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Updates on the
Argyle Mine Closure

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Welcome to the tenth edition of the Argyle Mine Closure Newsletter

I would like to acknowledge the Miriwoong and Gija people from the seven Dawang/ Daam groups who are the Traditional Owners of the Barramundi Dreaming – the Tiltuwam, Mandangala, Yunurr/Yalangga, Neminuwarlin, Balaburr, Bilbildjing and Upper Jimbila people.

In July, the Argyle team came together to enjoy some great activities and events to celebrate NAIDOC Week. The highlight of this year's celebrations included the gifting of 'Closing with pride' long-sleeved polo-shirts featuring beautiful artwork by Gija and Miriwoong Traditional Owners.

Those of you who have been lucky enough to visit the Argyle site in recent months will see some significant changes with the works now over 80% complete and a lot of the iconic infrastructure, such as the Argyle village, now removed.

In terms of closure implementation, the site is looking great with the bulk earthworks, balance of landform and infrastructure removal activities progressing well. The majority of the waste rock landforms have now been reshaped with the application of rock armour, growth media and ripping and seeding in some areas still to go.

In terms of infrastructure removal, we're making great progress with the Argyle village and power station now demolished, workshops and offices currently being removed and the Argyle airport and East Ridge communication tower demolition activities just starting at the time of writing in late September.

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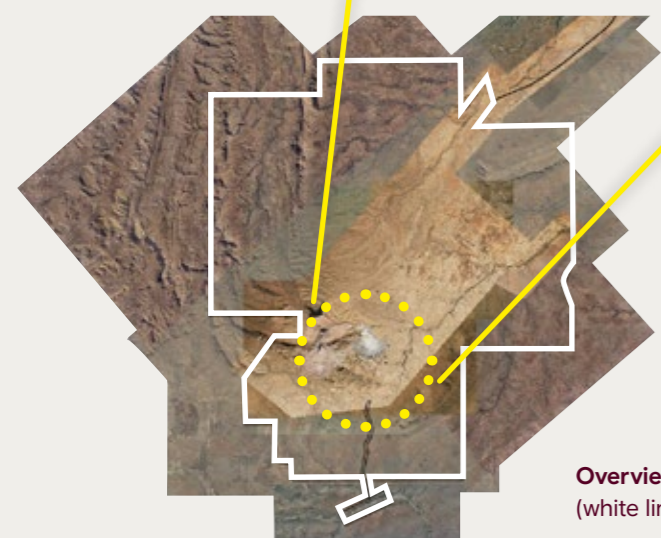
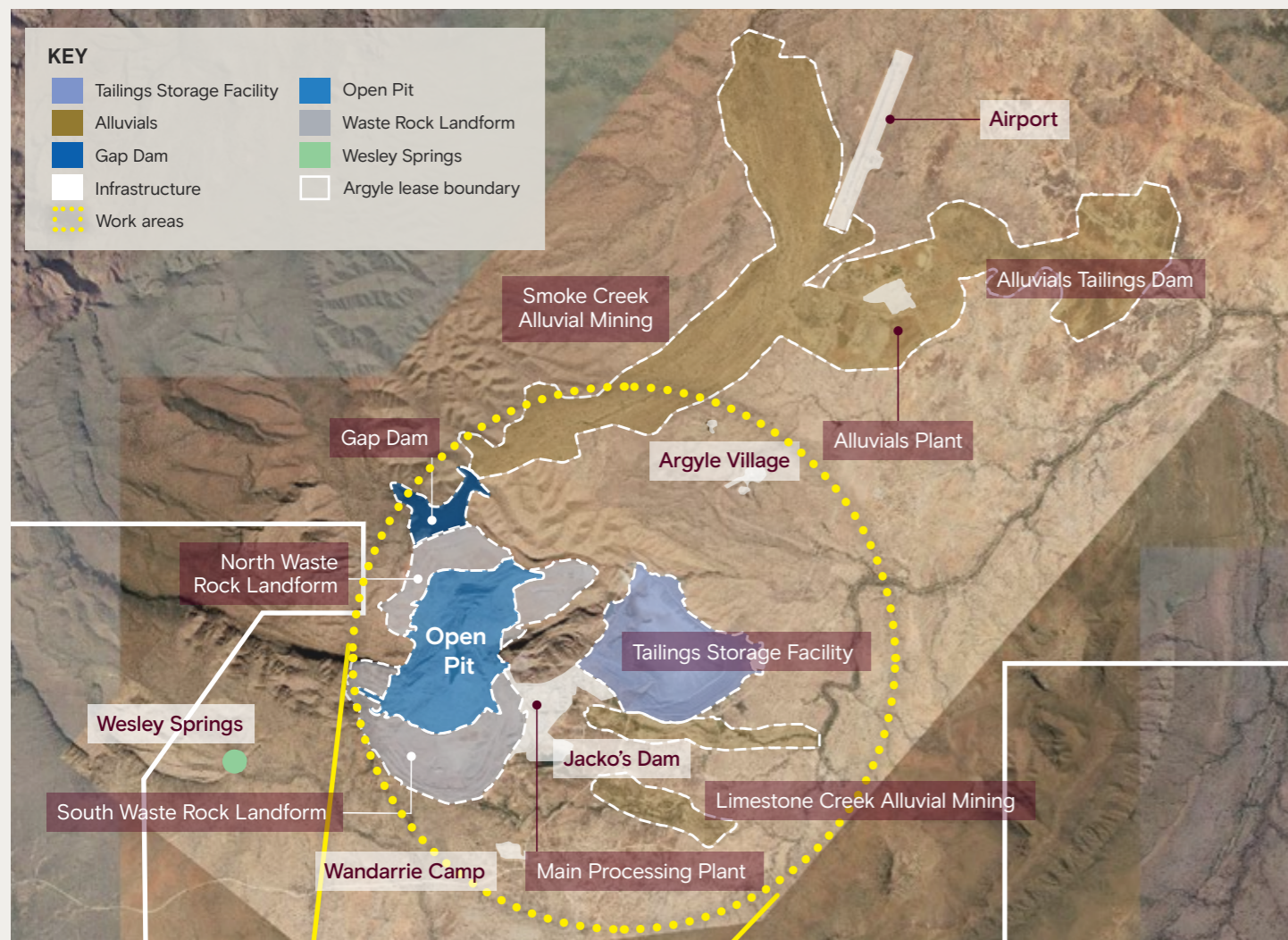
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2025 Milestones



Argyle Diamond Mine Closure Work Area Domains



Overview of total area of Argyle lease boundary (white line); yellow dotted line shows work areas



Infrastructure

What we did in Q3 2025

Ongoing progress in Phase 2 of infrastructure removal works

The construction of Wandarrie Cell C3 (for contaminated waste materials) and Cell A2 (for inert waste material) has been completed.

Demolition contract partner Liberty Industrial has completed the removal of above-ground structures at the power station. At the old Argyle village, all asbestos has been safely removed. Work has commenced on removing underground services (i.e. pipes and cables).



*Main photo: Cell 3 construction work at Wandarrie completed
Above: Power station infrastructure removal progress*

So far, more than 300 tonnes of steel and more than 100 tonnes of HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) piping has been sent offsite to be recycled.

Coming up in Q4 2025

What we're doing next

We are starting complex infrastructure removal works at East Ridge and Mt Evelyn, which includes using helicopters to safely retrieve redundant infrastructure and equipment from hard-to-reach areas.

Work continues to safely remove contaminated materials such as bitumen coated pipes and affected soil and concrete from the Argyle pipeline area. The disposal of these materials (into lined Cell 3) is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025.

Landforms



Above: Rock moving and spreading is progressing well in the North West Upper area.

What we did in Q3 2025

Earthworks progressing across main work areas



Growth media spreading works commenced in the North Central domain.

Bulk Earthworks contract partners Piacentini & Son and MDM Mining & Civil are making great progress across main work areas. Bulk Earthwork is now over 80% complete.



Growth media spreading and rock spreading works ongoing in the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) Main Dam embankment area.



Growth media spreading progressing in the South East domain.



Concrete works on the seepage infrastructure at EWS seep has commenced. The seepage infrastructure is scheduled to be completed in the next quarter.

Coming up in Q4 2025

In the next quarter, growth media haulage and spreading is scheduled to start in the North West Upper area with works continuing in the North Central domain, TSF Main Dam Embankment and South domains.

Environment



What we did in Q3 2025

Weed treatments using drones

To help weed management in areas that are inaccessible within the exclusion zone, a drone-based herbicide trial was carried out by our Environment Team. The trial targeted weed species such as Calatropis, which can spread to rehabilitated areas through wind-blow seeds.

Early results are encouraging, with nearly 100% success in eliminating the targeted species.



New contract partner for weed management

We welcomed our new weed management contract partner, Gelganyem Land Management (GLM), who mobilised to Argyle for the first time in Q3. GLM will be managing weed treatment in the areas that were rehabilitated in the 2024/25 revegetation season on the South Waste Rock Landform (SWRL) and Alluvial Tailings Dam 5 (ATD5).



2025 Rehabilitation Monitoring program completed

Contract partner Stantec have completed the 2025 Rehabilitation Monitoring program in the field over three field monitoring campaigns. Rehabilitation is progressing well across the WRLs and TSF. Summary reports outlining progress against completion criteria are expected in September, with the full report to come through in late 2025.



Coming up in Q4 2025

- Ongoing weed control works with Gelganyem Land Management (GLM)
- Seed collection and preparation for the annual seed treatment, mixing and delivery to Argyle for the 2025/2026 seeding season
- Drone seeding the 2025/2026 seeding season
- Pit Lake monitoring for the second half of 2025

Communities

What we did in Q3 2025

Ethnographic and Archaeological Surveys progressing

The Argyle Closure Communities & Social Performance (CSP) team supported two important surveys which were recently carried out on site.

- The Ethnographic (Social Surroundings) Survey took place from 22 – 24 July. Eight Traditional Owners led [or guided] the survey in collaboration with an anthropologist.
- The Archaeological Survey was carried out from 18–28 August 2025, led [or guided] by the knowledge of eight Traditional Owners in collaboration with four archaeologists.



Boab Blessing survey completed

On Wednesday 27 August, fifteen Traditional Owners led the Boab Blessing survey on Country. The participants of the survey walked nearly 10km each day. A boat was commissioned to access the north-shore of Gap Dam to complete survey works.

All survey activities were conducted in a culturally safe manner.

General notices

Temporary mobile phone coverage solution installed at Mandangala community

The East Ridge Telstra tower has now been turned off. The tower provided mobile phone, VHF and broadcast radio coverage to Argyle site and surrounding areas. As part of the Argyle Mine Closure Plan, the East Ridge tower was turned off at the end of September 2025. We have notified all local stakeholders about these changes.

In order to continue to provide coverage, two temporary mobile cells have been installed on site. Additionally, we have worked with Telstra to provide a small cell (Cell on Wheels – COW) to the Mandangala community to ensure continued mobile phone (4G) coverage in the interim before Telstra implement their planned permanent solution as part of the Mobile black spot program. The Mandangala Cell on Wheels is now operational.



Last flight out of Argyle airport after operating for 42 years

On Monday, 22 September 2025, the final flight departed from Argyle airport after being operational for the last 42 years.

This major milestone was celebrated with a Manthe (smoking and water) ceremony facilitated by Miriwoong and Gija Elders, Helen Pinday and Julie Toby. Our incoming and outgoing crews attended the ceremony along with many Traditional Owner family members. The celebration also included a BBQ and a team photo.

The Argyle workforce will now be commuting to/from site through the Kununurra airport and a 2½ hour bus ride.



Students from Jungdranung Remote Community School visit Argyle site

On 24 September, students and teaching staff from the Jungdranung School in Mandangala Community visited the Argyle site. This was a unique opportunity for the visitors to gain insight into the current state of operations at the closure project.

The students explored several work areas, workshops and camp dining facilities. Our site team employees did a great job explaining the stages of rehabilitation works, providing a safety demonstration, before the students had a chance to interact with some of the machinery and enjoy a meal and ice-cream at the camp mess.



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