

# Queensland Train Manufacturing Program

## QTMP Quarterly First Nations Business Newsletter Quarter 2 – 2024

Welcome to the second edition of the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP) First Nations Business Newsletter.

This quarterly update provides support and advice for First Nations-owned businesses on how to tap into opportunities to provide goods and services to QTMP. It includes information about upcoming events, networking opportunities and resources. We also showcase and celebrate First Nations suppliers and employees working on the project.

QTMP will boost local supply chains, engaging Queensland businesses to supply goods and services such as:

- site establishment works
- civil and structural works
- building and utility services
- rail infrastructure
- site services
- site commissioning.

We believe a strong, diverse and self-supporting First Nations business sector is key to empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It places First Nations business owners, their families, and communities in the driver's seat of their economic future.

### Become a QTMP Supplier

If you would like to supply goods and services to QTMP, register on the [Supply TMR portal](#).

- Once you have registered, you will get an email to book a time for a call to help you set up your account and show you how to use the portal. (Please check your junk folder).
- Once your account is set up, you will receive updates about relevant work packages available for tender.
- Make sure your business capabilities are kept up to date.
- As packages are released, the portal will search for required capabilities and notify all relevant businesses.



## First Nations-owned business to build QTMP mock-up train

Fraser Coast business Allweld Manufacturing has been contracted to design and build the official project ‘mock-up’ for QTMP. Based in Tinana, Maryborough, Allweld Manufacturing is a First Nations-owned business established in 1995 and certified with Supply Nation in 2021.

The mock-up will be a life-size model train set built on the Fraser Coast and then transported to Brisbane.

It will be used with various stakeholder groups, including the disability sector, to test the functionality of the QTMP train design. The project will be delivered in two phases throughout the remainder of 2024.

Commencing in March, Phase 1 will involve the construction of a low-fidelity 16-metre-long version of the QTMP train. It will incorporate key functional elements such as the crew cab, passenger toilet area, saloon car seating, doors, and windows. The purpose of this phase is to validate the train’s critical dimensions and key relationships between design elements, with the involvement of user groups. The mock-up will use state-of-the-art augmented reality technology to enhance the immersion and bring the low-fidelity mock-up to life.

Phase 2 will see Allweld build a high-fidelity mock-up. This will be a full-size, 37-metre-long representation of all interior structures. It will be used to demonstrate and trial the different types of passenger amenities for various user groups.

## Southeast success story

DT Infrastructure is proud to be working with Landform Civil on some minor works and services. Landform Civil is a genuine Australian construction company, with more than 50-years’ combined construction experience, providing a flexible approach to project delivery.

Landform Civil can deliver:

- Bulk Earthworks, road construction, building construction, pump stations, rising mains, pipelines, licensed plumbing work.
- Water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure, manholes, culverts and headwalls, environmental/erosion and sediment controls, concrete works.
- Land clearing, public realm installations, bio-retention basins.

Recently incorporated and based in South East Queensland, they are majority Indigenous owned by members of the Woppaburra nation.

## Working in partnership

The Butchulla People are the Traditional Custodians of the Torbanlea project area. The QTMP team is collaborating with the Butchulla Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (BNTAC) to consider and deliver opportunities for Butchulla People during construction and manufacturing.



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## Employee Profile: Rebecca Linwood

Rebecca (Bec) Linwood is employed as a Learning and Development Advisor by Downer. She is a proud Aboriginal woman, local to the Fraser Coast area. Bec has a long history of assisting people to achieve their vocational and non-vocational goals and brings a strong people-centred focus to the QTMP team. She is keen to enhance people's knowledge of Butchulla lore in the Fraser Coast Area.



Bec is responsible for the coordination, administration and delivery of a range of learning and development activities for QTMP and Downer. This includes promoting career development programs, identifying upskilling opportunities for the local workforce, and liaising with local community groups, industries and schools.

## Support, Advice and Resources

### Specialist advisors

Downer and its subcontractors will engage additional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business specialists to support First Nations-owned suppliers. These advisors will be an important touch point for Indigenous businesses and will provide guidance on supplying to QTMP. In the last newsletter we introduced Rebecca Burke, from DT Infrastructure, who is taking on this important role for the Ormeau rail facility.

## Supply Nation

- QTMP is working with [Supply Nation](#), the [Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts](#) (DTATSIPCA), and the [Department of Employment, Small Business and Training](#) (DESBT) to provide information to First Nations-owned businesses about the opportunities, support and training available.

## Programs and Initiatives

- [Supply Nation](#): Australia's largest directory of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses. Visit their website to find out how to register or become certified.
- [One Business](#): State initiative for First Nations start-ups and entrepreneurs. One Business offers a dedicated phone resource to connect First Nations businesses to relevant services that can help build capacity and capability. Call 0460 285 352 Monday to Friday during business hours.
- [Indigenous Business Australia](#): Supporting First Nations people to start, acquire or grow a business through business finance and skills development.
- [Industry Growth Program](#): Federal funding for SMEs and startups. Advice and support for early-stage businesses.
- [The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training's website](#) has information on programs, tools, grants, events and workshops available to help small businesses grow. Register for the [Mentoring for Growth program](#) to be connected with experienced business mentors who can offer insights, options and suggestions to grow stronger businesses.



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## Supplier Events

Our supplier events are an opportunity for local businesses to network and learn about supply opportunities for QTMP.

To coincide with National Close the Gap Day, QTMP partnered with DTATSIPCA to deliver a networking event for First Nations businesses on 12 March 2024 in Maryborough. This was an opportunity for people from the Fraser Coast region to learn more about how First Nations businesses will be supported in the procurement process and as subcontractors, if engaged by the program. Representatives from Downer and sub-contractor, John Holland Group, provided information about the current supply opportunities available, as well as an overview of the strategies being used to improve recruitment and employment support for First Nations peoples.



QTMP presentation at Indigenous Business Event, Maryborough, March 2024

## Upcoming events

QTMP supplier briefing sessions have been scheduled to align with work package releases. The next supplier briefings will be held on 23 April 2024:

- John Holland Group will hold their supplier briefing at the at the Brolga Theatre and Convention Centre, 5 Walker Street, Maryborough from 4pm – 6pm. [Register to attend.](#)
- DT Infrastructure's supplier event will be held at Gainsborough Greens Golf Club, 1 Halcyon Drive Pimpama from 4pm – 6pm. From 3pm – 4pm there will be a masterclass for First Nations businesses. [Register to attend.](#)
- Supply Nation's signature event, Connect 2024, will be held from 28-29 August 2024 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. This is an opportunity to showcase First Nations Businesses to corporate organisations and government departments. [Tickets are on sale](#) through Supply Nation.

QTMP is collaborating with [Supply Nation](#), [DESBT](#) and [DTATSIPCA](#) to plan and deliver more events for 2024 where First Nations businesses can connect with the project team and other suppliers.

To stay up to date, [subscribe to receive email updates](#) about upcoming supplier events.



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## The Queensland Train Manufacturing Program - background

The QTMP will build 65 new six-car passenger trains at a purpose-built manufacturing facility at Torbanlea, on Butchulla Country in the Fraser Coast region.

A new rail facility site will also be constructed at Ormeau in the Gold Coast region, home to the Yugembeh Language Speaking Peoples.

In June 2023, Downer was awarded the contract to deliver the QTMP. Downer and Hyundai Rotem Corporation (HRC) are in a joint venture to design the new trains.

The two new facilities are being built by subcontractors:

- John Holland Group at Torbanlea.
- DT Infrastructure at Ormeau.



Aerial view of the Torbanlea train manufacturing facility from the Bruce Highway. Concept design only.



View of the Ormeau rail facility from the access road. Concept design only.

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