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Transport for NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Wiradjuri Nation on which the Regional Rail Project is being delivered. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and recognise continued connection to country, waterways and skies.

## **Jobs, Skills and Industry Participation (JSIP) The Bulletin - Winter 2021 edition**

Welcome to the Winter edition of The Bulletin.

Each season we'll provide an update on the JSIP activities on the Regional Rail Project.



As we are writing this bulletin, [NAIDOC Week](#) is here. The 2021 theme is 'Heal Country, heal our nation', which calls for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage.



**HEAL  
COUNTRY!**  
**4-11 JULY 2021**

We asked Royston Douglas, a Project Manager for Aboriginal Participation at Transport for NSW, what NAIDOC week meant to him. He said:

“NAIDOC is a great opportunity to share and learn about our First Nation’s history, and for our mob to showcase and celebrate our culture with the community”.



## A day at the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre

By John Peric, Transport for NSW Construction Manager

*To support the new fleet, a new purpose-built maintenance centre, named Mindyarra, is being constructed in Dubbo. The Mindyarra Maintenance Centre will boost business and job opportunities in regional NSW during its construction and operation.*

“It’s 7am and the faint glow of dawn is just starting to break the darkness on a cold and frosty winter morning in Dubbo.

There are almost eighty people wearing fluorescent orange PPE, some with both hands clasped around their coffee cup, keeping their hands warm. This is the start-up routine where everyone gathers for the pre-start safety briefing. With safety essentials re-enforced, plant operators warm up machines and drive the almost one kilometre to the worksite.

This is a busy worksite, pouring concrete, pushing dirt and digging trenches for a myriad of installations. Large steel components are going up to become workshops, and there are lots of vehicles moving about, including concrete trucks, earthmoving gear, cranes and the ubiquitous tradies ute, all wearing a flashing orange beacon on the roof.

This is the daily routine for the duration of this project, which will become a centre piece of industry and regional employment in Dubbo. But, in amongst the all clatter, hustle and bustle there are the simple things to appreciate as well.

We can pause to smell the roses so to speak and for example, over time, watch a couple of ducks hatch and raise eight ducklings..... cute.”



## UGL industry briefing in Dubbo a resounding success



An event aimed at connecting local businesses and suppliers to opportunities on the Regional Rail Project took place on 26 May at the Dubbo RSL with approximately 150 attendees.

Networking played a central role in the event, providing attendees the opportunity to meet members of the Regional Rail Project team, as well as talk to other organisations that can help local businesses grow. Businesses were offered a chance to ask questions and delve into their support needs.

UGL Managing Director Doug Moss said: “UGL is committed to providing local businesses with opportunities to contribute to this significant project for regional NSW, where UGL will maintain



the Regional Rail fleet and maintenance centre. As part of the CIMIC Group, alongside our sister company CPB Contractors is helping to construct the maintenance centre, UGL is looking forward to engaging with local suppliers and employees further in the coming months.”

Honourable Member for Dubbo – Dugald Saunders, said: ”I understand some valuable connections were made and I hope that local businesses were inspired and informed enough about Transport for NSW's commitment to regional jobs and skills as part of the Regional Rail Project. I am looking forward to hearing about its success going forward.”

*UGL a is member of CIMIC Group and part of the Momentum Trains consortium who will be responsible for the maintenance of the new Regional Rail fleet and new Mindyarra Maintenance Centre in Dubbo.*

## Regional Rail Project Business Support Catalogue

v2

Connecting regional businesses to programs that can enhance skills and capability



Version two of our Business Support Catalogue has now been released. This catalogue helps businesses in and around the Central West and Orana Region to further develop their skills and capabilities.

It provides valuable information on programs, grants and how to access funds to expand your operations or develop employee’s skills.

The catalogue will continue to be updated to reflect project changes.

[Visit the  
Catalogue](#)



## Local arts organisation chosen to curate and manage the procurement of the Aboriginal artwork for the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre

Orana Arts has been successful in securing a tender to provide Aboriginal artwork concepts for the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre.

Orana Arts, headquarters in Wiradjuri country – Dubbo NSW, is a well-established, not-for-profit arts organisation which has been active in the promotion, cultivation, and production of creative practice across regional NSW. Orana Arts is led by artists of its region, assisting in building a professional and vibrant arts sector that is connected to the region, the nation, and the world.

Aleshia Lonsdale is the curator for the project. Aleshia is a proud Wiradjuri woman from Mudgee in Central Western NSW with over 20 years' experience in the Arts and Culture sector. She is a Visual Artist, Arts Worker and Curator based in regional New South Wales.

Aleshia is actively engaged in various Aboriginal, Environmental and Arts Organisations both locally and across the region, including the Aboriginal Regional Arts Alliance Inc (NSW), The CORRIDOR Project, CEMENTA Inc and the Three Rivers Regional Assembly.

[Visit their website](#)

## Central West Plumbing & Civil Drainage - servicing the Orana Region.



Central West Plumbing are based in Dubbo and were appointed to the Regional Rail Project in December 2020. The team are responsible for the Hydraulic Works, including storm water, sewer, fire services, drainage and more at the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre.

Tim Connolly started his plumbing journey in 2005 and has since built a company that now employs 17 local staff members, ranging from administration staff, machine operators, plumbers and 5 apprentices. The company offers a range of services including, commercial plumbing, civil

drainage, residential housing, roofing, gas fitting, drainage and more. Tim is a motivated and driven business man and is excited to take on his biggest project to date for the Regional Rail project.

Tim says:

“My office staff are enjoying the extra paperwork...Our project manager had to buy a bigger coffee cup! But seriously, we worked hard and spent hours on end quoting for this job. Most people don't realise how much work and time goes into trying to win jobs”.

[Visit their website](#)

## Mindyarra Maintenance Centre takes shape



The Member for Dubbo electorate visited the Mindyarra Maintenance Centre in Dubbo and was impressed with the installation of the steel frame, which marks a huge step in construction.

“It is so exciting to be able to see the outline of what this multimillion-dollar facility will look like. Mr Saunders said.

“Construction of the train bio-wash and wheel lathe section is underway, and once the steel framing is complete, roofing and cladding of the maintenance building will take place.

Mr Saunders said the NSW Government is powering ahead with vital infrastructure projects that stimulate regional economies and improve transport connectivity in the bush.

“This project is providing employment opportunities for people and businesses across the wider Dubbo region, because keeping jobs local builds a safer, stronger regional NSW,” Mr Saunders said.

“Directly supporting local Dubbo businesses throughout the planning, construction and completion of the maintenance centre ensures more money in their pockets and more employment opportunities, especially during the COVID-19 recovery.”

Construction of the maintenance centre is set to be complete in 2022, while the new trains will enter passenger service progressively from 2023.

Interested in more information about Jobs, Skills & Industry Participation and how you can get involved?

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