

Welcome to a summary of September's news on topics relevant to the [Northern Hub's](#) goal of supporting sustainable development in northern Australia. These clips aim to facilitate cross-sector & cross-region knowledge sharing, & more informed conversations about the future of northern Australia. They're an informal 'round up' of what comes across our desks rather than a systematic collection, so please send any relevant news in & let us know what you think. Cheers & best regards, Clare Taylor & Jane Thomas.

Pan-northern news

- [Nth Aust White Paper Implementation Oversight Committee presents 2nd ann rpt to show 87% of commitments in progress or complete, highlight 17 sensitivities & make 10 recommendations inc. progressing land tenure & pastoral lease commitments, reversing knowledge & skills shortages, relocating more public servants to the Nth, reconvening the Nth Aust Advisory Grp, better recognising coral reefs & developing immigration pathways](#)
- [NAIF announcements imminent & 10 projects under due diligence, more Qs on governance, NAIF Senate Inq receives 116 submissions, NAIF opinion, more](#)
- [Labor open to linking NAIF with \\$1.8t One Belt One Road, more](#)
- [CRC for Nth Dev new website & funding call for TO-led business development, ag & food, & tropical health](#)
- [NT happy to annex NW if WAXit & NT businesses in Canberra to promote Nth development](#)
- [Foreign investors hold 13m ha in NT \(25%\) & 17m ha in Qld & Opinion on Nth Aust dreams at risk](#)
- [Northern Australia Law Futures Network & ecol governance & development in Nth Aust paper](#)
- [Nth Qld Indigenous advocate remembered as trailblazer & Pat Dodson on self determination for development](#)
- [Northern Land Council & Kimberley LC meet with NSW Aboriginal LC to commence big pic dialogue](#)
- [Indigenous engagement \(Yolgnu\) poster series & more inc audio reports with biosec focus](#)
- [Nth cattle numbers down due to droughts, Cattle Council defence, live-ex ship re-accredited & Joyce spruiks Nth Aust to young ag leaders](#)
- [Nth Aust agriculture to gain from lab's help with clean, green credentials, more](#)
- [Sandalwood co. harvests 60ha but more troubles for Quintis, more](#)
- [Update on project seadragon mega prawn farm, more](#)
- [Elcho Islander wins Digital Elder of the Year award, more](#)
- [Cape York sediment work wins Eureka Prize, more, more \[\\[Hub related research\\]\]\(#\) & NT Indigenous research partnership finalist in citizen science award](#)
- [Landline on Indigenous rangers](#)
- [Nth Aust pearl farm co. certified as sustainable in world first](#)
- [Warmer than avg Oct-Dec temps for Nth Aust, extra warm Sept & Build up begins in NT](#)
- [Climate change brings fewer but harsher cyclones](#)

Northern Australia Hub news

- [13-year celebration of Daly River Fish & Flows project & its Indigenous partnerships](#)
- [Preliminary Nth Aust threatened species hotspot maps](#)
- [Riversymposium presentations on social & cultural dimensions of river flows](#)

State & Territory news

- [WA budget for Kimberley incs \\$239m for infrastructure, share of \\$4.5m for emerging businesses, \\$1m for subsidised flights \[more\]\(#\) & \\$11m for Broome boats](#)
- [MacTiernan's keynote at Kimberley Economic Forum incs need for collaboration, value-adding, research, Indigenous jobs & more, \[Forum taster video on Ord life\]\(#\) & \[Ord2 lease urged\]\(#\)](#)
- [WA's Nth Beef Futures Program must move Nth, \[pasture & fodder trial update\]\(#\) & \[more Sept news\]\(#\)](#)
- [More interest in NW university](#)
- [Big plans for Kimberley's new Argyle Cattle Co, \[more\]\(#\), \[more\]\(#\) & \[Rinehart addresses WA PGA\]\(#\)](#)
- [Contention over plans \[for national park for upper Fitzroy\]\(#\), \[more\]\(#\) & \[for irrig on Gogo stn\]\(#\)](#)
- [Cut flowers & sunflowers from the Ord](#)

- [Virgin drops wet season KNX flight](#)
 - [Future Broome & Shire president retires after 17 years in the role](#)
 - [Dampier Peninsula sand mine lease closer after court ruling, \[more\]\(#\)](#)
 - [EOIs open for WA's \\$20m Aboriginal Ranger Program, \[more\]\(#\)](#)
 - [Story of 80mile beach rangers sth of Broome & doco on work further south](#)
 - [KLC sept newsletter & ann report; \[new dictionary of Miriwoong language\]\(#\)](#)
 - [NW WA calls for action on Nth Aust insurance premiums](#)
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- [Boosting NT population thru tax rebates & decentralisation, tho maybe not. \[Latest NT pop stats shows rise of 338 from Mar16 to 17\]\(#\)](#)
 - [NT's Digital Territory Strategy out for comment until 13 Oct & NT lobbies for space agency](#)
 - [NT may change profit-based mining royalties system after no payments from McArthur Rv & \[discussion on if a WA royalty rise will benefit the NT\]\(#\)](#)
 - [NT releases mining bonds to increase transparency, \[more\]\(#\), \[more\]\(#\), \[more\]\(#\) & \[comment on legacy mines\]\(#\)](#)
 - [Report questions modelling in McArthur Rv mine EIS, \[more\]\(#\)](#)
 - [Bush TV video on Borroloola rangers who look after country around MacArthur Rv](#)
 - [Remote Aboriginal Development Fund applications open until 31 Oct](#)
 - [Indigenous groups want Katherine native title claims resolved](#)
 - [Arnhem Land community concerned over commercial fishing, \[mud crab harvest strategy & illegal black jewfish trade\]\(#\)](#)
 - [NT tourism numbers up & early start to big NT mango season](#)
 - [NT station to create 680x16sqkm paddocks each with 225kL tank for 200 cattle to double nos](#)
 - [Reflections from NTCA's Tracey Hayes](#)
 - [Call to make Darwin a territory in own right, \[more\]\(#\), \[Darwin most internationally connected of Aust's regional cities\]\(#\) & \[Darwin's eccentric beauty\]\(#\)](#)
 - [Call to remove restrictions to reduce NT airfares](#)
 - [Driest dry season on record for Darwin](#)
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- [\\$1.6b Tsville port expansion approved & \\$30m fuel hub for Innisfail port & \\$100m for Pt Douglas marina expansion](#)
 - [Nth Qld better regions funding incs Regional Waste Strategy for Carpentaria, Burke and Doomadgee Shires \[\\[related Hub research\\]\]\(#\)](#)
 - [TOs to invest in zinc mine economic rehab operation](#)
 - [Video on 27yrs of Indigenous CYP reform & from 2017 Cape York Summit](#)
 - [Summary of Qld Govt's Indigenous participation achievements inc CYP tenure resolution](#)
 - [Qld EHP progress & \[feedback invitation\]\(#\)](#)
 - [Future Townsville plan impresses Shorten](#)
 - [Ignite FNQ established to connect & empower FNQ communities thru innovation, \[more\]\(#\)](#)
 - [Qld geared up on disaster management](#)
 - [Sth Gulf NRM newsletter & \[new book showcasing 55 Gulf women\]\(#\)](#)

Water

- [Draft Nat'l Water Reform rec's inc providing for Indigenous cultural objectives \(3.2\), \[guidance on Indigenous water for economic development \\(3.3\\)\]\(#\) & \[the need for NWI-consistency before new irrigation infrastructure inc NAIF infrastructure \\(7.3\\)\]\(#\)](#)
- [Off-stream 40G storage dam proposed for Kimberley's Gogo station](#)
- [Comments on draft WQ objectives & enviro values for some Nth Qld catchments due 31 Oct](#)
- [Comments on draft Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan open until 10 Oct](#)
- [Applications open for 92500ML of fixed price unallocated water from Gilbert Rv & Cloncurry Rv, \[more\]\(#\)](#)
- [Opinion on Nullinga dam](#)
- [New Great Artesian Basin water plan](#)
- [More on Katherine's PFAS water pollution](#)

Energy

- [Pressure on NT to lift fracking moratorium, more](#), [Min Scullion, more](#) but [many residents with real concerns & more on gas economics](#)
- [Fracking moratorium for Kimberley & Ichthys benefiting NT & WA](#)
- [Mataranka community members reject Rhinehart's fracking bufferzone offer, more](#)
- [Planning permission secured for 60MW solar park in Mareeba & potential solar farm nr Katherine](#)
- [Sites ID'd for pumped hydro inc 3000 in Kimberley & 1000 in Top End](#)
- [Canavan describes Qld renewable grants as hidden tax & 6500 Qld people working in renewables, highest in Aust with 3200 more jobs from \\$5b of projects in the pipeline](#)
- [Rising oil prices see renewed oil exports from Wyndham & Northern Gas Pipeline construction starts in Qld](#)

Weeds, ferals, diseases, etc

- [Coordinated approach to Hinchinbrook feral pig mgt, banana growers establish group to tackle feral pigs for Panama TR4 & Defence & pig control](#) [\[related Hub research\]](#)
- [Burning cane fields to eradicate invasive electric ants in FNQ while dogs detect invasive ants in Top End](#)
- [Kimberley cattle stations benefiting from investment in wild dog control & call for more funding for control in Qld](#)
- [Biosec plans to consider stock routes & services & Qld workshops held to progress biosec plans](#)
- [NQ seeking money for prickly acacia eradication while workshop demonstrates control techniques](#)
- [Burdekin stocked with barra to eat tilapia & fatal catfish disease found in FNQ](#)
- [Two cases of Cucumber Green Mottle Mosaic Virus in Qld](#)
- [Debate on hunting in Qld](#)
- [Kimberley Neem survey](#)
- [Why Darwin has no Malaria](#)
- [Breeding triton snails to eat Crown of Thorns Starfish](#)
- [Are introduced species replacing our lost megafauna?](#)

Biodiversity & Protected Areas

- [Indigenous Protected Area \\$93m funding extended until 2023, more](#) [\[related Hub research\]](#)
- [Dedication ceremonies for Sth East Arnhem IPA & Yawuru IPA](#)
- [New book about Top End's wildlife & protected areas](#)
- [WA Enviro Min explains proposed Fitzroy Rv National Park](#)
- [Qld National Parks ann rpt highlights ecotourism values](#)
- [Darwin Port home to endangered far eastern curlew](#)
- [Endangered Fitzroy sawfish getting Fitbits to track movements, study shows sawfish rest in deep pools by day & later on move to shallower water with more prey & sawfish pups saved in the Daly](#) [\[related Hub research\]](#)
- [All about Nth Aust's saltwater crocs](#)
- [Who cares about the GBR? & consensus that reef in poor condition due to land use impacts](#)
- [Woodchips in trenches can stop ag pollution reaching GBR](#)
- [Rangers saving sea turtles on Gulf beaches](#)
- [Global sea turtle nest numbers increasing but hatchling survival low in Nth Qld](#)
- [240kg of rubbish removed from Qld's Michaelmas Cay](#) [\[related Hub research\]](#)
- [Kimberley marine research final reports & seminars online](#)

Fire & carbon

- [Multiple benefits of Arnhem Land fire management inc ref to](#) [related Hub research](#)
- [Kimberley fire spread through 4 stations & Kimberley fire carbon projects](#)
- [Kimberley rangers fighting fire with fire](#)
- [Back burning may be harming Melville Is mammals](#)

Events

- 12-13 Oct [AWA's Water in the Bush](#) Darwin
- 13-14 Oct [Gulf BeefUp](#), Karumba
- 18-19 Oct [NT major projects conference](#), Darwin
- 23 -24 Oct [Indigenous Economic Development Forum](#), Darwin
- 25-27 Oct, [Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen's Assoc'n AGM & conference](#), Kununurra
- 31 Oct, [Southern Gulf NRM AGM & community forum](#), Richmond
- 28 Oct, [Cape York NRM AGM](#), Cooktown
- Oct-Nov, [Growing the Growers native foods roadshow](#), Malanda, Broome, Darwin
- 19-21 Nov [Nth Aust Investment Forum](#), Cairns
- 21-23 Nov [Territory NRM conference](#), Darwin
- 24-25 Nov [Future of Ecological Governance & Regulation in Nth Aust conf](#), Brisbane
- 4-7 Dec, [Qld Weed Symposium](#), Pt Douglas
- 2-4 Jul 2018, [Northern Australia Food Futures](#), Darwin

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