

# SevenRivers Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC



## Monthly Newsletter

### New General Manager

June 2026

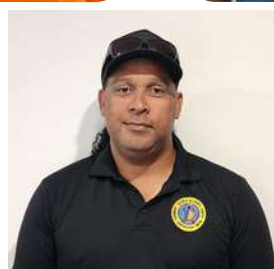
Hello Ankamuthi families, I commenced with Seven Rivers Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC as the General Manager in early February 2026. Many people will remember me when I worked for SRAC from 2018 – 2021, it's great to be back working with you all again. In 2022 I went to Northern Territory and worked in West Arnhem land for three years with a focus on improving homelands and assisting people living in communities to return to their homelands. It was a great experience and I learnt a lot about providing essential services to small family groups in very remote places. I then worked for Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council as Interim CEO for 9 months, this was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with extended family and Ankamuthi people living in Mapoon, Weipa and Napranuum. I was able to build good relationship with OMAC and Mapoon Rangers understanding the important work they are doing on Seven Rivers country to preserve wildlife and a healthy environment. I plan to bring together all of these learnings, skills and connections to make Seven Rivers a strong and active corporation. At the moment I am working from home in Bamaga, I have been trying to secure an office in the NPA, which is proving to be very difficult but I will keep on trying to find a base for SRAC so we can expand our services and staff. A lot has happened in the past four months which I aim to share with you in this newsletter and continue to keep everyone in the loop. Amanda Ewart General Manager



### SRAC Directors

Dear members the board of directors want to have more opportunities to talk about issues and to problem solve together so as to build a positive future for our families. SRAC is holding a general meeting in July to connect with members to share our ideas and to consult with you about your ideas on how to build Seven Rivers Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC. We have been working on a Strategic Plan for our Corporation, we will be sharing this with you at the July General Meeting. Please fee free to contact us at anytime to talk about your native title rights or ask questions.

Board members: Charles Woosup, Dale Salee, Tapee Salee, Polly Woosup, Santino Woosup, Rebecca Williams, Irene Salee.



# BARGE BLESSING AT SKARDON RIVER & BAUXITE HILLS MINE SITE TOUR

Metro Mining finally completed the blessing of their new barge working on Skardon River, the blessing had been delayed from May 2025 and was held on 6th May 2026.

SRAC board members, Ankamuthi elders, OMAC board members, NPARC Mayor & CEO, Mapoon Mayor & CEO, MLA David Kempton and Metro Mining Directors attended. Attendees chose between a mine tour or the Ikamba loading platform tour, followed by the blessing of the barge Mandang. Mr George Ropeyarn and Mr Dale Salee named the barge with a smashing of coconuts. Mr George Ropeyarn informed us that the spelling of the name Mandang should be Mundung, and that the use of one word to represent "strong" is not normally applied to a vessel. It was great to have the Injinoo dancers dance for the event.



# Mine Site and Kaolin Dam Rehabilitation



Of big interest to everyone was the rehabilitation work completed by Metro Mining covering the empty bauxite pits. The Environmental Superintendent James Gray showed us the progress of their rehab work over past years, noting the valuable contribution of Bolly Williams as an Ankamuthi contractor. It was impressive and we were really happy to see so much regrowth of native plants. We visited one of the kaolin dams left behind by Gulf Alumina, Metro Mining drained it over time, filled it in, planting native shrubs. The end result is a rehabilitated dam the site into a beautiful wetland area filled with native trees. Metro Mining also cleaned up Namleta Creek allowing the water flow in and out better.

It was a very informative and positive day.



# Cultural Heritage Work at Bauxite Hills Mine Skardon

The cultural heritage survey and monitoring work has successfully continued through 2025 and 2026 due to a partnership between SRAC, Balkanu and Converge Heritage Services. The Ancillary Agreement allows for 10 Cultural Heritage Consultants, Metro Mining allowed this number to be increased to 20 due to the increased work load of surveying, monitoring and drill line work. The team has been doing an awesome job onsite and getting through the work.

Currently we have enough CH Consultants, we have more planning to do for other work in 2026 so we may require more CH consultants to be engaged. If more consultants are needed then SRAC will let interested persons know so Ankamuthi people can register with us.

CH consultants have to complete a medical health check in Cairns, Drug and Alcohol testing, fitness testing, have current photograph ID, complete a mine online induction prior to going onsite.

Cultural Heritage Consultants doing monitoring work have to work for 12 hours/day on a two week shift (14 days). CH Consultants doing survey work do an 8 hour shift for 7 days as it is such physically draining work walking in the heat. Cultural Heritage Contact Officers are: Santino Woosup and Tapee Salee. SRAC appreciates all of the hard work that Balkanu does for us organising the roster and managing the CH Consultants as employees. A special thank you to Sharon Cunningham at Balkanu.

## SRAC Cultural Heritage Survey & Monitoring Training

In the month of August our Senior Cultural Heritage Consultants will be training with Converge Heritage & Community on the use of gps equipment, data collection and storage systems so SRAC can hold its own cultural heritage information.

The seniors will then be able to train cultural heritage consultants on how to use the equipment for all cultural heritage survey and monitoring work.

## Calling for Ankamuthi Artists

We are looking for Ankamuthi artists to produce artwork for a few projects SRAC is currently working on.

1. Welcome to Ankamuthi Country and acknowledgement of Traditional Owners signs to be placed at Bauxite Hills Mine (Metro Mining) and Skardon River Port.
2. Seven Rivers Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC Strategic Plan.
3. Document borders to be used in future reports.

If you are interested please contact SRAC General Manager Amanda Ewart to provide your details on 0400 561 866 or via email: [admin@sevenrivers.org.au](mailto:admin@sevenrivers.org.au)

## Name our Newsletter

We are keen to have an appropriate name for our newsletter, if you have any suggestions we would love to hear them. Please send into:

[admin@sevenrivers.org.au](mailto:admin@sevenrivers.org.au)



# Liaison Committee Review of Metro Mining Ancillary Agreement

The Liaison Committee met on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May to review the Metro Mining Ancillary Agreement, facilitated by independent Valerie Coombes. In attendance were Seven Rivers Aboriginal Corporation (SRAC) Liaison Committee Representatives & General Manager – Rebecca Williams, Irene Salee, Santino Woosup, Solomon Woosup, Amanda Ewart (GM)

Old Mapoon Aboriginal Corporation (OMAC) Liaison Committee Representatives and Executive Officer – Cameron Hudson, John Tabuai, Kate Peisker (EO).

Metro Mining Liaison Committee Representatives – Mark Imber, Jaeme Davey.

It was an amicable meeting but it was noted by Valerie that the same issues were still on the table for discussion that were raised back in 2022 Review. It was agreed that more commitment and follow through on actions needs to occur by all parties involved.

It was agreed that a greater focus on employment and training for Ankamuthi people needs to be undertaken by both Metro Mining and supported by SRAC and OMAC.

Currently only 5% of employees are Ankamuthi Traditional Owners. Overall there is a total of 21% indigenous people employed across Metro Mining, TSA and Cater Care. In the Ancillary Agreement the target at year 5 was 30%, we are in year 8 of the Agreement so clearly this is not good enough.

Both Metro, SRAC and OMAC have to work together to improve the employment of Ankamuthi traditional owners at Bauxite Hills Mine.

Metro has almost completed their draft Indigenous Employment Strategy which SRAC & OMAC will be able to comment on soon, already Metro made some changes to their employment systems by reviewing the qualifications/experience required for positions and reducing the criteria so that Ankamuthi people can apply for them without prior experience. Metro Mining is keen to employ more Ankamuthi people and are giving TO's improved consideration for positions. If you have an interest to work for Metro please go ahead and send in your expression of interest, make sure you attach a copy of your resume/cv if you have one. If you don't have a cv and need help to put one together then contact the Metro Community Liaison Officers Glendon Woosup Ph 0436 855 057 or Svana Gebadi Ph 0421 426 445 for assistance. Glendon and Svana can sit in your interviews as your support person to help you understand the questions being asked. The lack of training was also raised, SRAC requested for operator training to be held in NPA as Metro has not provided any specific training for Ankamuthi Traditional Owners. Ankamuthi people living in Mapoon community have had some opportunities for training from Rio Tinto and Mapoon Council in recent years. The rehabilitation work at skardon is progressing well, the new growth is flourishing in most areas. Two years ago Metro trialled seeding by drone, it is still early days to tell how well it will grow. Metro needs more seed collection by Ankamuthi people in NPA, especially canopy trees, most of the seed is being provided by Mapoon residents. If you are interested to collect native tree seed contact Glendon or Svana to register and for a seed collection book.





The Liaison Committee meeting was held the next day after the Review, it was agreed that the next Liaison Committee meeting will be held at Injinoo. We will commence with a BBQ event at the Injinoo Lookout for Ankamuthi people so you can ask Metro staff questions and they can share information with you, sign up for seed collection and check out employment opportunities.

We discussed the management and reporting of environmental impacts, water quality monitoring and waste management, Metro Mining agreed to engage Ankamuthi TO's in this process in future, SRAC and OMAC will be discussing further how this will be managed.

The water quality report is due for submission to QLD Government by 30/6/26, once SRAC receives a copy we will share the information with you.

Kaolin has not been sold and mining of kaolin has not been discussed with SRAC and OMAC, we noted on the mine tour the kaolin piles are still remaining and covered.

More information on the review meeting will be provided at the General Meeting 23/7/26.

### **Positions Vacant Metro Mining, TSA, Cater Care**

Check out vacancies on the Metro Mining website [metromining.com.au/careers/working-with-us/](http://metromining.com.au/careers/working-with-us/) .

If you want to work for Metro Mining, TSA or Cater Care at Bauxite Hills Mine, contact the Metro Community Liaison Officers Glendon Woosup Ph 0436 855 057 or Svana Gebadi Ph 0421 426 445 for assistance. Glendon and Svana can help you with your applications and sit in your interviews as your support person to help you understand the questions being asked.

If you don't need any help you can email your application or an expression of interest to:

[jobs@metromining.com.au](mailto:jobs@metromining.com.au)

### **REQUEST ANKAMUTHI WORKERS AT METRO TO CONTACT SRAC GM VIA EMAIL**

As you know the number of Ankamuthi people working for metro Mining, TSA and Cater Care is very low and we are not meeting the 5 year target of 30%. To ensure we get more accurate numbers of Ankamuthi people working at Skardon, SRAC requests for employees of Metro Mining, TSA, Cater Care who are Ankamuthi to let us know you are working there. Please email your name, position and work group to [admin@sevenrivers.org.au](mailto:admin@sevenrivers.org.au)

Thank you.

## SILICA AUSTRALIA EXPLORATION MONITORS

On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Silica Australia were onsite in NPA to commence the collection of sand samples for silica testing. Samples were taken from areas near DoughBoy and Jackson Rivers on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May. Ankamuthi Cultural Heritage Monitors were in attendance for the two days, travelling with the exploration team on a very small helicopter. Monitors were Polly Woosup, Solomon Woosup, Fred Mooka and Ronald Williams, each monitor worked one day.

It was very challenging as the ground was still wet making the terrain was difficult to walk and get through. A cultural heritage induction for Silica Australia Exploration team was conducted at the Injinoo Lookout on the 4<sup>th</sup> May by Sandra Woosup and Margaret Woosup. Silica Australia CEO Trenton Clarke said he really appreciated the cultural heritage induction and is looking forward to a positive working relationship with Ankamuthi people.



## SEVEN RIVERS POSITIONS VACANT

### SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Videographer  
Ankamuthi Cultural Values in West  
Cape York Marine Park  
Term of Project: 1/7/26 – 30/9/26

### SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Project Coordinator  
Mapping Ankamuthi Cultural Values in West Cape  
York Marine Park  
Term of Project: 20/7/26 – 30/4/27

SRAC Administration Officer  
Hours: P/T 10 hours/week  
Rate: \$38.46/hr

Applications and enquiries can be submitted to SRAC General  
Manager email: [admin@sevenrivers.org.au](mailto:admin@sevenrivers.org.au) or Ph 0400 561 866