



Illabo to Stockinbingal Community Consultative Committee

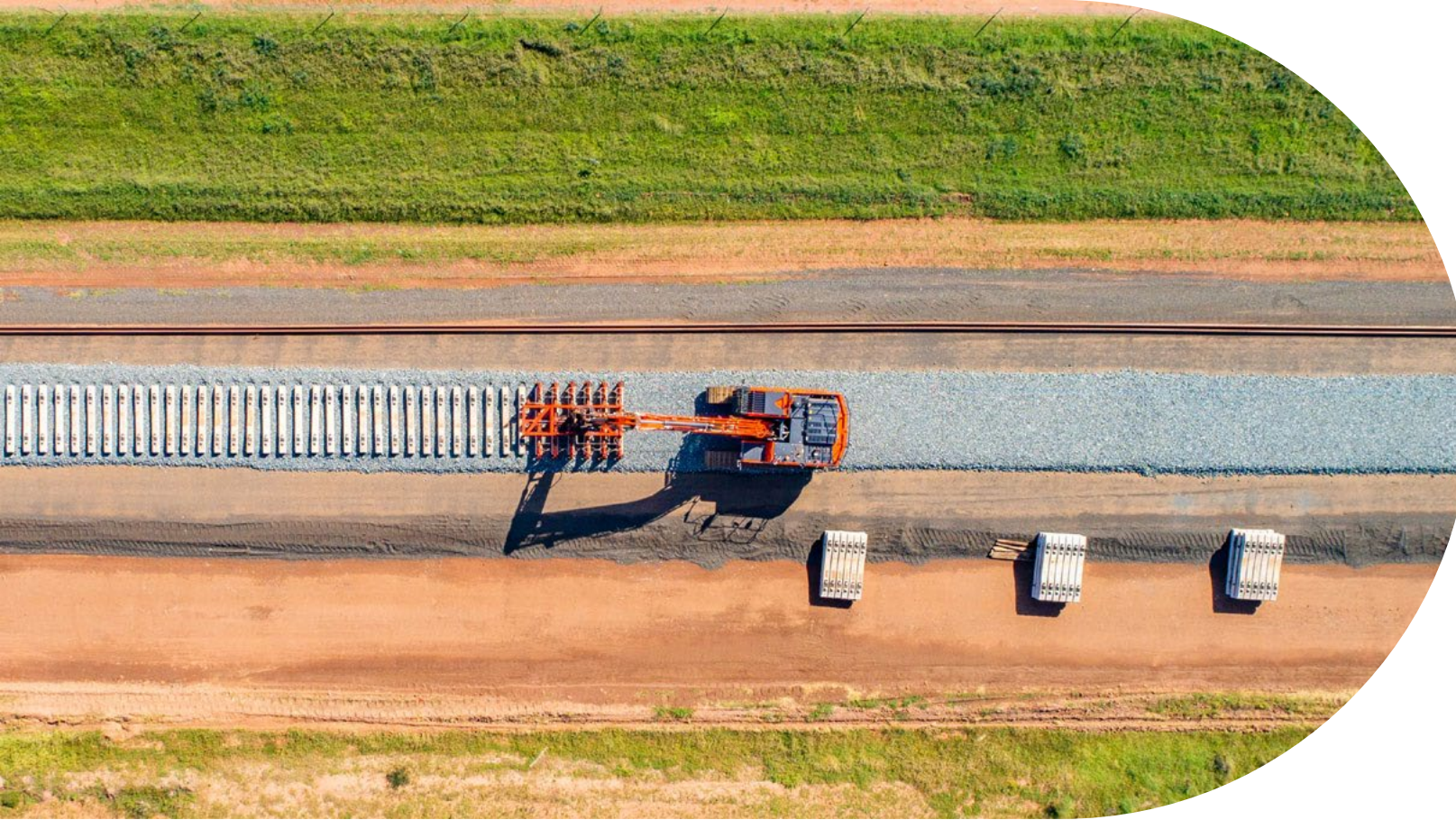
Junee

6 August 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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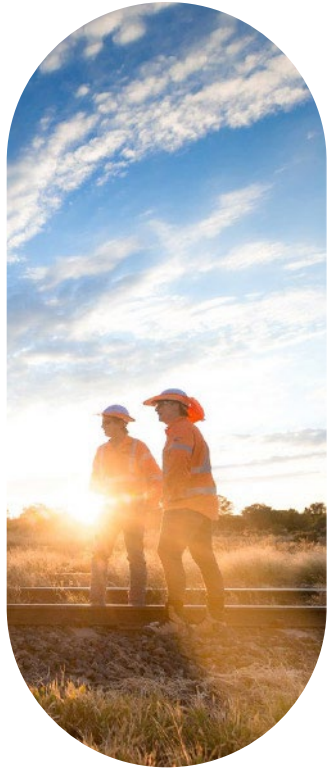
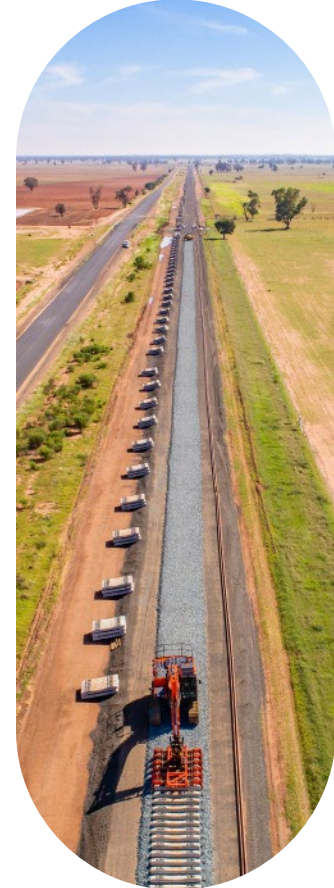
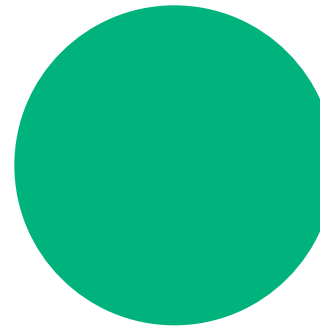
Garry West – Chair CCC

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Agenda

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



Introduction/Presenters

Christian Rogers

Project Director – I2S

Dan Lumby

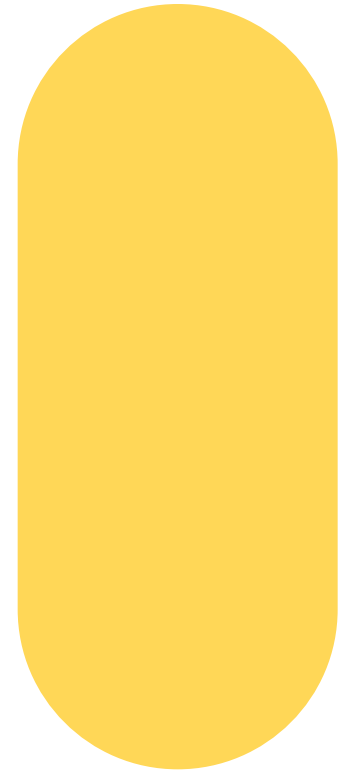
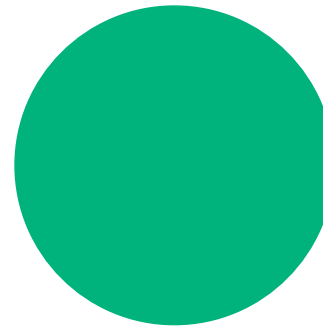
Principal Environmental Advisor – I2S

Casey Wallace

Community Engagement Manager – VIC/NSW

Jessica Jackson

Community Engagement Lead



Actions from previous meeting

Item	Action/response
Future signalling programs & use of copper (Commonwealth program) – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts to provide
Will road diversions affecting school bus routes be required during blasting activity – Inland Rail	No impacts to roads



Program and Project Update

Christian Rogers – Project Director I2S

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Inland Rail Program Update

- ▶ Inland Rail will deliver Beveridge (VIC) to Parkes (NSW) ready for double-stacked operations by the end of 2027.
- ▶ All approved project works will continue as planned.
- ▶ Dr Sean Sweeney commenced as CEO on the 1st of July.
- ▶ Dr Sweeney undertook an alignment tour from Beveridge to Parkes from 13 July to 17 July.



Adjacent Projects Update

Albury to Illabo (A2I)

- ▶ Mothers' footbridge span lift – 23 July
- ▶ Key works progressing:
 - ▶ Ongoing bridge and footbridge construction at Albury, Wagga Wagga and Junee
 - ▶ Track works ongoing at Billy Hughes, Wagga Wagga, Junee to Illabo
 - ▶ Earthworks and piling at Riverina Highway and Pearson Street track lower
 - ▶ Cassidy footbridge demolition
- ▶ The next major possession is scheduled for September 2026.

Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)

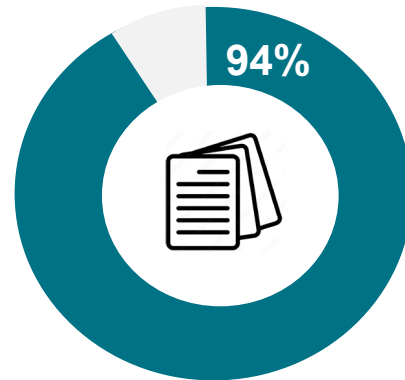
- ▶ All major works are now completed
- ▶ Overhead wire works to begin later this year



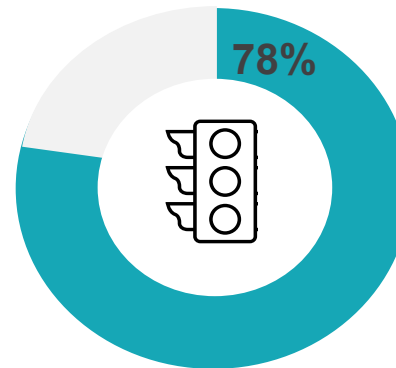
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John Holland
D&C Contract

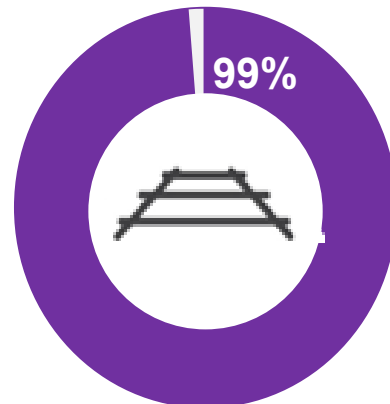
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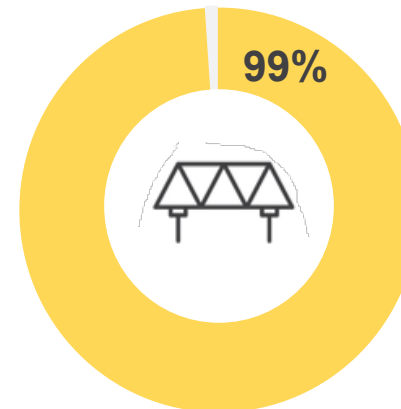
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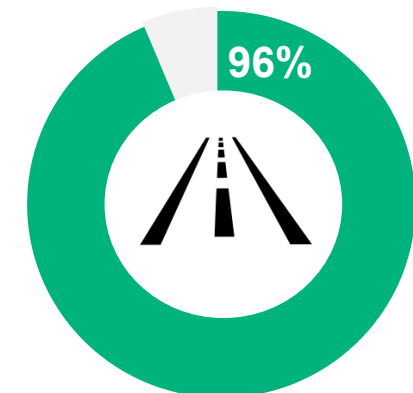
Track & Formation



Bridges



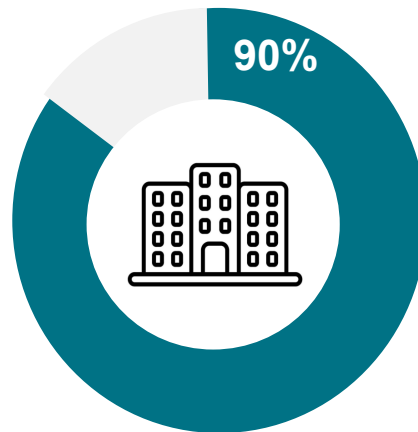
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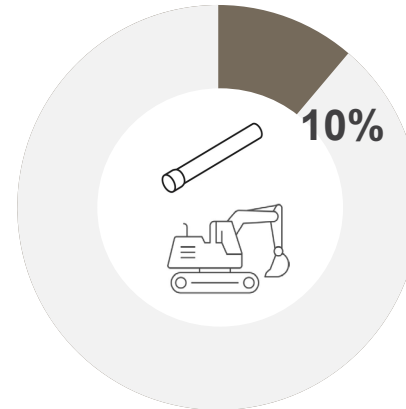
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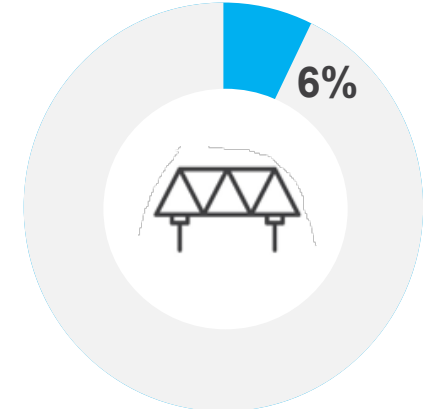
Site Establishment



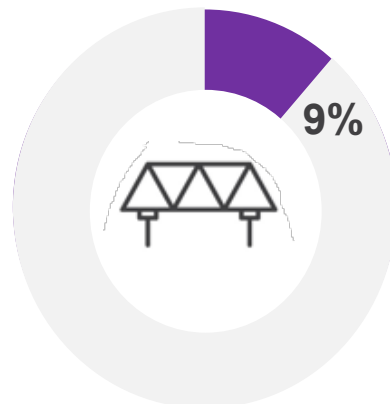
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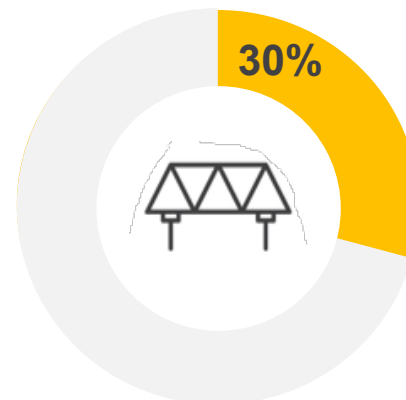
Waterway Bridges



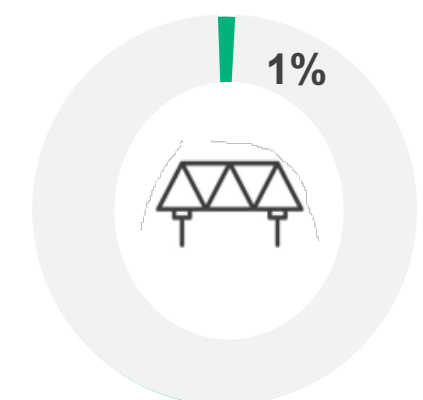
Old Cootamundra
Bridge



Dirnaseer Bridge



Burley Griffin Way
Bridge



I2S – Project Activities

Dirnaseer Bridge Piling works



Livestock underpass



Olympic Highway- start of greenfield



Dirnaseer Bridge



Earthworks



Old Cootamundra Road



Stockinbingal Camp Update

- ▶ Capacity for up to 350 people
- ▶ Average of 200 – 220 people at camp each week
- ▶ Recreation room include pool tables, board games, library, wet mess and a gym
- ▶ Team have been adventuring offsite to explore locally including to local restaurants in Stockinbingal, Temora and Cootamundra.
- ▶ Actively participating in local events such as weekly trivia at Central Hotel, fortnightly bingo at Ex-Service's Club and Open Mic Nights at the Stockinbingal Bowling Club.





Blasting

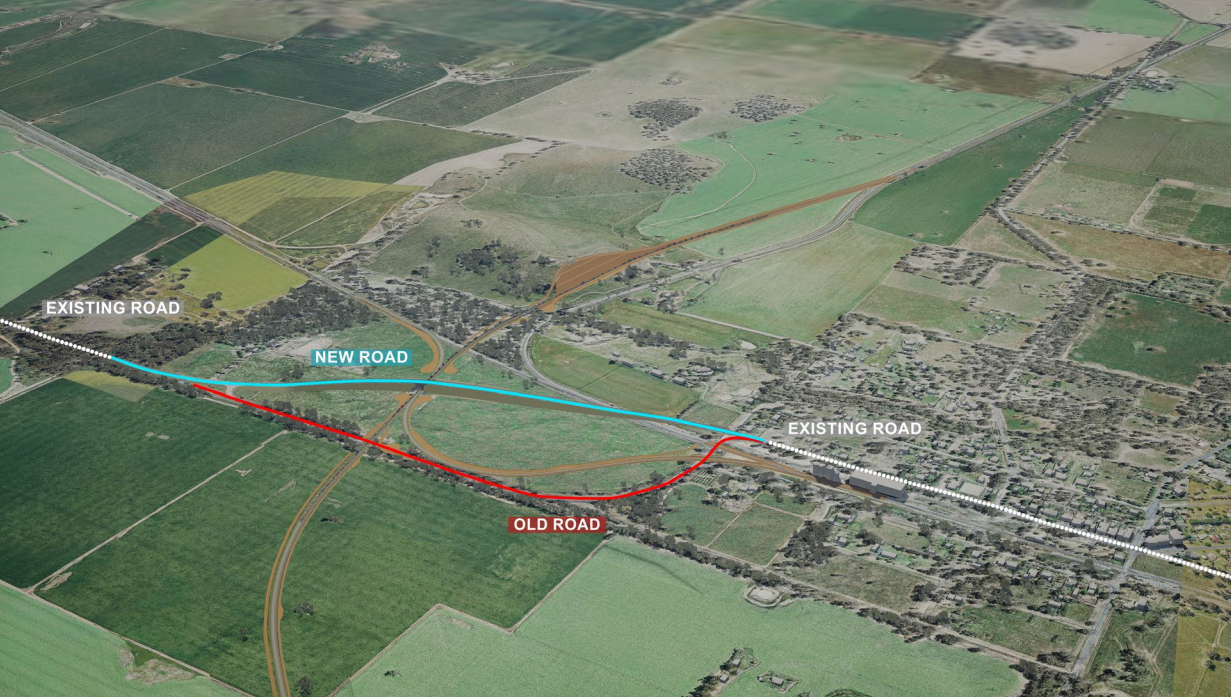
- ▶ 5 blasts completed
- ▶ 6 upcoming
- ▶ Last blast occurred yesterday at Cut 30, South of Old Cootamundra Road

Dirnaseer and Old Cootamundra Road Closure

- ▶ Dirnaseer Road detour pictured
- ▶ Old Cootamundra Road detour map coming
- ▶ Dates to be confirmed, likely end of September/October
- ▶ Communications to community with dates when known, will include socials, print and VMS messaging
- ▶ Early community drop-in sessions have been held in Dirnaseer, Stockinbingal and Illabo

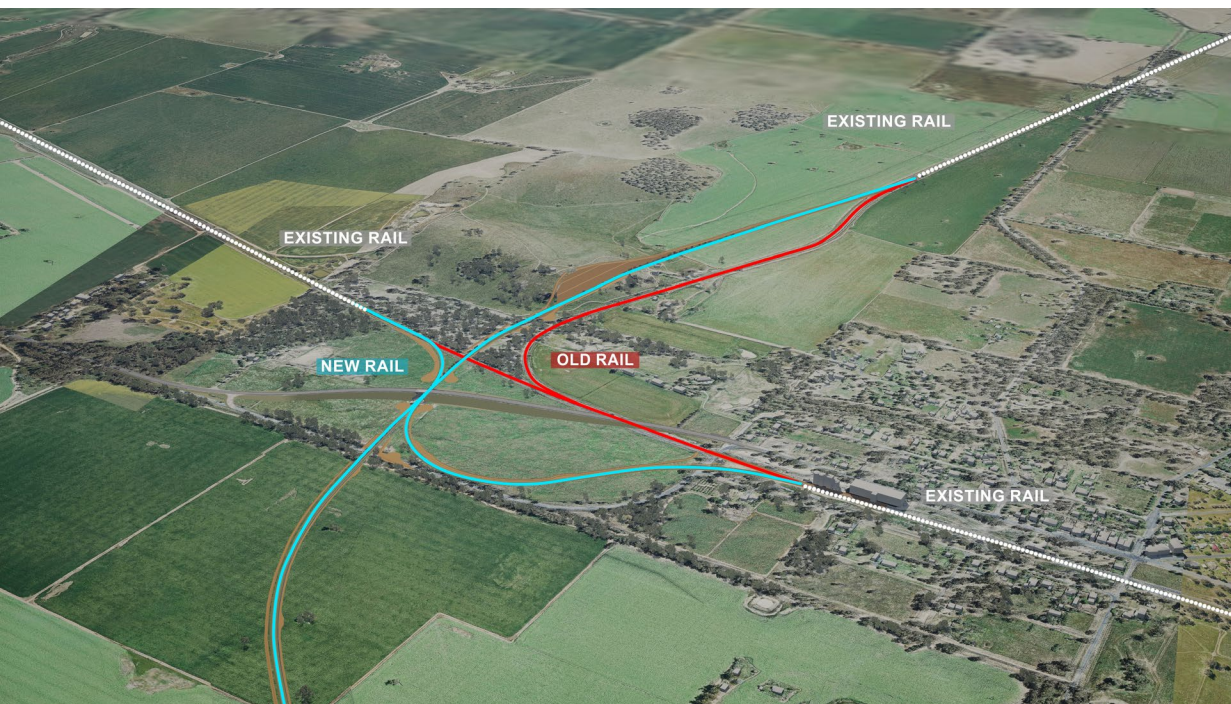


Burley Griffin Way Staging



Gates have been established off existing Burley Griffin Way.

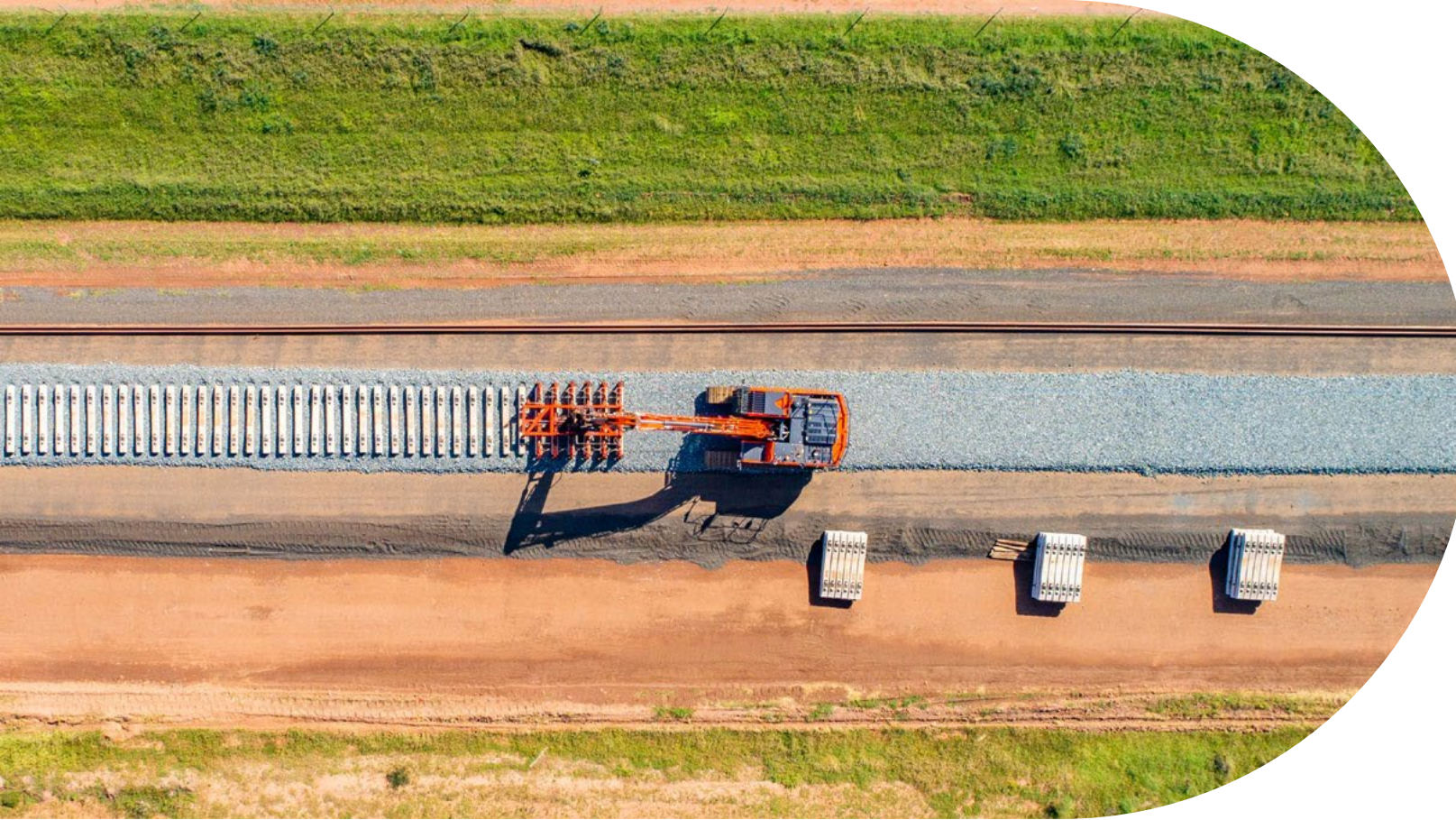
- ▶ Stage 1 – Construction of new Burley Griffin Way alignment on new alignment
- ▶ Over the next few weeks, you will see a large number of earthworks at Stockinbingal Hill into the north
 - ▶ Road users will continue to use existing Burley Griffin Way under traffic management
- ▶ Stage 2 – Traffic switch to Temporary Alignment
- ▶ Stage 3 – Rail Possession and Track Tie-ins
- ▶ Stage 4 – Traffic moved to final alignment



Three-Month Lookahead

- ▶ September Possession – September 12-15
 - ▶ Earthworks
 - ▶ Cross over (Illabo)
 - ▶ Rail unload (Stockinbingal)
- ▶ Dirnaseer Road closure – dates to be confirmed
- ▶ Old Cootamundra Road closure – dates to be confirmed, October 2026
- ▶ Ongoing earthworks
- ▶ Completion of blasting





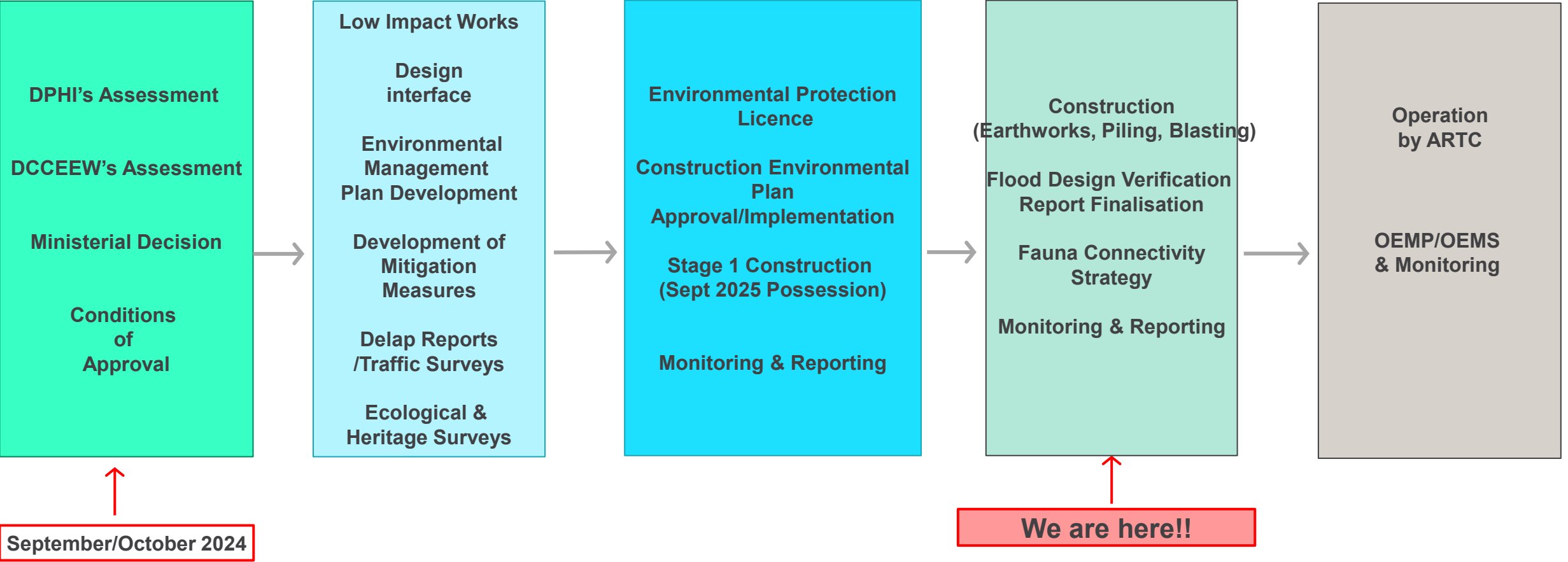
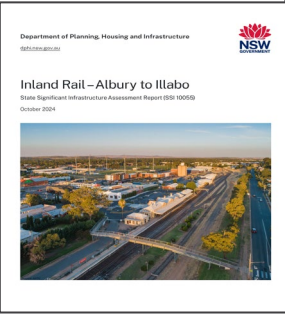
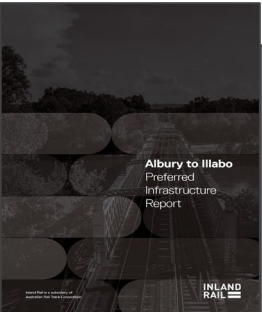
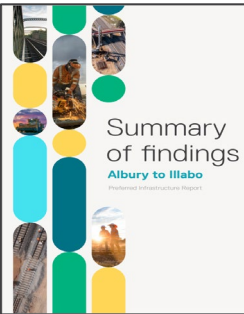
Planning and Environment

Dan Lumby - Principal Environmental Advisor I2S

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Approvals and Construction



Fauna Connectivity Strategy

- ▶ A Fauna Connectivity Strategy has been drafted by John Holland and submitted for consultation.
- ▶ Existing habitat is concentrated along roadsides, unused road reserves, along waterways, and as a small number of patches of woodland.
- ▶ The strategy focuses on improving connections between habitat areas and proposed measures include rope bridges, fauna funnel fencing and glider poles
- ▶ Priority connectivity locations have been identified at Old Sydney Road, Ironbong Road, Run Boundary Creek, Billabong Creek and Ulandra Creek.
- ▶ Biodiversity offset and revegetation sites are being developed and managed as part of the Project, including the Box Gum BSA Site will further support long-term biodiversity outcomes



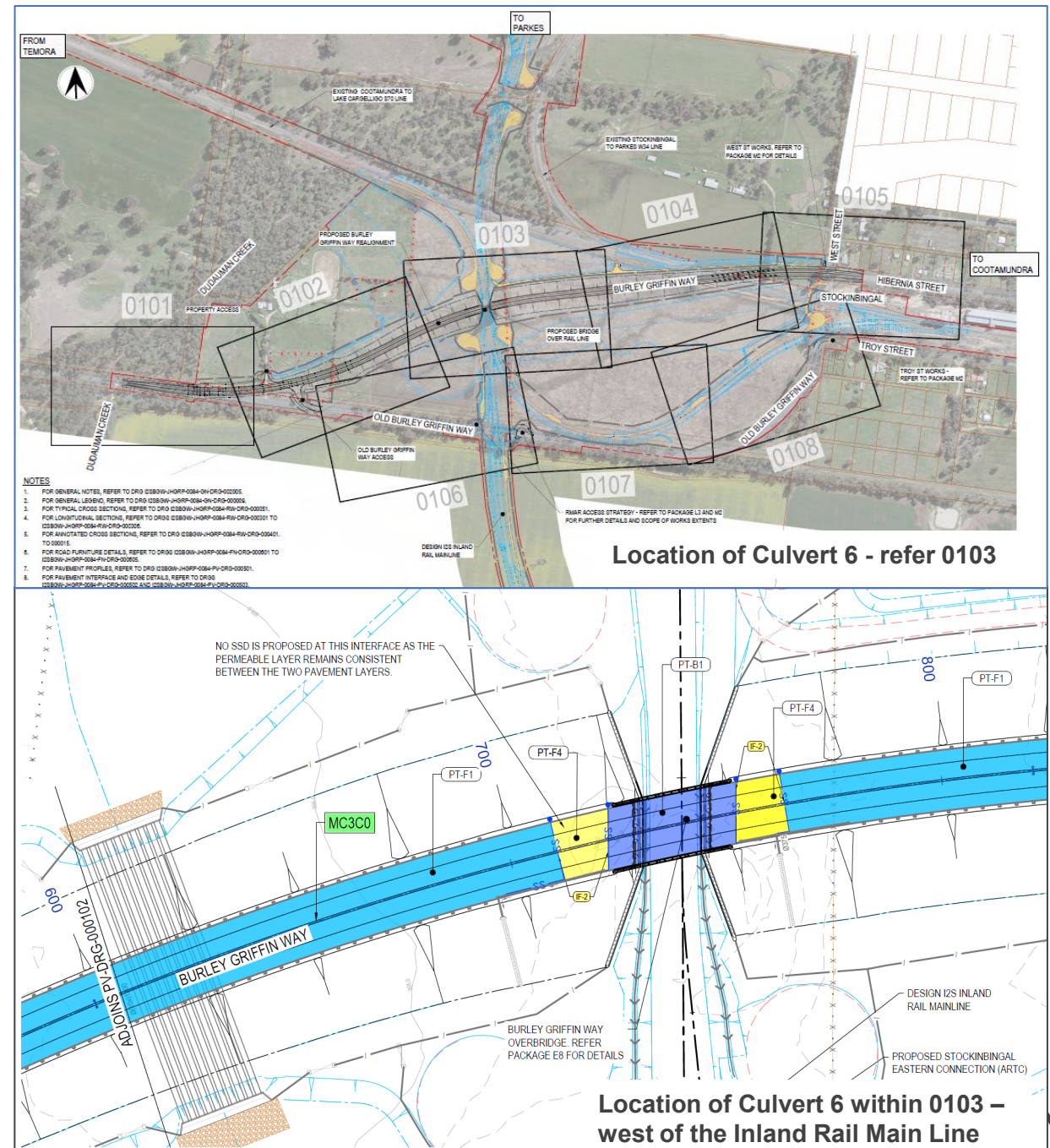
Fauna Connectivity Strategy

- ▶ The strategy addresses the needs of native fauna that may be affected by the project including, woodland birds, arboreal mammals, parrots and cockatoos, terrestrial fauna, fish and aquatic fauna.
- ▶ Existing rail infrastructure including stock underpasses and drainage culverts, can also provide movement pathways for terrestrial fauna.
- ▶ Fauna friendly fencing options are being assessed for key connectivity locations
- ▶ Improved wildlife movement across the rail corridor and reduced habitat fragmentation



Flood Design Verification Report

- Consultation with regulators is continuing, with FDVR finalisation targeted for September.
- Landowner consultation is ongoing to confirm mitigation measures and their maintenance.
- Low risk culverts have been approved across the alignment including Culvert 6 in Stockinbingal.





Community Update

Casey Wallace – Community Engagement Manager VIC/NSW

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Stakeholder Engagement – Community information sessions



Dirnaseer Hall



Seniors on track with project information



Stockinbingal



Not pictured – Illabo

Stakeholder Engagement – Connecting with schools



Engineers of the future – STEM activity



Career Expos – Young and Cootamundra

Stakeholder Engagement – Volunteering



Cootamundra Meals on Wheels is with John Holland and 2 others.

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Happy Mothers' Day to all our wonderful mothers, grandmothers and aunts. Sunday was a beautiful day and Cootamundra Meals on Wheels were grateful for John Holland staff to volunteer their time to deliver meals. A big thank you also to One Twenty 7 for supplying the beautiful hearts gifted to all our female clients and Cootamundra Mitre 10 who donated a potted plant to all the ladies who received a meal on Sunday.

Our community is enriched with generosity given to so many organisations, that's what country living is all about



MND Fundraiser at Stop N Mingle

Meals on Wheels volunteering

Community Engagement – Lookahead

Date	Activity
Ongoing	Cootamundra Community Information Centre Tues & Thurs – 9am to 12pm Wednesday – 9am to 5pm
August 27	Try a Trade Day (held in Wagga)
September 22-24	Henty Field Days
October 10	Illabo Show
October 17	Cootamundra Show
October 24	Junee Show
Monthly	Monitoring meetings with Council staff – Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and Junee Shire Council



Community Engagement – Community Grants

- ▶ Junee Reefs Hall Centenary Ball
- ▶ Junee Shire Council – community mental health awareness event
- ▶ Coota Mens Shed – replace workshop equipment
- ▶ Cootamundra District Cricket Association – replace aging equipment



First Nations Update

NAIDOC Week celebrations included:

- ▶ Dirnaseer Damper morning tea and canvas painting
- ▶ Planting native species at the Yarning Circle at the Camp
- ▶ First Nations inspired dinner at Camp



Inland Rail Skills Academy

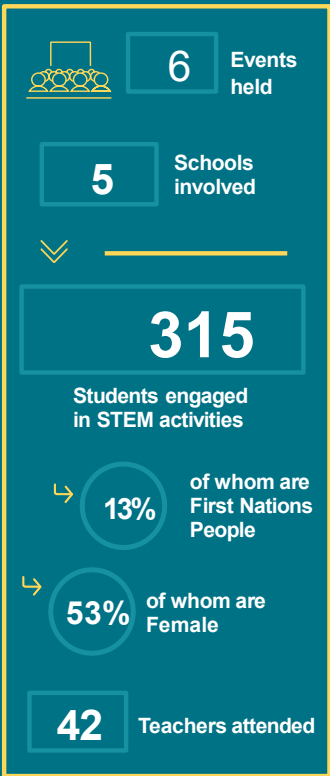
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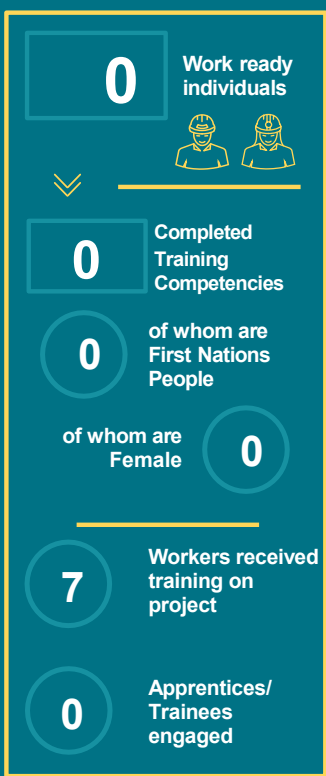
STEM PARTNERSHIPS



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES



SKILLS TRAINING



COMMUNITY GRANTS



PROJECT WORKFORCE



PROJECT PROCUREMENT



Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – June 2026 Cootamundra – Gundagai Shire LGA



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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

 **4** Events held

 **4** Schools involved

⇓

483

Students engaged in STEM activities

↳ **16%** of whom are First Nations People

↳ **45%** of whom are Female

 **23** Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

2 Supplier Capability Workshops held

0 Mentoring sessions held

⇓

118 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

↳ **7%** First Nations businesses

3 “Meet the Contractor” events held

140 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

49 Work ready individuals

⇓



3 Completed Training Competencies

12 of whom are First Nations People

of whom are Female **8**

5 Workers received training on project

1 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

17 Local community grants approved

⇓

\$49K

Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

43 Total workforce from LGA

⇓

4 Sustainable Jobs

0 Workers in trades

3 First Nations workers

8 Female workers

5 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

17

Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

\$ 5.5m

Total spend on local businesses



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

Garry West – Chair CCC

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Conclusion and Confirmation of Actions

Garry West – Chair CCC

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Thank you

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