

Welcome to a summary of October'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

- [Canavan reinstated as Min for Nth Aust](#)
- [White paper implementation report launched, more](#) and [annual statement available with claims of Paper's failure, more](#) rejected [by Joyce](#)
- [Nth Aust CRC announces \\$14m + \\$37m leverage \\$s for Round 1 projects inc Ord commercial scale cropping, new pastures, resilient pearl oysters, reducing croc skin lesions, improving banana crops, ticks, cattle biosec, more](#)
- [NAIF considering 140 enquiries/projects \(21% in transport, 20% resources, 19% electricity gen, 17% agric, 23% other inc water infrast, comms, gas pipelines & tourism\) of which 63 are active, inc 10 in due diligence/execution stage. Qld =32, NT = 10, WA=17 cross-jur = 4 projects, more, more](#)
- [NAIF offers first loan of ~\\$17m to Pilbara marine support base, more](#)
- [NAIF spends \\$347k on travel](#)
- [NT Chief criticises Aust gov rejection of Indigenous Advisory body](#)
- [Nth Aust beef exports unusually consistent despite challenges](#)
- [Scholarship to study Nth Aust cattle lot-feeding](#)
- [Defence collaborations growing in Nth Aust & room for more](#)
- [Zinc price high after Nth Aust supply down](#)
- [Gulf commercial fishermen object to tracking devices on tender boats](#)
- [Nth Aust Insurance Inquiry releases issues paper for comment by 21 Dec, more, more](#)
- [Avg number of cyclones predicted for coming season tho high % to impact land](#)
- [Arnhem Land cyclone knowledge shared in film](#)
- [Warm wet season predicted, more, warm temp bleach fears for GBR](#)
- [Heat stress may cause depression & crime, more & reduce SE Asia economies](#)
- [Insights into engagement in remote Indigenous communities](#)
- [Austral Fisheries & Arnhem Land furniture win Banksia Awards](#)

Northern Australia Hub news

- [Researchers tracking sooty grunter in the Daly River](#)
- [Hub combining graphics & narrative for effective science communication](#)

State & Territory news

- [NLC tells Senate Inq that current Nth Aust development policy & NAIF need transformational change for sustainable and inclusive development of the region \(p7\)](#)
- [Report on agribusiness potential of broader Katherine region more](#)
- [Bill introduced to allow for non-pastoral purpose subleases, more but concern over Indigenous rights & interests, more, more](#)
- [\\$4m tender for Darwin defence maintenance facility](#)
- [New NT Administrator](#)
- [NT keen to enter space exploration sector with Arnhem Land rocket lease approved, more \(p8-9\)](#)
- [Summary of Barkly regional economic development conference](#)
- [Pastoral legend buys 260k ha station on Barkly Tableland](#)
- [NT Gulf gravity dataset released as first from \\$100m GeoScience Aust program](#)
- [Rangers complete Fisheries compliance training](#)
- [\\$10m+ for Rum Jungle rehab & legacy mines update](#)
- [McArthur Rv mine compensation talks & art \(p12-13\) & music](#)
- [Info on project Seadragon Indigenous land use agreement \(p4-6\), more](#)

- [NLC CEO updates conference on NLC/CLC Economic Development Strategy & Community Planning and Development Program](#)
- [Article on workable model for township leases \(p16\) & Arnhem Land lease can be signed](#)
- [NT 3D printer speed producing metal parts](#)
- [Arnhem Land fishing dispute continues](#)
- [Why Germans love the NT](#)

- [WA pastoral lands audit shows need for better monitoring of land condition and guidance on how to best manage lands](#)
- [MacTiernan to take over rangelands reform & moves beef program to Broome](#)
- [Catherine Marriot resigns from Kimberley&Pilbara Cattlemen's to take up WA manager role with CRC for Developing Nth Aust & is elected a Broome shire councillor, more](#)
- [Emma White, ex NT CM's Office, is KPCA's new CEO](#)
- [KPCA conf hears from MacTiernan on resolving pastoral reform issues in next 9 mths, Rinehart on water](#)
- [Hong Kong businessman buys 45k cattle on 800ha across Margaret Rv, Yougawalla, Bulka Stns with plans for water points & fencing + interests in Bohemia Dwms, Louisa Dwms, Lamboo & Carranya Stns](#)
- [\\$11.7m to investigate Ord cotton, grain & forage cropping system](#)
- [\\$7m upgrade for Broome port & big cruise ships need dredging for all tide-access Broome](#)
- [Kimberley rangers head to Kenya to share & learn](#)
- [\\$100k for Kimberley Aboriginal languages](#)
- [Rangelands NRM inc Kimberley present at Ranges Soc conf](#)
- [Kununurra fish kill due to low oxygen](#)

- [Qld business confidence rises inc in Cairns & Mackay](#)
- [Info from FNQ major projects forum](#)
- [Cairns businesses pull up Joyce on Nth Aust White paper progress](#)
- [Gulf air services trial extended for 12mth](#)
- [\\$8.1m funding boost to Qld Indigenous rangers but uncertainty over broader programs future](#)
- [TSV port expansion gains approval](#)
- [Qld land clearing surge prompts Palaszczuk govt to reintroduce veg mgt laws if they win but w/o reverse onus of proof, farmers not happy](#)
- [Staff update from Gulf Savanna Development](#)
- [Reef report card shows pollution falling](#)
- [Sthn Gulf, Nthn Gulf & Cape York NRM newsletters](#)
- [Morning glory gliders](#)

Water

- [LNP to create Qld equiv of Snowy Hydro and build several dams b/w Cairns & Rockhampton, more](#)
- [Rookwood weir discussions back & forward](#)
- [Articles on Mitchell catchment conversation with TOs \(p5\), sustainable water development in the Gulf \(p6\) \[\[related Hub research\]\(#\)\] & Etheridge Shire promoting local irrigation development \(p8\)](#)
- [Presentations from AWA's Water in the Bush in NT inc remote water supplies, water recycling in the Kimberley, research needs & more](#)

Energy

- [Report says lifting NT fracking moratorium not worth it, more, Indigenous leaders have concern over water contamination & Indigenous communities feel pushed into fracking](#)
- [NLC article on interim fracking report \(p14-15\)](#)
- [Normanton solar farm to supply 100% of daytime electricity](#)
- [Australia's first hybrid wind-solar-battery power plant coming to Hughenden, more](#)
- [Emerald solar farm ready to create 100s of jobs with mixed feelings as parts arrive](#)

- [Palaszczyk vetoes NAIF Adani loan, more](#)
- [Broome trials solar powered micro-grid](#)
- [More gas pipelines for Nth Aust](#)

Weeds, ferals, diseases, etc

- [Cats kill 1mil birds each year, tho less in the north](#)
- [Tilapia found in Gulf's Mitchell River](#)
- [Kakadu rangers breeding weevils to fight aquatic weed](#)
- [Remotely-read power meters coming to banana farms to stop spread of Panama disease](#)
- [Cane toads reach Fitzroy Crossing & still expanding](#)
- [Building biosecurity trust in remote communities](#)
- [Harvesting aquatic weeds to improve soil condition in the Burdekin](#)

Biodiversity & Protected Areas

- [Endangered grasswren heard in Gulf and rare night parrot seen in sthn Kimberley](#)
- [Finned lemon shark washes up on Darwin beach while massive grouper lands on Broome shore](#)
- [Hunters dispute report saying magpie geese are declining in the NT as hunting season opens](#)
- [60% of Kakadu floodplains affected by sea level rise & saltwater by 2070 \[\\[related Hub research\\]\]\(#\)](#)
- [Meet the Nemos of Darwin Harbour](#)
- [Kimberley waters have hungry humpbacks, abundant dugongs & weird & wonderful deep-sea life](#)
- [Kimberley gets first Crocwise campaign after increase in crocs](#)
- [Citizen science shows some but not all dragonflies signal start of dry season](#)
- [New damselfly species discovered on Cape York](#)
- [18k ha CYP station purchased for nature](#)
- [Indigenous rangers monitoring sea turtles on Gulf beaches, more](#)
- [Crowd funding saves FNQ endangered fish while endangered seabird breeds on Raine Island](#)
- [Renewed FNQ croc cull calls](#)
- [~100 agile wallabies killed in Mareeba](#)
- [Fight for the reef far from over says veteran campaigner & should we increase the \\$6.50 entry fee for the GBR?](#)
- [Bleached areas of GBR show signs of recovery & reproduction](#)
- [Plastic pollution in the Gulf \[\\[related Hub research\\]\]\(#\)](#)
- [Dingoes spread across Aust in two waves from PNG land bridge with the current NW population genetically distinct from the SE population](#)
- [Rangelands NRM threatened species poster](#)

Fire & carbon

- [Bushfires NT had a tough season due to large Wet](#)
- [Increased risk of heatwaves & fires this summer in NQ](#)
- [WA's new fire chief wants more prescribed burns](#)

Events

- 13 Nov Nth Gulf AGM, Georgetown
- 14 Nov [Gulf Cattleman's AGM](#), Georgetown
- 15 Nov – 6 Dec ACCC [Nth Aust Insurance Inquiry forums](#), Tsv, Cairns, Darwin, Alice, Broome, Karratha, Rocky, Mackay
- 19-21 Nov [Nth Aust Investment Forum](#), Cairns
- 20 Nov [NESP Tropical Water Quality Hub Science Day](#), Townsville
- 21-23 Nov [Territory NRM conference](#), Darwin
- 24 Nov [Gamba grass workshop](#), Darwin
- 24-25 Nov, [Future of Ecological Governance & Regulation in Nth Aust conf](#), Brisbane
- 29 Nov – 7 Dec [NT demography roadshows](#), Darwin, Alice, Katherine

- 4-7 Dec [Qld Weed Symposium](#), Pt Douglas
- Mid-March 2018 Gamba Grass Field Day, Kimberley TBC
- 18-19 Jun 2018 Developing Northern Australia conference, Alice Springs
- 2-4 Jul 2018, [Northern Australia Food Futures](#), Darwin

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