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Argyle

Mine Closure

Updates on the
Argyle Mine Closure

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Welcome to the eleventh 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.

My sincere thanks go out to all teams across the project for your hard work and dedication that contributed to many achievements in 2025. It's been a massive year of many changes across the site. We have removed all of the permanent above-ground infrastructure, completed a significant amount of bulk earthworks and made great progress on the balance of landform activities.

We are now entering our fifth revegetation season at Argyle. I want to thank the dedicated seed collection teams at Gelganyem Seed Operation (GSO) and Top End Seeds (TES) who collected, treated, mixed and bagged the seeds for drone seeding in December. We are hoping for a strong revegetation season. You can read more about the revegetation season on page 9.

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2026 Project Milestones

2026

July

- Infrastructure removal completion

2026

We are here

December/January

- 2025/2026 Revegetation season
- All G-road residents move into the Completion camp
- G-road upgrades commence

2025/26



2026

Q4

- Bulk Earthworks completion
- Balance of Landform works completion

2027



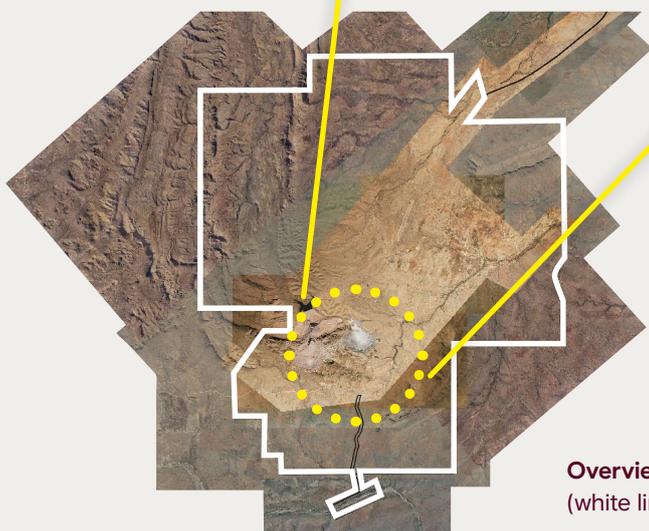
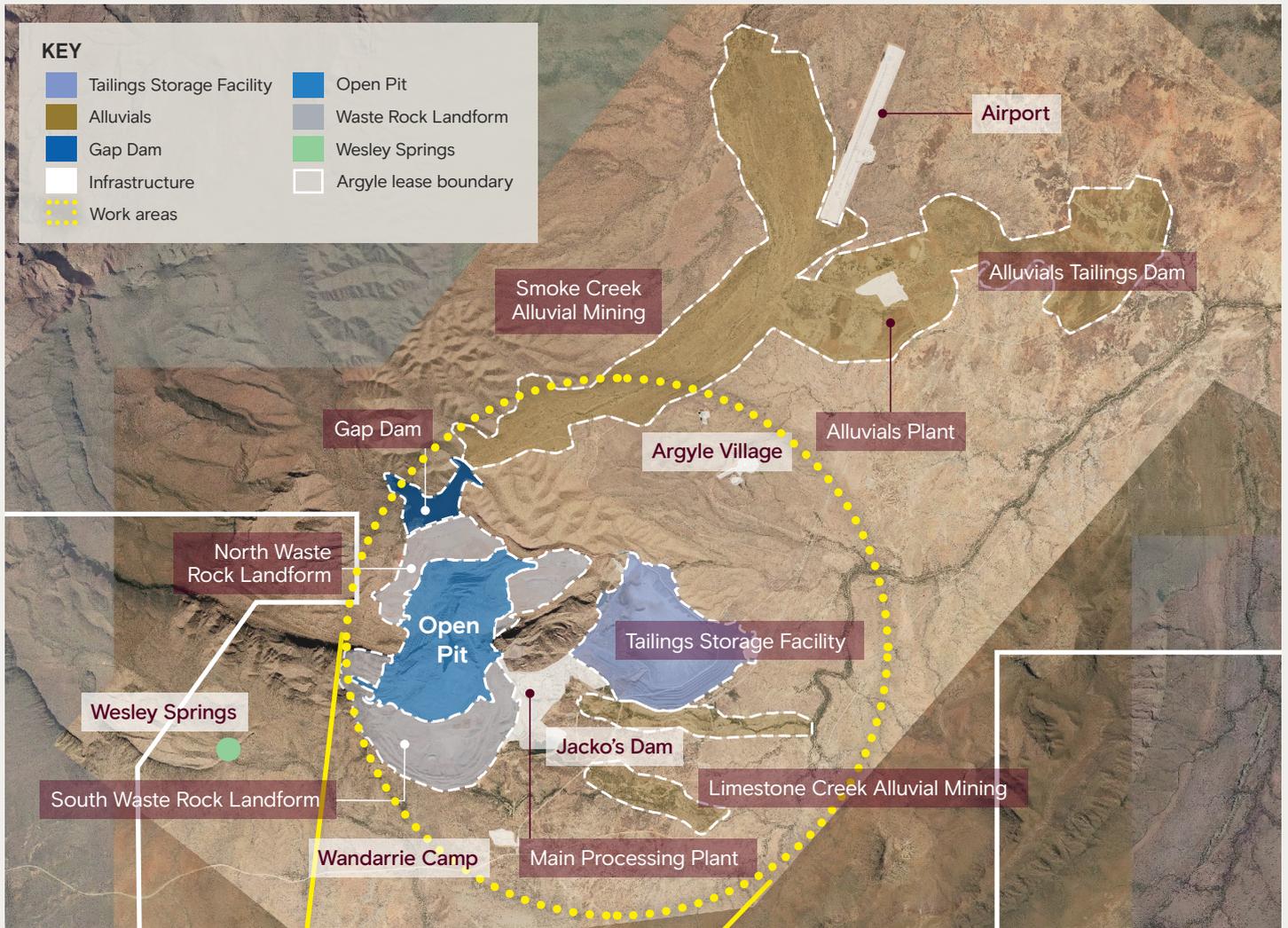
October
• Landfill capping completion

2026

December
• 2026 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



Infrastructure

What we did in Q4 2025

Progress of infrastructure removal works

Liberty Industrial began the demolition of the Argyle airport facilities in November.

Infrastructure removal on Mt Evelyn and East Ridge was completed in November. Due to not having road access, the infrastructure removal works were carried out utilising helicopter lifts. The process of infrastructure removal involved manual demolition using techniques such as oxy cutting and air-lifting the resulting waste materials to the airport laydown area for disposal.

Similar to the demolition works at the Argyle Process Plant, the removed materials were sorted with recycled materials sheared to manageable size for transportation.

Total recycling for the second phase of infrastructure removal works (SP2) are as follows:

132t HDPE
(High Density Polyethylene)

826t
steel

36t
e-waste

*Left: East Ridge infrastructure removed via helicopter
Below: Waste materials awaiting disposal*





Contract partner MDM Mining and Civil began bitumen road removal at the Argyle airport

Bitumen removal works on the Argyle airport road began in November and the scope included the bitumen from the airport runway, the entire road network from the airport to the processing plant area. Work started with the airport runway followed by the airport road to the alluvials area and the old Argyle village. As of December, this package is at 70% completion.



Coming up in Q1 2026

- Liberty Industrial will continue clean-up works of the above-ground demolition at the Power Station, Airport and Batch Plant within the Processing Plant area. All of the buried services such as water, communications and electrical services around the lease will also be removed.



Landforms



Above, and pictured below right: Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) West

What we did in Q4 2025

Bulk earthworks progress

MDM Mining & Civil continued bulk earthworks in the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) West area. Focus has been on final spreading of growth media and ripping, along with completing rock replacement works in the retention paddock and Northern spillways.

Piacentini & Son continued growth media spreading and ripping at the North West Upper (NWU) region along with reprofiling activities and load and haul of growth media. Progress is continuing along the TSF Main Dam Embankment as well as Telecom ridge spillway construction.





Year two rehabilitation showing Eucalyptus and native grasses growing well from seed

Balance of Landform progress

Balance of Landform works are being progressed by Goring Jimbila Contracting (GJC) with a focus on preparing areas for the 2025/2026 seeding season. Works are continuing on backfilling vent shafts and profiling the process plant area. GJC also began Balance of Landform works at the former Argyle village area.



Coming up in Q1 2026

- Complete demobilisation of Piacentini & Son from site.
- Award of the Bulk Earthworks 2026 package, with key work commencing in the North Domain and on the Telecom Ridge spillway (TRS) structure.
- Completion of the Tailings Storage Facility West (TSFW) area works, which also includes bioremediation area, retention paddocks, Northwest dam embankment, and adjoining spillways.

Environment



What we did in Q4 2025

2025/2026 revegetation season

The 2025/2026 revegetation season kicked off in December, starting with Gelganyem Seed Operations and Top End Seeds pulling all of the required seed out of the seed stores, treating the seed using various methods including hydro treating, scarifying (damaging the outer layer of the seeds to promote germination) and smoke treatment. The teams then worked very hard to mix and bag the seeds ready for packaging and delivery to Argyle in record time for the drone seeding to start.

Drone seeding started in early December, using multiple drones to spread the pre-treated and mixed seed across prepared areas spread with growth media and ripped, ready for the seed to land and germinate. The seeding season ended with 251ha seeded.



Pit lake monitoring

The Pit Lake monitoring event for the second half of 2025 was undertaken where a drone was used to collect water samples from different depths of the pit lake and sent to the laboratory for analysis. The results of this sampling will then go to an external technical expert for analysis and review to complete the monitoring report. The report and results will be available for sharing with Gelganyem Group once finalised.



Weed management works

Weed control activities increased through Q4 with Gelganyem Land Management building up the team and starting a 2:1 roster on site for the wet season. The team are working hard across multiple locations at Argyle doing different types of weed control such as hand pulling, control spraying and cut and stump methods.

Coming up in Q1 2026

With thanks to Gelganyem Land Management and the seed team, the second seed delivery for the 2025/2026 revegetation season will be packaged and delivered to Argyle for the second drone seeding campaign.

Drone seeding continues in January to complete the 2025/2026 revegetation season during the wet season.

The 2026 monitoring program starts, which includes:

- Aerial imagery and LiDAR flyover in March/April
- Surface water monitoring throughout Q1
- Annual fish and sediment sampling – this is undertaken annually at the end of the wet season when there is water at the sampling locations but the rain has stopped, allowing access (typically late March/early April). Sampling is timed to coincide with peak exposure of fish to wet-season conditions. The sampling usually runs for 1 week.





Communities

What we did in Q4 2025

Boab Blessing survey completed in early December

On 2 December 2025, eight Traditional Owners alongside Gelganyem Group staff and Rio Tinto representatives took part in the Boab Blessing survey on Country (pictured above). The blessings were conducted at the South Waste Rock Dump, Gap Dam, Airport road, Alluvials as well as a few other areas.

Relationship Committee – Summary

Both quarterly Relationship Committee meetings were held in Q3 and Q4. The topics discussed included closure execution, progress of rehabilitation, complaints and grievances process and cultural heritage updates.

Australian Advisory Group (AAG) and Traditional Owner engagement summary

The two-day AAG and Traditional Owner visit took place in October. The participants provided positive feedback on the coordination of the visit – particularly the high level of preparation, effective logistics, and smooth flow of the two-day engagement. Having adequate time at each location enabled meaningful discussions.

The AAG provides independent external advice to Rio Tinto’s senior leadership on matters that influence our relationships with Australian communities and Indigenous peoples. The group brings diverse expertise across cultural, social, governance and community contexts, offering future-focused insight to strengthen trust, cultural capability, and transparency across the business on topics such as Caring for Country and culture and navigating complex social transitions.

The first day included cultural welcoming, safety briefings, operational context from Rio Tinto leadership, and site visits that



prompted deep and sometimes emotional conversations, particularly at the Pit Lake location.

On the second day of the visit, the AAG members continued engagement in Kununurra at the Gelganyem Group office, where they held constructive discussions with Traditional Owners.

Their reflections include strong encouragement to engage clearly and honestly as Argyle progresses through closure. and reaffirmed that constructive dialogue – grounded in listening, cultural understanding, and accountability – is essential for strengthening relationships with Traditional Owners.



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