

Gove Together

Supporting the region’s future

Nhulunbuy · Yirrkala · Gunyangara

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We are keeping the community informed and working with our partners to prepare the Gove Peninsula for a future beyond bauxite mining. Here’s a look at our progress so far.

The journey

Bauxite mining at Gove began in the 1970s, with Rio Tinto’s involvement starting in 2007. We expect the last bauxite will be mined in 2029 as ore reserves gradually deplete. Here’s our future mining pathway.



Our role explained

The Gove Peninsula is transitioning from mining to a new future shaped by Traditional Owners and enabled by government and industry.

At Rio Tinto, there are two main parts to our role:

1. Deliver safe closure and agreed rehabilitation outcomes.
2. Support future pathways for the region, led by Traditional Owners.

We’re working with our partners to achieve a shared goal – a positive post-mining future for this region. After completion of our progressive rehabilitation program, the land will be returned to the Yolŋu Traditional Owners.

The future opportunity is to make the Gove Peninsula a diverse regional economy, anchored by enduring culture, strong community and stable infrastructure.

Progress report

- 10** houses approved for rental market release this quarter
- 15** additional houses proposed for handover, subject to key stakeholder agreement
- 12** vacant lots delivered to Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation for development
- 130** hectares of Pond 5 rehabilitation work completed after 5 years
- \$11m+** committed to town works in 2026 and 2027
- 22%** concession on electricity and water charges for eligible organisations
- 2** solar farms providing sustainable energy options for the future
- \$1.5m** committed to social investment partnerships and initiatives in 2026





Peninsula Partners

The best outcomes are achieved when planning is shared, local voices are central and responsibilities are clear. That's why we're supporting Traditional Owners and community partners in their vision for the future.

Backing rangers who care for Country

For generations, Dhimurru Rangers have looked after Country across the Gove Peninsula. Around 26 rangers manage the 550,000-hectare Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Area, the first Northern Territory IPA declared in 2000. This spans from safeguarding significant sites and fire management, through to passing on knowledge that runs back tens of thousands of years. The longstanding partnership between Rio Tinto Gove and the Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation has been extended, with a multi-year agreement running through to 2029. This will provide greater funding certainty to Dhimurru and support careful planning towards the transition.

“An ongoing thing for Dhimurru is that we're going to train our young emerging leaders to be able to carry that pathway for the next generation as rangers for this Country.”
Rrawun Maymuru, Managing Director,
Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation

“The multi-year partnership with Rio Tinto has allowed the rangers to think about what that future looks like. It has given them the room to become leaders and to showcase their ability to be whatever they want to be.”
Stephina Salee, Executive Officer,
Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation

As the organisation grows, Dhimurru Rangers will be well positioned to protect Country and its spiritual connection, on their own terms.



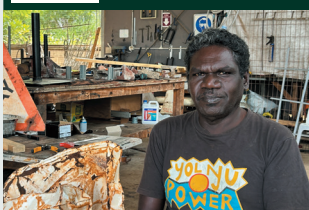
Scan to watch
the rangers
at work on
Country.

Reimagining scrap steel as art

Bent, twisted scrap steel from Gove's refinery demolition has found new life as art. Local Indigenous artists, led by Yolŋu artist Gunybi Ganambarr at Buku-Larrgay Mulka Centre, are crafting powerful and unique sculptures that are travelling the world.



Scan to watch steel
turn into memories.



Everyone together at Garma Festival

Celebrating its 26th year, the Garma Festival drew to a close with more than 5,000 attendees.

Rio Tinto has supported the festival since 2003. This year, Rio Tinto Pacific Operations Managing Director Armando Torres spoke on the opening day, acknowledging the incredible history of the region and its people, and the new chapter to come, beyond mining.

“Our role in the region is evolving. Traditional Owners will lead decisions about the future of their land, and our role is to support their vision while helping to create the conditions for long-term success.

“I was grateful for the warm welcome and rich conversations with Yolŋu leaders, Traditional Owners, government, industry and other stakeholders about the future of the Gove Peninsula. It's a critical period of planning.”

Building capability of local businesses

Getting behind local businesses, Rio Tinto established the first Business Foundations workshop in August – a forum for local business coaches and support providers keen to prepare the region for mine closure.

The three-day workshop included employees from the Northern Territory Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations (DTBAR), Developing East Arnhem Limited (DEAL) and Traditional Owner Corporations.

The focus was building capability of business coaches and support providers, so they're equipped for the challenges and opportunities presented by the transition. The participants will apply these skills to directly support local businesses in the region.

“The Business Foundations workshop was extremely beneficial from my perspective. It provided a range of practical tools that have increased my confidence.”

Jess Crooks, Territory Business Advisor,
NT Government DTBAR





Did you know?

Each year, 10,000 plants are grown in our regeneration nursery and the Yolŋu collect more than 400 kilograms of native seeds.

Home Ground

To support the transition beyond mining, we're working with Traditional Owners, the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments, Developing East Arnhem Limited and the Northern Land Council. Here's what's taking shape on the ground.

Gove Futures Community Update

Rio Tinto Gove General Manager Shannon Price joined fellow Gove Peninsula Futures Reference Group members at the Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club on 13 July 2026 to share the latest news. These sessions are helping to keep residents and businesses informed about the progress of planning for the future.

Shannon said: "We're still actively mining until 2029, but our work will not end with the last shipment of bauxite."

Practical steps for housing availability

Housing availability is one of the biggest challenges facing Nhulunbuy. And here's how we're working to assist on housing availability.

We're releasing 10 houses to the rental market this quarter, accommodating essential workers and local organisations who keep the community running. We're also proposing to hand over a further 15 houses, subject to agreement with key stakeholders – together, a total of 25 properties.

Twelve vacant lots have already been delivered to Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation for development.

Rates support for community organisations

Eligible community organisations receive a 22% concession on electricity and water charges. These include Gove Golf Club, Gove Boat Club, Nhulunbuy Christian College, NEAL, Country Connect and East Arnhem Blues Society.

Rehabilitation work in action

After five years, we've completed the remediation of Pond 5 – the largest of the red mud dams at Gove. We've collaborated with Traditional Owner Corporations, including Rirratjingu and Gumatj, on the landscaping and irrigation works, together with the supply of materials.



We're also gathering feedback and considering ways to transfer land and assets even earlier and more efficiently. This has the potential to stimulate further growth in the region by attracting investment and new industry.

We're helping to build what's next, one hectare at a time.

What you'll start to notice around town

There's more work happening around Nhulunbuy. We are investing more than \$11 million in 2026 and 2027 to upgrade infrastructure. That includes:



2km of airport road resealing



Two intersection upgrades



Sewer investigation and relining



Stormwater drainage works



Electrical network upgrades



Nhulun water network improvements



Waste oil facility development

These upgrades are happening over the next two years to enable the town to be well positioned to capitalise on future industry opportunities.

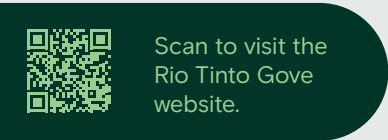
Play Your Part

Every edition of *Gove Together* closes with something to entertain you and an invitation to get involved. After all, everyone has a part to play.

You can expect the next edition of the quarterly newsletter in January 2027. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please reach out to the team.

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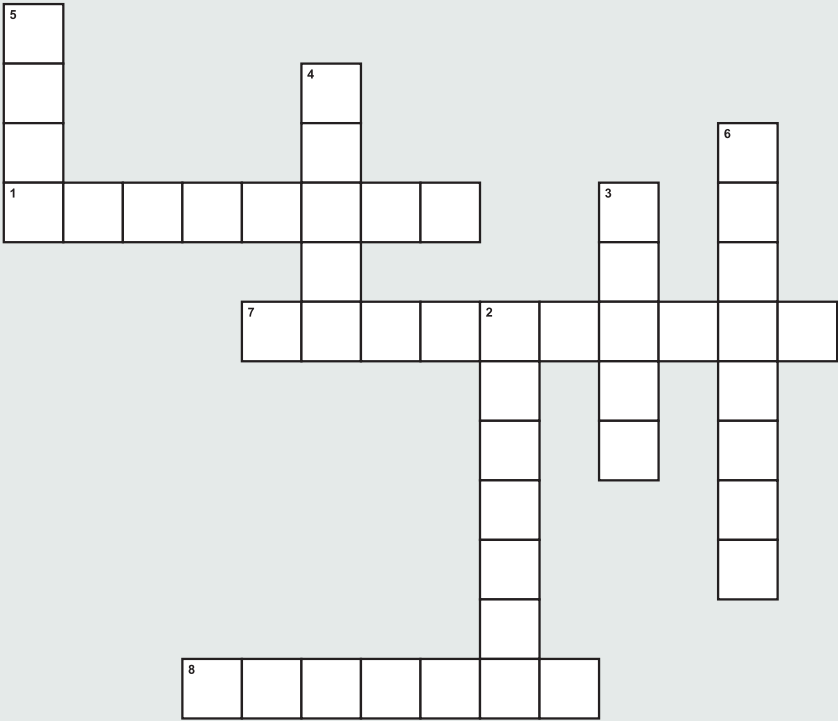
Get ready for Community Day

What: Rio Tinto Gove Community Day
When: Saturday, 24 October 2026 from 9am to 1pm
Where: Nhulunbuy Town Hall

Join us for a free family day where you can meet the teams behind Rio Tinto Gove and some of our community partners.

Bring your appetite – there’s a free sausage sizzle, plus games, giveaways and plenty of fun activities to enjoy. You can ask questions and keep the kids entertained.

Gove Together crossword answers:
1. DHIMURRU 2. BAUXITE 3. SOLAR 4. GARMA 5. ROAD
6. PARTNERS 7. CAPABILITY 8. OCTOBER



Gove Together crossword

- 1. Name of the Aboriginal Corporation that supports rangers (8)
- 2. Raw material mined at Gove for more than 50 years (7)
- 3. Type of farm providing sustainable energy for the future (5)
- 4. Festival marking its 26th year with more than 5,000 attendees (5)
- 5. Fill in the blank space: 2km of airport ___ resealing (4)
- 6. Second word of the section title on page 2: Peninsula ___ (8)
- 7. What Business Foundations helps local businesses to build (10)
- 8. Month of the Rio Tinto Gove Community Day this year (7)

Have your say on what’s next

Do you have a question about the transition beyond mining?
Do you have a story idea we should be telling people about?
Fill out the form and drop it in the box at the **Rio Tinto Community Day**. This will help us to make the next edition of *Gove Together* even more useful.

Your question or story idea:

Name: (optional)Phone: (optional)Email: (optional)