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Argyle

Mine Closure

Updates on the
Argyle Mine Closure

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H1 2026

Welcome to the twelfth 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.

I want to start this edition of our newsletter by expressing our gratitude and best wishes to Melissa Cundy whose role came to an end in April, after providing leadership to the Argyle Closure team for the past 3 years. While Melissa is enjoying some well-deserved time off, I have transitioned to the role of Senior Manager Closure Legacy and will provide leadership to the Argyle site. I've worked at Argyle for the past 15 years, from operations through to closure. It's been rewarding work and I'm proud to continue to be a part of this chapter.

My sincere thanks go out to all teams across the project for your hard work and dedication resulting in a considerable amount of progress during the first half of 2026.

I also want to recognise the work of the Traditional Owner businesses engaged in the project. This includes the two main contract partners MDM Mining & Civil delivering the Bulk Earthworks package and Gooring Jimbila Contracting (GJC) delivering the Balance of Landform and general site services scopes. My thanks also go out to the other Traditional Owner businesses engaged in the project in various capacities.

As we have passed 90% completion in the delivery of closure execution work at Argyle, this edition is one of two newsletter updates for 2026. We will continue progressing our work with safety and people as our top priorities for the remainder of the year. Nothing is more important than to ensure everyone goes home safely, we must continue to look after ourselves and others whilst at work.

Take Care and Stay Safe.



James Petch
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Argyle Closure

2026 Milestones





2026

November
• Former Argyle village
reshaping works

2027

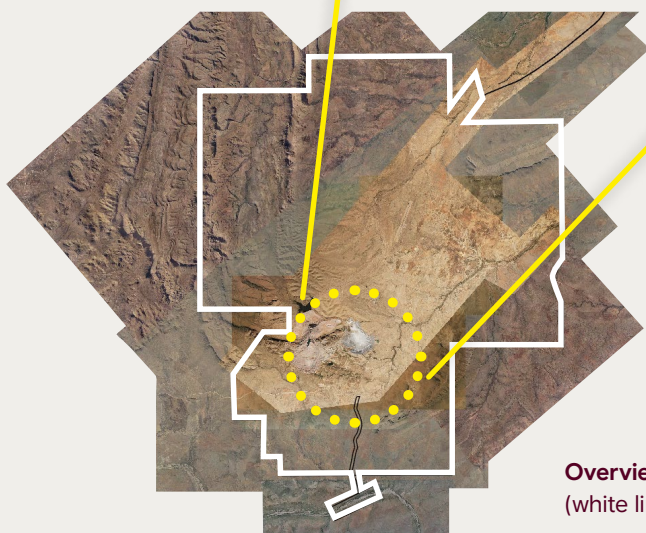


December
Revegetation season

2026

Argyle Diamond Mine Closure

Work Area Domains



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



*Main photo: Services removal at Gap Dam Road
Below right: Fuel facility removal at Argyle airport*

Infrastructure

What we did in H1 2026

Infrastructure removal progress

- Infrastructure removal works and clean-up at Telecom Hill, power station and the Argyle airport are now complete.
- Clean up works at the Argyle airport and Leighton Yard at the former Argyle Village is also complete.
- The Alluvials landfill has been capped by Traditional Owner Business Gooring Jimbila Contracting (GJC), a subcontractor to Liberty Industrial, and is ready for growth media spreading.
- The former underground offices have been demolished and services removed pending final clean up.
- Contracting partner Liberty Industrial is currently continuing with underground services removal across the lease.





Above: Wandarrie landfill management. Below right: Asbestos removal at Argyle airport. Bottom of page: Transformer removal at the power station.

Coming up in H2 2026

- Continuing underground services removal and final clean up.
- Removal of contaminated soil from the airport for long-term management at Wandarrie Containment Cell.
- Demolition of the former wash bay infrastructure.
- Capping the Wandarrie Containment Cell ready for growth media and ripping in Q4.
- Removal of remaining materials off-site for recycling including high-density polyethylene pipes.



Landforms



Above: Work progressing on the North West Upper area. Below: Hensman pit reprofiling.

What we did in H1 2026

Earthworks progress to date

- Highlights include solid progress with rock spread and growth media haulage at Northwest Upper, commenced reprofiling and haulage operations from Hensman pit and significant progress made in the Telecom Ridge Spillway (TRS) with waste trimming and rock placement ongoing.
- Balance of Landform contract partner GJC has completed the earthworks at both the old Argyle village and alluvials process plant, with a current focus on growth media application at the alluvials.





Above: Landforming works on the Telecom Ridge Spillway

- Contract partner MDM Mining & Civil has set up an in-pit office/crib room at Borrow Pit 11 (pictured right) – this is where MDM's main pre-start occurs now, along with a dedicated heavy vehicle go line.
- Geotechnical drilling work completed to inform the seepage piping strategy.



Coming up in H2 2026

- Works to continue on the North West Upper area
- Works to continue on the Tailings Dam across the Main Dam Embankment, fine tails and Telecom Ridge spillway areas
- Works on the South Waste Rock Landform expected to complete.
- Earthworks at ATD5 in support of achieving safe closure.
- Gap Dam spillway rock armour spread.

Environment



What we did in H1 2026

2025/26 revegetation season completed

The 2025/2026 revegetation seeding was successfully completed within the optimal time frame with the wet season. 250 hectares were seeded using drones along with 18 hectares of direct return topsoil rehabilitation.

2025/26 weeding campaigns

Weed management activities by Gelganyem Land Management (GLM), targeting neem tree, bellyache bush, buffel grass and rubber bush are continuing across site.





Aerial imagery & LiDAR Program

The 2026 aerial imagery and LiDAR program has been successfully completed. The onsite ground control point survey was updated and the fixed wing flight acquisition undertaken in early May. This updated imagery and LiDAR data will be used for the remaining monitoring in 2026 such as rehabilitation, erosion and weeds.

2025 Rehabilitation Monitoring

The 2025 Rehabilitation Monitoring Reports have been received and are being reviewed. Most rehabilitation areas are trending towards meeting the 2024 Mine Closure Plan (MCP) completion criteria, with significant reductions in weed coverage across the alluvial areas following ongoing weed management. Plant growth is establishing in the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and Waste Rock Landforms, with high diversity of species and dense cover throughout. Ongoing monitoring will continue to assess progress against completion criteria and advise if any reworks are required.



Coming up in H2 2026

- Annual rehabilitation monitoring to track performance of rehabilitated areas over 1-5 years has commenced. Contract partner Stantec has completed 2 of the 4 field trips for the program. Monitoring on the South Waste Rock Landform and Tailings Storage Facility embankments and TSF surface has been completed with the remaining field trips to monitor the TSF West, Alluvial and infrastructure areas.
- Seed collection for the 2026 seeding season is continuing through H2 with a strong focus on Eucalypts and Corymbia species.

Progress Photos

Photos of the infrastructure removal and rehabilitation work

Processing plant



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North Waste Rock Landform (1)
North West Upper (NWU)



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North Waste Rock Landform (2)
North Central (NC)



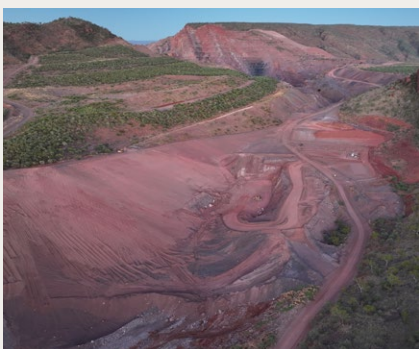
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North Waste Rock Landform (3)
North East Upper (NEU)



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South Waste Rock Landform
South Waste Rock Dump (SWRD)



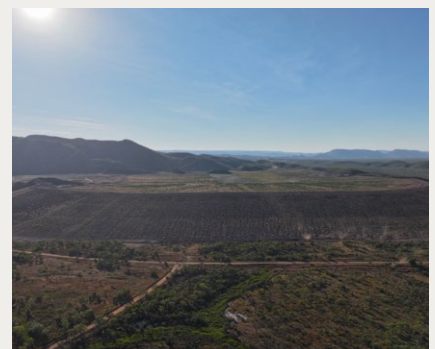
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Tailings Storage Facility (TSF)
May 2023



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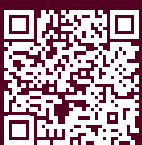




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