged in a carpentry apprenticeship; Simon, a 47-year-old Aboriginal participant, is working on the Mega-Bridge; Troy is now employed on another project, working drive-in-drive-out; Payden is working fly-in-fly-out on another remote project; and Callum, a graduate of the most recent program cohort, has begun employment on another of Melchor's projects with his own carpentry apprenticeship in the works.

"Melchor is proud to be providing people opportunities to better themselves as not just construction employees but also, and more importantly, as people," Mick said. "Everyone deserves a second chance at living a better life and we are grateful for having the opportunity to play a part in Yaka Dandjoo and the careers of some of its graduates."

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**.



Cohort 12 of the Yaka Dandjoo program. Left: Mick Ablett addressing the graduates during the ceremony

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## For more information on work packages

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

If you require support in preparing for upcoming tenders, wish to be added to the **Business Register**, or want to express your interest in engaging with BORR, 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 inquiries, you can contact us at 138 138 or email enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au.



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