

Welcome to this month's summary of recent 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 & Patch Clapp.

Pan-northern news

- [Senate report into NAIF inc 12 recs to improve governance & operation](#)
- [NAIF \\$96m loan for Tsv Tech Innovation hub, lawyer Khory McCormick replaces Sharon Warburton as NAIF board chair, & Ross Rolfe joins board, NAIF Jul newsletter inc stats on upcoming projects & links to presentations, media etc](#)
- [CRC for Dev'ing Nth Aust calls for EOIs for ag, health & TO-led business devt funding](#)
- [Northern RDA Alliance update on activities, etc](#)
- [What is the potential for ag devt in the nth? & presentation on Indigenous Advantage – can nth Aust lead through innovation, more](#)
- [Nth Aust Food Futures conference presentations](#)
- [Indigenous peoples hold 25% of land & 40% of global conservation areas, more](#)
- [\\$87m over 5yrs for 76 existing Indigenous Protected Areas & IPA funding transferred to Indigenous Advancement Strategy](#)
- [Sharing success of Indigenous women caring for country as rangers or on IPAs](#)
- [Canadian co. takes over NT/Qld border uranium mine](#)
- [Nth Aust road upgrades inc Arnhem Hwy \(NT\) & Outback Way \(Qld\) & more](#)
- [Possible late wet season with El Niño 50% likely & cyclones now forming further from equator](#)
- [2017/18 yr hottest for eastern Gulf](#)
- [BoM Aug-Oct outlook indicates higher than av max temps in the Nth](#)

Northern Australia Hub news

- [New project investigates the effects of saline plumes on fish in Magela Ck](#)
- [If you are what you eat, then Kakadu crocs are ... free-range bacon?](#)
- [Assessing positive impacts of Indigenous land and sea mgt programs on wellbeing](#)
- [Showing & sharing knowledge through 3D model of WA's Fitzroy Rv catchment](#)
- ['Science, sustainability & security' at Nth Aus Food Futures](#)

State & Territory news

- [Kimberley Shire presidents collaborate for better outcomes](#)
- [First production outside China for heavy rare earth dysprosium opens in E Kimberley](#)
- [E Kimberley Nickel mine set to re-open & possible restart of Cockatoo Is mine](#)
- [Aus uranium co applies for 2700km² diamond exploration lease in W Kimberley](#)
- [New \\$500k pearl hatchery opens on Dampier Peninsula](#)
- [Cone Bay Barramundi accepts bid from Singapore's largest fish farming co.](#)
- [Mungbeans harvested for 2nd year in a row in the Ord](#)
- [Possible cotton industry review in Ord Irrigation Scheme after 2 trial yrs](#)
- [Quintis bondholders & growers struggle over ownership & mgt](#)
- [Kimberley live cattle exports a third lower than this time last year](#)
- [Aboriginal Lands Trust land sublease to Yougawalla Pastoral Co for Lk Gregory Stn inc 10 dams, \\$240k new fencing & jobs & training packages, more](#)
- [Singapore-Broome flights could open up tourism link, decision on future still to come](#)
- [Broome Airport set for upgrade under Building Better Regions Fund](#)
- [KLC Jul newsletter inc Native Title conference, women's ranger camp, Heritage Act, new Fitzroy Rv council & more](#)
- [Darwin aiming to be top LNG export hub](#)
- [10-yr anniversary of Blue Mud Bay decision w access negotiations continuing, more](#)
- [622km of Nthn Gas Pipeline now complete](#)
- [Mega-prawn farm partnering w AAM Investment Gp to buy Legune Stn on NT/WA border](#)
- [80,000 baby oysters to kickstart industry for Waruwi community](#)

- [Last shift at AACo meatworks](#)
- [First NT early 18/19 season mango trays delivered](#)
- [Qantas announces direct Hong Kong–Darwin freight flight, gov't commits \\$4.8m to improve Darwin airport freight hub](#)
- [Arnhem Land women's culture walk shares knowledge & stories](#) [\[related Hub research\]](#)
- [\\$13.3m illegal tobacco crop found](#)

- [Mt Colin copper mine starts processes to bring mine back online after 3-yr hiatus](#)
- [Horn Is gold mine revived amid possibility of gold worth \\$5b](#)
- [TS tropical rock lobster fishery to re-open in December](#)
- [Mackay Sugar looks to offload Mossman Sugar Mill & progress in turning sugarcane waste into livestock feed](#)
- [Growing cruise ship sector can benefit nth Qld](#)
- [Cairns & Cook shire councils win \\$400k grants to prepare for climate change](#)
- [ILC to return Cape York stations to TOs & offload cattle](#)
- [Native Title recognised over 94k ha of land of Girramay people b/w Cairns & Tsv](#)
- [Walled fish traps highlight large scale resource mgt](#)
- [Nth Qld land & water mgt projects supported, more](#)
- [Cape York project reduces sediment run-off by 85%](#)
- [Initial survey results don't show spike in Qld croc numbers](#)
- News from [Sthn Gulf NRM](#) & [Terrain NRM](#)

Water

- [Draft Cape York water plan released for public comment](#)
- [Daly Roper Water Control District extended to inc Beetaloo basin in prep for fracking, more](#) [\[related Hub research\]](#)
- [Great Artesian Basin initiative 4 has saved equiv of 200GL of water/yr](#)
- [Burdekin Rv Hells Gate dam feasibility study suggests up to 50k ha irrigated ag, more](#)
- [More on Rookwood Weir dev't](#)
- [New Mt Isa water charges adopted](#)
- [Contaminants discovered in Ooloo aquifer, Katherine PFAS class action to begin](#)
- [Parasites in Torres Strait Islands water supply](#)

Energy

- [NT gov't releases plan for implementing fracking report recommendations, more](#)
- [Opposition to fracking in Broome, more](#)
- [Nth Qld renewables beat coal numbers](#)
- [Adani close to \\$1b for financing Carmichael Mine rail](#)
- [Work begins on Tanami gas pipeline as part of \\$13b gas network takeover](#)
- [NT/Qld border community demonstrates strength of renewables in regional settings](#)
- [WA's Ichthys field closer to first LNG shipment](#)
- [Could the Ord produce world's most viable bio-fuel?](#)

Weeds, ferals, diseases, etc

- [Kimberley exporting citrus 3 mths after citrus canker originally detected](#)
- [Howard Springs canker discovery & NT lime plants also discovered w canker](#)
- [National feral cat survey open](#)
- [Cairns Council trialling baby bats to lure flying foxes away from city](#)
- [Second detection of Panama disease hit Qld banana producers, gamma-irradiated mutant bananas studied for Panama resilience, campaign for nth Qld to be Panama TR4 ready](#)
- [Native Aus plant may help develop dengue virus treatment & nth Qld trial reduces dengue-carrying mosquito population by 80%](#)
- [Success in trial to breed cane toad-averse nthn quolls](#)
- [Doco on threats to sugarbag bees in the Top End](#)
- [New video about fighting gamba grass across nth Aust](#) [\[related Hub research\]](#)

Biodiversity & protected areas

- [Arnhem Land marine debris doubles in last decade](#) & [Aust govt marine debris plan released](#) [[related Hub research](#)]
- [Black-footed tree rat last seen 30 years ago rediscovered in Kimberley](#), [more](#)
- [Cape York TOs lead threatened species recovery plan for golden shouldered parrot](#), [more](#)
- [New snake discovered in Qld at risk of extinction from mining activity](#)
- [Mary Rv turtles nest after >10mm rainfall events](#) & feature in 'save ugly' campaign & [long neck turtle deaths nr Darwin spark investigation](#)
- [Nthn prawn trawlers cutting bycatch thru bycatch reduction devices](#)
- [Reef 2050 plan here](#), [Reef 2050 water quality improvement plan here](#)
- [\\$2m innovation challenge encourages novel ideas to fix GBR, inc surface film & cloud manipulation](#)
- [Trailer for doco on Indigenous ranger to ranger visit from Australia to Kenya](#)
- [Case presented for introducing rhinos to Kimberley](#)

Fire & carbon

- [Report from Feb 2018 Savanna Fire & Carbon Forum](#), [more](#)
- [More than 120 of 240 Kimberley fires deliberately lit w fuel loads at dangerous levels](#)
- [\\$34m Inpex program helps carbon farming on Tiwis](#)
- [Fire walk in W Kimberley, Aboriginal rangers key](#) & [w'shops share Indigenous fire practice & knowledge](#) [[related Hub research](#)]

Events

- 3 – 6 Aug, [Garma Festival](#), NE Arnhem Land
- 20-26 Aug, [Ecosystems, climate & land-use change across Asia & Australasia](#), Darwin
- 4-6 Sep, [2018 Ranger Forum](#), Burketown
- 8-9 Sep, [BirdLife Aust Congress](#), Broome
- 10-11 Oct, [Kimberley Economic Forum](#), Broome
- 14-18 Oct, [International Riversymposium](#), Sydney
- 17-21 Sep, [KLC 40th anniversary celebration](#), central Kimberley
- 13-15 Nov, [Territory NRM conference](#), Darwin

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- We welcome your input & feedback to help us improve the Roundup
- We focus on the semiarid & tropical parts of northern Australia (i.e. don't include Central Australia, Pilbara or Lake Eyre Basin, etc)
- Increasingly, online media outlets are subscriber-only (e.g. Cairns Post, The NT News, Townsville Bulletin, The Australian) so this limits the outlets we are able to link to
- Previous news roundups are available [here](#)

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