

Queensland Train Manufacturing Program

QTMP Quarterly First Nations Business Newsletter Quarter 4 – 2024

Welcome to the fourth edition of our First Nations Business Newsletter, created to help First Nations-owned businesses connect with the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP).

This quarterly update provides an overview of our NAIDOC Week celebrations and support and advice for businesses on training opportunities. It also includes information on events, networking opportunities and resources, as well as profiles on various Indigenous-owned businesses working on the QTMP.

NAIDOC Week events

QTMP celebrated NAIDOC across our project sites with education sessions, morning teas and smoking ceremonies.

At Torbanlea, our onsite celebration included a smoking ceremony and a Welcome to Country. Our Cultural Heritage Monitor Shantel Ah Kit shared with us Butchulla Culture and what NAIDOC Week means to her.

We attended the Fraser Coast family fun day in Hervey Bay where we provided information about the project, shared Indigenous business opportunities and information about upcoming apprenticeships and traineeships.



A smoking ceremony was held at Torbanlea.



The DT Infrastructure team celebrated NAIDOC Week on site at Ormeau.

The Ormeau team also celebrated NAIDOC Week with a smoking ceremony and gathering to mark the 2024 theme of *Keep the fire burning! Blak, Loud & Proud*. This theme honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The fire represents the enduring strength and vitality of Indigenous cultures, passed down through generations despite the challenges faced. It is a symbol of connection to the land, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Indigenous success stories

Uplifting work at Ormeau

Downer's subcontractor on the Ormeau rail facility, DT Infrastructure, is proud to be working with Indigenous and female owned business Uplift Cranes.

Based in Brisbane, Queensland they provide crane hire, rigging services, transport and logistic solutions and road barrier installation services.

Uplift Cranes has been engaged on a crane and plant hire contract onsite.

They build professional and meaningful relationships and have a wide range of long- standing clients, undertaking multi-year commercial, rail and civil infrastructure projects in Queensland.

<https://upliftcranesqld.com.au/about-us/>



QTMP enjoyed being part of the Fraser Coast family day at Hervey Bay.



Uplift Cranes on the Ormeau rail facility site

Umbrellas for Mary Poppins

As part of its commitment to community, our Torbanlea subcontractor John Holland proudly sponsored the recent annual Mary Poppins Festival at Maryborough.

John Holland is building the train manufacturing facility at Torbanlea and was proud to sponsor the Australian Book of Records attempt for the most people dressed as Mary Poppins characters. As part of the promotion of the event, the project engaged Geared Up Culcha to provide high-quality branded umbrellas that featured in the dress up attempt.

Geared Up Culcha is an Indigenous-owned, Supply Nation certified business specialising in the supply of personal protective equipment, promotional merchandise, signage, and apparel.



John Holland Project Manager Rob Bennett at the Mary Poppins Festival.

Support, Advice, Resources

Become a QTMP Supplier

Supply opportunities continue to ramp up as the project progresses in 2024.

If you would like to supply goods and services to QTMP, ensure you register on the Supply TMR portal:

<https://supplytmr.benchon.com>

Once you have registered on Supply TMR:

- Look for an email from Supply TMR to book a time for a call to help you set up your account and use the portal (please check your junk folder).
- Once your account is set up, keep your business capabilities up to date.
- Get notified about packages that match your capabilities and matching preferences.

For work packages, your business needs to have the required technical capability and capacity to deliver the contract. This is why it is important when setting up your profile in SupplyTMR that your capability statement is as detailed as possible.

As packages are released, the portal will search for required capabilities and notify all relevant businesses.

You can view the schedule of upcoming work packages at [QTMP supplier opportunities \(downergroup.com\)](https://supplytmr.benchon.com)

Online workshop

The Department of State Development and Infrastructure is holding a free online workshop on 19 September 2024. This webinar will help you learn how to use the Supply TMR portal efficiently and how to create your profile to increase your chances of securing contract opportunities.

You can register [here](#)

For more information, email seq.south@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au or phone 07 5644 3202.

Industry briefing sessions

We have held several industry briefing sessions on the Gold Coast and Fraser Coast this year.

These sessions aim to provide an overview of project requirements and the opportunities currently available to potential suppliers. They provide a chance for attendees to engage with Downer and subcontractors DT Infrastructure, HRC and John Holland.

There are two upcoming industry briefings to round out the year, as follows:

Train manufacturing facility

4-6pm, Monday, 30 September
Brolga Theatre, 5 Walker Street, Maryborough.

[Register for the event](#)

Rail facility

Event planned for 28 November.

To sign-up for updates [here](#).

Training Events

Supply Nation's First Step training program is Australia's first and only introductory supplier diversity training program. Held online or in person, First Step training reflects the journey and growth of supplier diversity in Australia and includes a framework for building an effective and successful supplier diversity program.

The program outlines the history of supplier diversity and Supply Nation's link to the Global Supplier Diversity Alliance, with a specific focus on Australian best practice and research.

Even if you've previously completed First Step, it's worth attending the training again to get up to speed with current Australian trends in supplier diversity.

The next two-part online series will be held on Tuesday, 23 October and Thursday 24 October. One day, in-person sessions are held in most major cities.

Find out more here:

<https://training.supplynation.org.au/course/first-step>

DTI Masterclass on best practice

DT Infrastructure recently held a masterclass for First Nations businesses interested in QTMP opportunities at the Ormeau rail facility.

The theme of this masterclass was Best Practice Industry Conditions (BPIC). Master Builders QLD, the peak industry body for building and construction in QLD, delivered this training to the First Nations business representatives attending.

It was an engaging session, providing expert information on what BPIC is, how to demonstrate compliance and how to get your business ready to work on BPIC projects.

The DT Infrastructure team was on hand to talk with everyone on the procurement process for the QTMP.

If you missed a session and want more information?

Email us at qtmp@downergroup.com

Providing feedback on tenders

We are committed to providing constructive, transparent feedback to all First Nations-owned businesses which submit an EOI and/or tender for the project.

Where businesses are not initially successful, the contractor must advise why they were not selected (e.g. unsatisfactory safety record, non-competitive pricing, pre-qualifications, or the requirements of government's best practice principles) and provide practical and actionable insights and support to help improve future submissions and evaluation scoring.

Any questions? Email us at qtmp@downergroup.com

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