



Illabo to Stockinbingal Community Consultative Committee

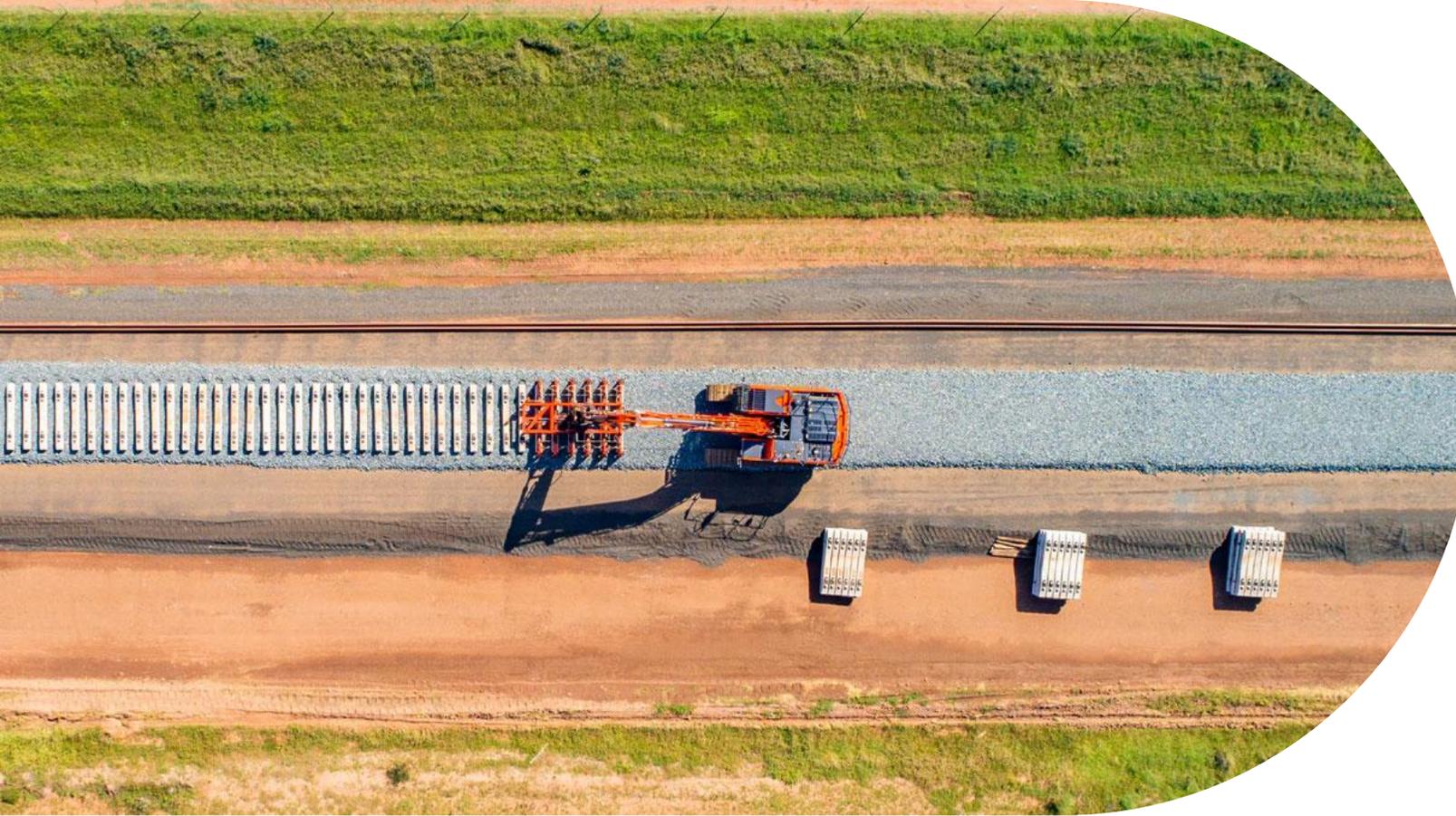
Junee

5 February 2026

Acknowledgement of Country

Inland Rail acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

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Conflicts of interest

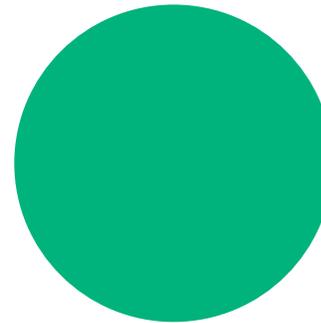
Garry West – Chair CCC

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Agenda

1. Actions from Previous Meeting
2. Program Overview
3. Project Update
4. Planning and Environmental Update
5. Community Update
6. Community Feedback Discussion
7. Adjacent Projects Update
8. General Business



Actions from previous meeting (06 Nov 25)

Item	Action/response	Date Completed
IRPL to confirm consultation with RFS regarding operational access to the Bethungra Ranges (E122)	Action: Grant Johnson Refer to Community Engagement section	This meeting 5 Feb 2026
Can Stockinbingal residents inspect the workers camp?	Action: Eleanor Falkiner Due to workplace safety and privacy considerations community visits to the accommodation facility cannot be facilitated. However, comprehensive information including photos is being prepared for inclusion within the I2S web site.	This meeting 5 Feb 2026
What happened to heritage items salvaged?	Action: Rachael Labruyere Refer to Environmental Update section	This meeting 5 Feb 2026

Introduction/Presenters

Harry Mercer

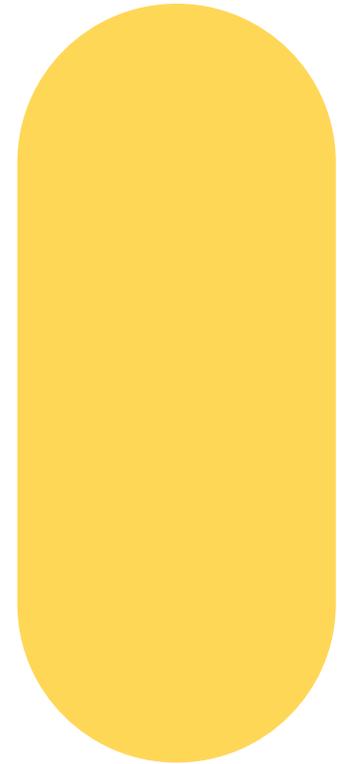
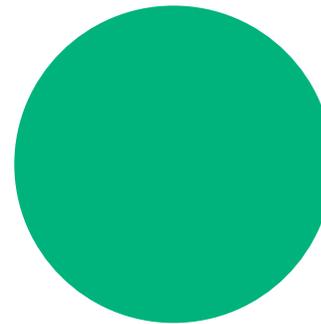
Project Director – I2S (Acting)

Rachael Labruyere

Environmental Manager – A2P

Eleanor Falkiner

Stakeholder Engagement Lead - I2S





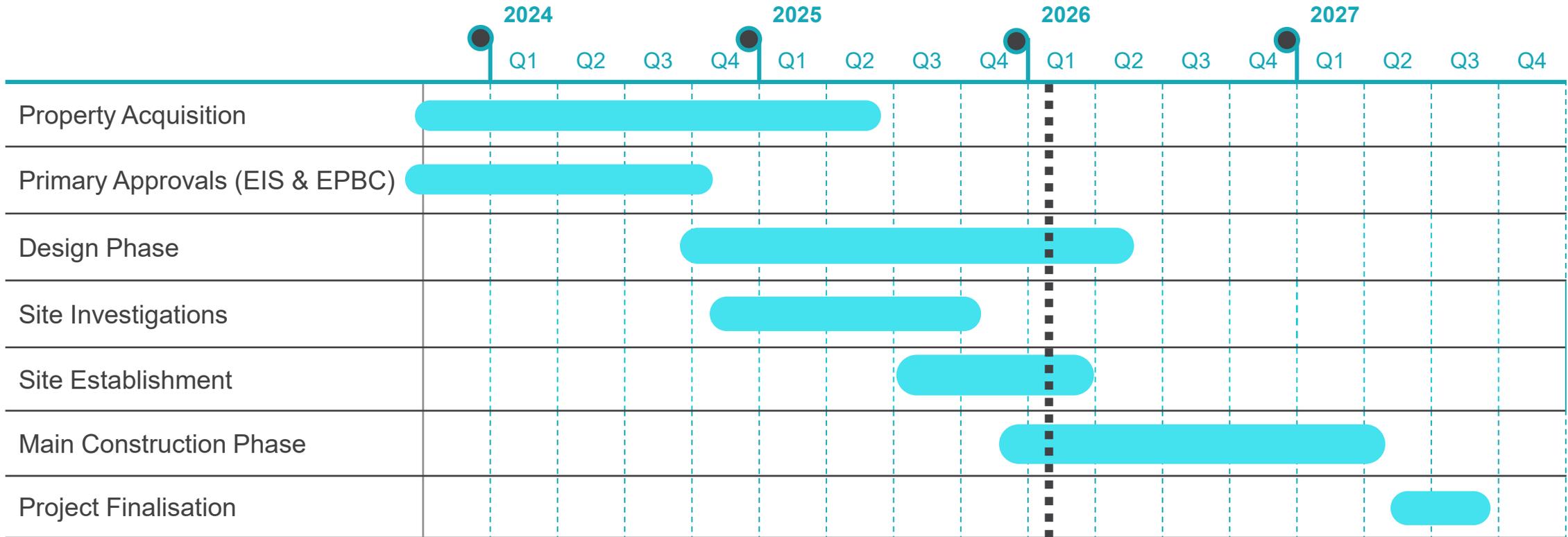
Project Update

Harry Mercer – Project Director I2S (Acting)

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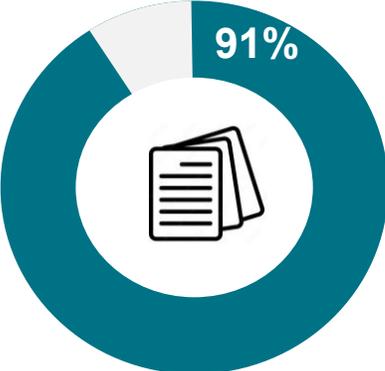
Illabo to Stockinbingal Program



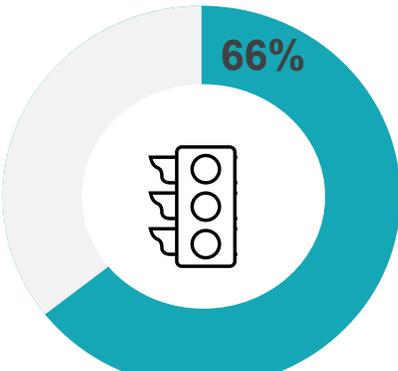
I2S Design Progress

John Holland
D&C
Contract

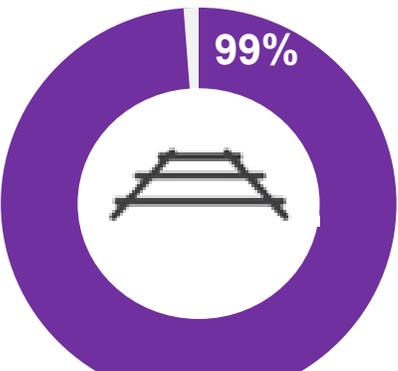
All Design



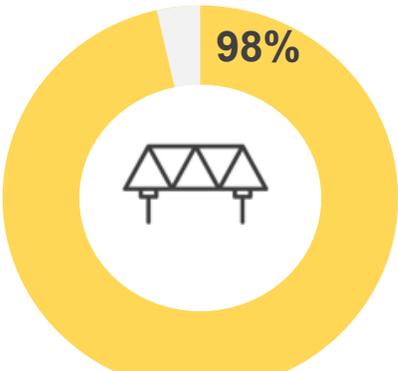
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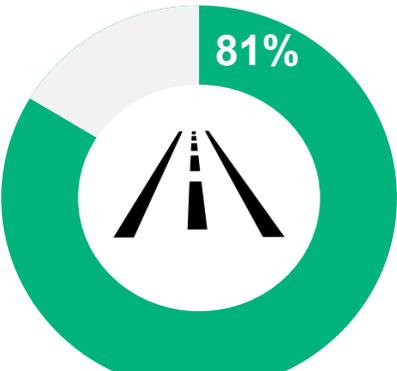
Track & Formation



Bridges



Roadworks



Three Month Lookahead

- Fencing
- Clearing and grubbing of alignment
- Temporary pipeline and storage tanks for a temporary construction water supply
- Utilities adjustment
- Combined Services Route (CSR) for rail systems
- Establishment of bridgework and drainage culvert sites
- Major construction is due to commence in March 2026
 - Bridgeworks
 - Drainage culverts
 - Earthworks
- Upcoming Possession – 28 Feb to 2 Mar
 - Illabo junction trackwork – turnout installation



3D Fly Through of Stockinbingal

[Stockinbingal 3D fly-thru 2025 - Inland Rail Illabo to Stockinbingal](#)

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Stockinbingal
3D Fly-through

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NSW Program Update

Grant Johnson – Stakeholder Engagement Lead

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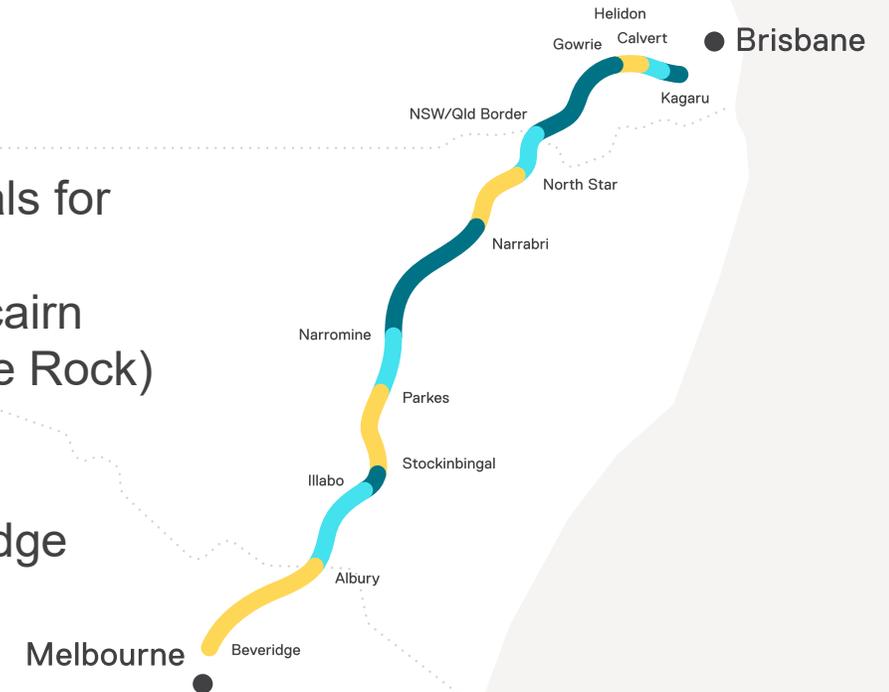
Adjacent Projects Update

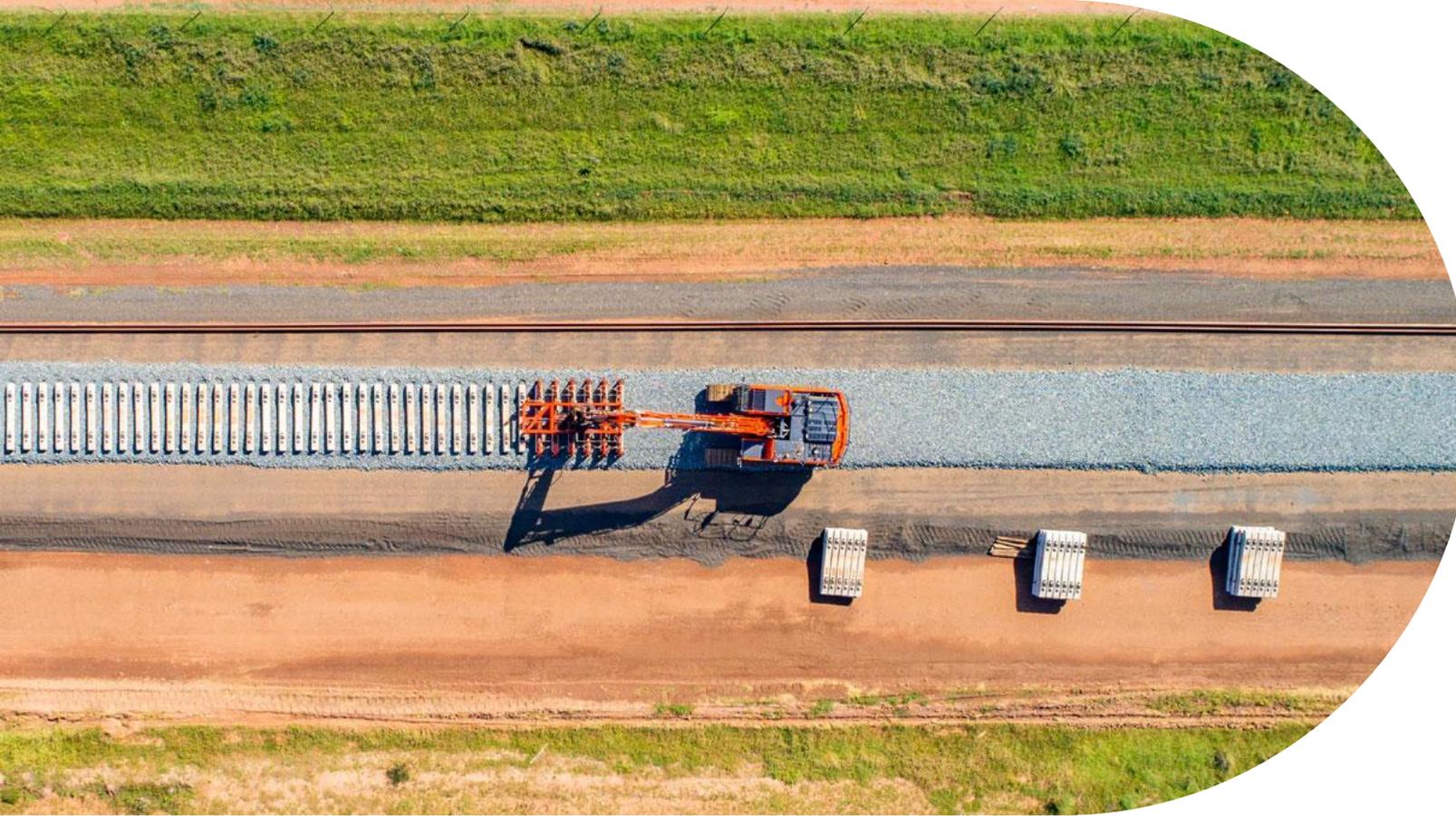
Albury to Illabo (A2I)

- Successful trial closure of Edmondson St bridge; received approvals for permanent closure to commence works
- December possession – removal of Albury Station footbridge, Culcairn footbridge, and 2 sites had all works completed (Table Top and The Rock)
- Operational Noise and Vibration Review (ONVR) consultation to commence early 2026
- February/March possession – demolition of Edmondson Street bridge deck

Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)

- The Stockinbingal to Parkes project has completed all works including track lowering under Wyndham Avenue bridge, crossing loop at Daroobalgie, track slew works at various locations and modification of Lachlan River bridge





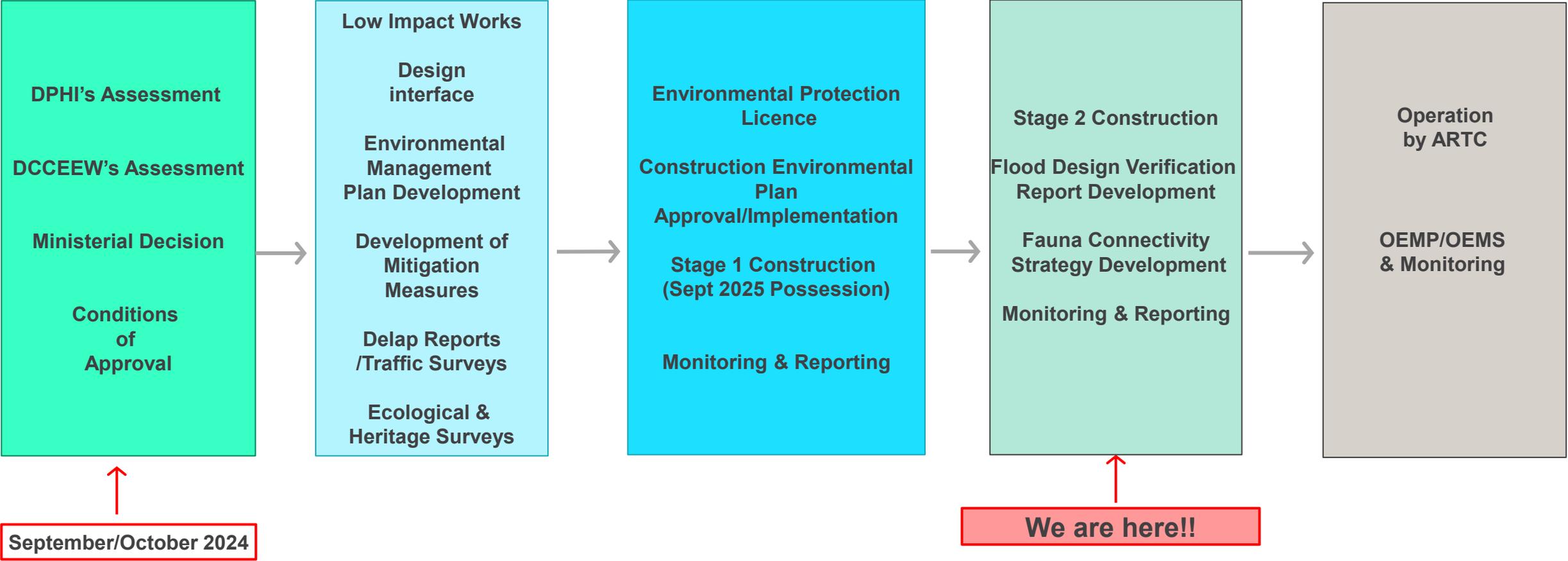
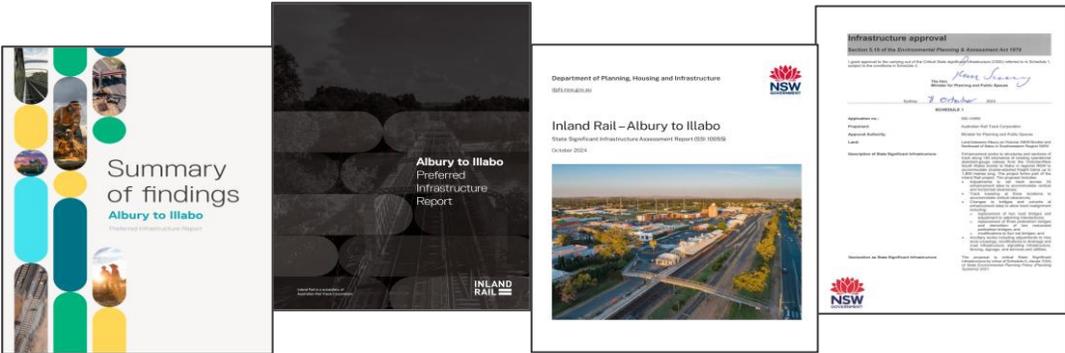
Planning and Environment

Rachael Labruyere

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Approvals and Construction



Cultural Heritage

- Test excavations undertaken as part of the EIS process found a number of Aboriginal stone artefacts within the southern part of the I2S Project (Billabong Creek and Ulandra Creek) and recommended further investigation and salvage
- Salvage excavations were carried out from November 2025 – February 2026 using hand tools
- Works were undertaken by archaeologists with representatives of the Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council



Cultural Heritage

- Preliminary results suggest that test pits contained up to 81 stone artefacts with further analysis underway to confirm
- Preliminary results also suggest Aboriginal people may have been manufacturing micro blades on site with other stone tools including an anvil recovered

Next Steps:

- Production of a post-excavation report that analyses the findings of the excavations
- Salvaged artefacts will be repatriated on site, near to where they were found, for them to remain on Country



Vegetation and Clearing

- To date 70% of the I2S alignment has been cleared with clearing due to be completed by end February/start March 2026
- A pre-clearing survey of the I2S alignment undertaken in August 2025 identified: 166 habitat trees and 155 hollow bearing trees
- Additional pre-clearing inspections are carried out within 48hours of planned clearing activities

Superb Parrot Fledgelings

- During clearing works in December, three Superb Parrot fledglings were located by the Project ecologist in a felled tree
- The birds were transported to a local veterinarian in Cootamundra and later released
- The event has been reported to DPHI/Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation (CPHR) and DCCEEW as per the project approval requirements.
- CPHR has since contacted the Project to 3D print the hollow to further understand Superb Parrot habitats



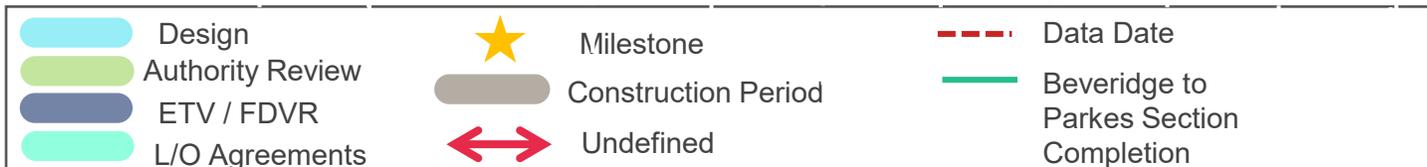
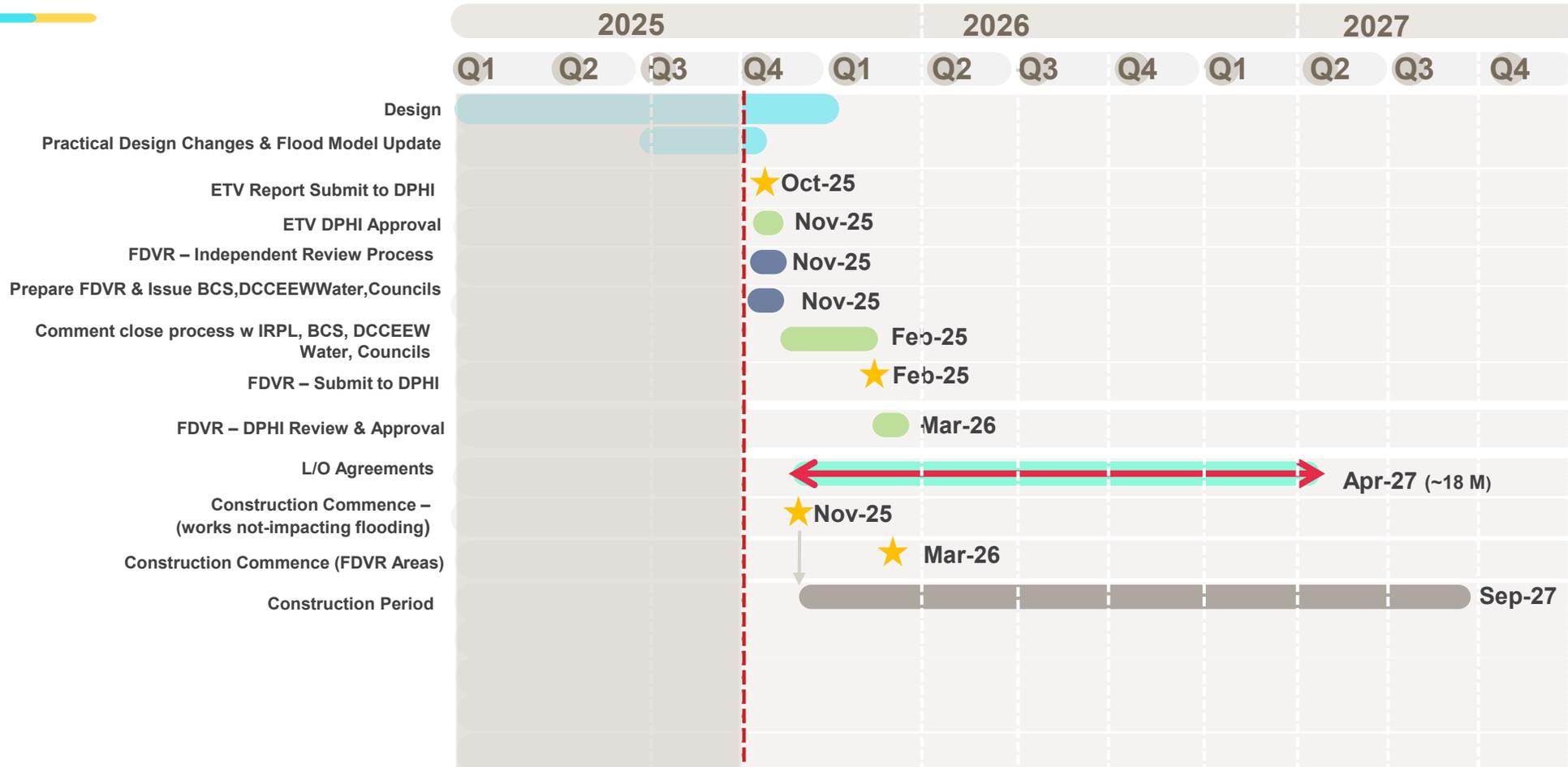
Flood Design Verification Report (FDVR)

- Revision B of the Flood Design Verification Report (FDVR) has been issued for consultation (agencies and Council)
- Locations of predicted Quantitative Design Limit (QDL) exceedances have been identified
- Discussions are on-going regarding affected Landowner and Roads Authority Agreements (where relevant)

Next steps;

- Revision of FDVR with consultation input
- Submission of FDVR to the Planning Secretary for approval
- Commencement of construction of permanent works that may impact on flooding following approval by the Planning Secretary

Flood Design Verification Report





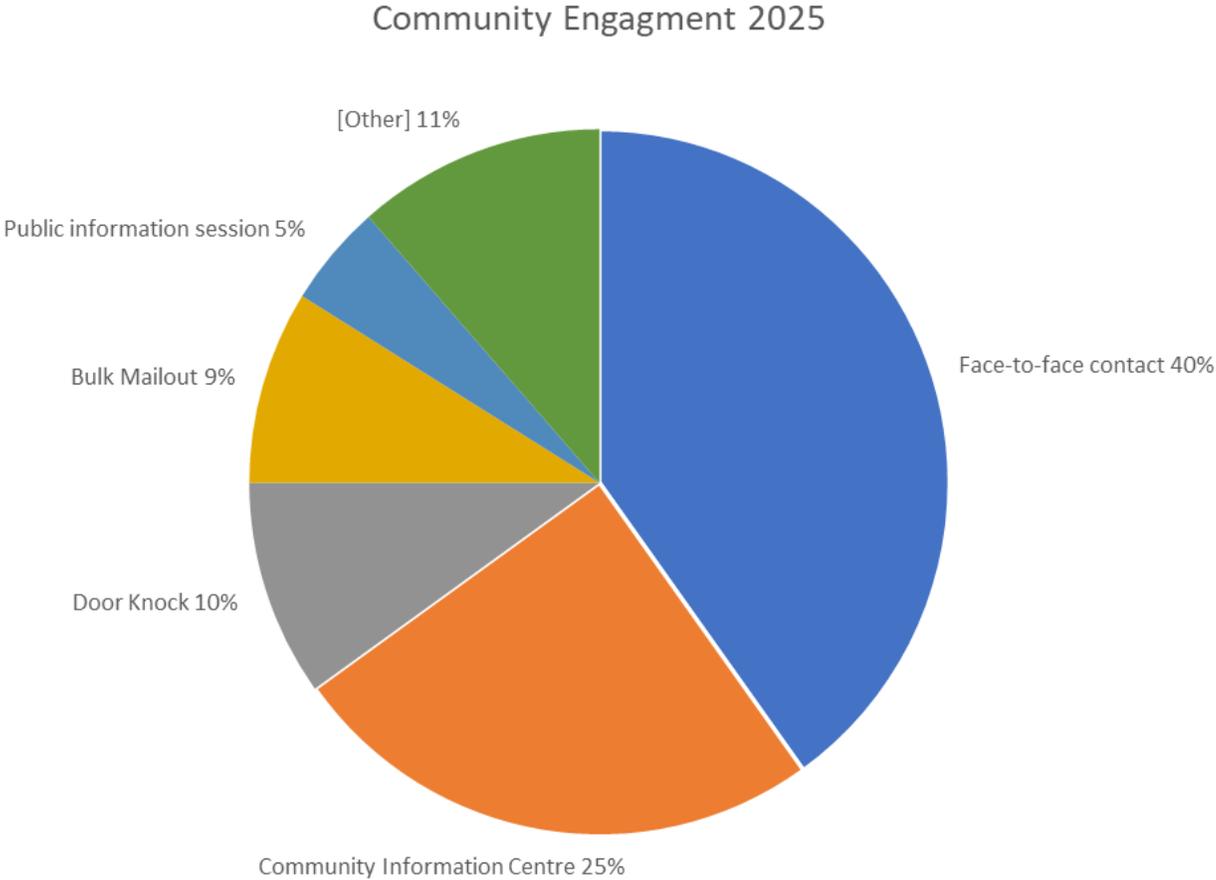
Community Update

Eleanor Falkiner – Stakeholder Engagement Lead I2S



Stakeholder & Engagement - 2025 Year in Review

Event Type	Occurrences
Face-to-face contact	77
Community Information Centre	48
Door Knock	19
Bulk Mailout	17
Public information session	9
[Other]	22
Total	192



Above: Inland Rail stall at Illabo Show

Consultation Q1 2026 – Outlook

- Closing out design with private landowners
- Utility relocations commence
- Hydrology and flooding consultation continues with key stakeholders and private landowners
- Visual Landscape and Amenity consultation
- Construction awareness and liaison
- Community Info Stand at Monthly Stop'n'mingle
- JHG volunteering for local Meals on Wheels



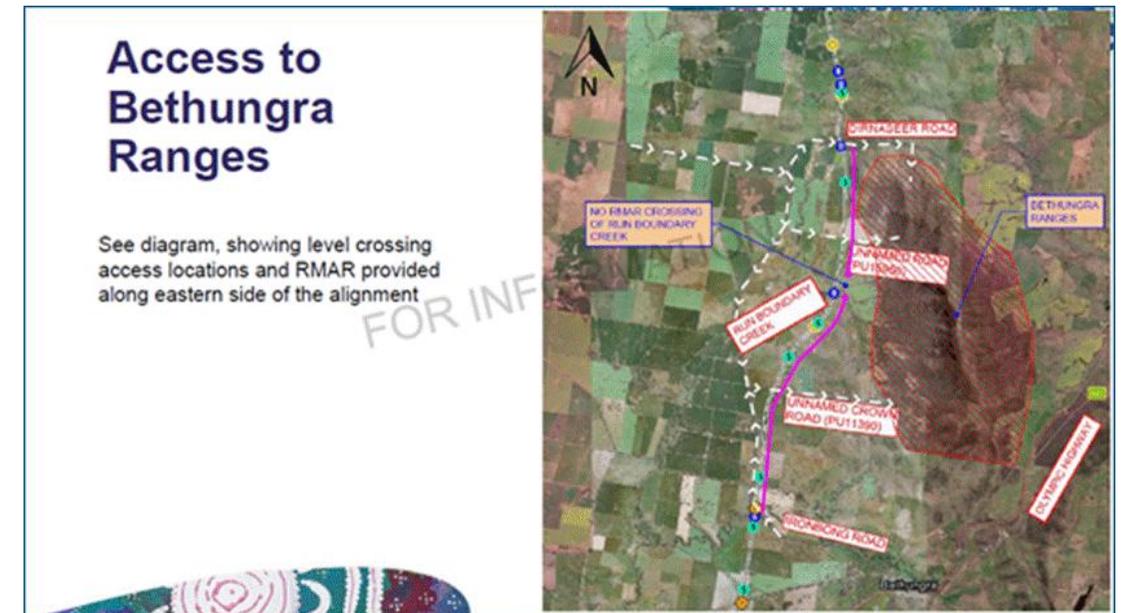
Above: John Holland and IRPL at Cootamundra Show

Consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service

- JHG have met and consulted with the representatives from RFS throughout 2025 regarding the design, construction and operation of the Inland Rail.
- Scope of consultation included access to Bethungra Ranges, level crossings, design vehicle, fencing & security, hazard reduction burns, fire hazards.
- Consultation held with RFS South West Slopes Operational Officer and RFS Operational Manager and local Group Fire Captains.

Dates and Topics of Consultation with RFS

- Safety in Design – 18/03/2025
- Bushfire Emergency Management Plan 4/08/2025
- Bushfire Emergency Service Vehicle Access: Old Cootamundra and Dirnaseer Roads 19/09/2025
- Consultation on Design Package L6 – Corridor Works Fencing and Security 18/07/25



Social Performance

What's been happening?

- Held Rail Readiness Training in December 2025 to two First Nations groups. Aimed at getting more First Nations workers onto both the A2I and I2S projects
- 15 people interviewed for jobs, with 7 securing employment with suppliers on the I2S project
- 4 other Rail Readiness courses conducted in Cootamundra and Young. A total of 25 went for interviews, with 14 people offered jobs on the I2S project
- Held a Rail Readiness training course in late January 2026 to assist one of the John Holland fencing contractors.
- Organisation attended “Meet the Contractor” sessions along with participating in the “Supplier Capability program workshops”. Excellent result for them to win a contract on the project
- Cootamundra training video – This video highlighted the success of the program, and some of the local workers secured by John Holland
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWStM38NLzY>



Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – December 2025 Junee LGA



We invest in Inland Rail alignment communities by partnering with experts to grow a local supply of businesses and future workers equipped for the 21st century.



STEM PARTNERSHIPS

5 Events held

7 Schools involved

306

Students engaged in STEM activities

13% of whom are First Nations People

53% of whom are Female

42 Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

2 Supplier Capability Workshops held

0 Mentoring sessions held

16 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

2% First Nations businesses

1 "Meet the Contractor" events held

44 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

0 Work ready individuals



0 Completed Training Competencies

0 of whom are First Nations People

0 of whom are Female

4 Workers received training on project

0 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

17 Local community grants approved

\$59K

Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

16 Total workforce from LGA

2 Sustainable Jobs

1 Workers in trades

0 First Nations workers

0 Female workers

1 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

6

Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

230 K

Total spend on local businesses

Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – December 2025 Cootamundra – Gundagai Shire LGA



We invest in Inland Rail alignment communities by partnering with experts to grow a local supply of businesses and future workers equipped for the 21st century.



STEM PARTNERSHIPS

3 Events held

3 Schools involved

274

Students engaged in STEM activities

15% of whom are First Nations People

47% of whom are Female

23 Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

2 Supplier Capability Workshops held

0 Mentoring sessions held

26 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

7% First Nations businesses

3 "Meet the Contractor" events held

134 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

41 Work ready individuals

3 Completed Training Competencies

12 of whom are First Nations People

of whom are Female **8**

1 Workers received training on project

0 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

14 Local community grants approved

\$39 K

Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

29 Total workforce from LGA

4 Sustainable Jobs

0 Workers in trades

3 First Nations workers

7 Female workers

3 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

14

Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

\$ 1.1m

Total spend on local businesses

First Nations Update

- I2S Wiradjuri Naming on camp building and Cootamundra office has been implemented
- JHG and Inland Rail will participate in a Cultural immersion Tour out of Cootamundra coming up in March/April





I2S Community Feedback

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Community Insights

- Community feedback / sentiment?
- Any gaps in information provided or project knowledge?
- Any major community events or local agricultural activities that could impact project consultation or works?



Above: John Holland Cootamundra Community Information Centre



General Business

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Conclusion and Confirmation of Actions

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