



Supporting
**First Nations
communities**

Capability Statement



Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, Aburra Rix Indigenous Contracting acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the Elders past and present.

The Aburra-Rix Indigenous Contracting Joint Venture (ARIC JV)

The ARIC JV is a strategic partnership between Aburra and The Rix Group to deliver construction project opportunities to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



Aburra

Aburra is a member of an impressive network of Indigenous companies providing First Nations people with construction apprenticeships, training programs and support for local community projects. Aburra's founders – Shane Jacobs of the Wiradjuri Nation and Glen Fitzgerald of the Yuin Nation – bring over four decades of industry experience to the company. All men have strong connections to the Goorawal people of La Perouse, proudly foregrounding their heritage and culture in all aspects of Aburra's operations.



The Rix Group

For over 25 years, The RIX Group has delivered specialised, high-quality ground engineering services to clients across Australia. They offer a comprehensive range of services, with capabilities extending to ground anchoring, retention and foundation piling, underground services, rope access, steel fabrication and all aspects of shotcrete and slope stabilisation. The Rix Group are proud to join the ARIC JV, utilising their resources to enrich employment opportunities for First Nations people and build a better future for all.



The ARIC JV is founded on mutual respect, providing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to participate meaningfully within our industry.

Joint Venture Goals

- 1 Establish a strong, genuine, mutually beneficial and socially responsible JV partnership.
- 2 Strengthen JV commercial opportunities and outcomes through strong community engagement.
- 3 Deliver long-term economic benefits to First Nations people and their communities.
- 4 Establish Aburra Rix as an employer of choice.
- 5 Develop mutually respectful relationships within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- 6 Provide effective and culturally aware employment and training opportunities within the construction industry.
- 7 Deliver measurable benefits to all Indigenous business partners.
- 8 Establish clear strategies to build the capabilities of Indigenous business partners.
- 9 Implement a strategic workforce plan to increase Indigenous engagement.
- 10 Commit to maintaining a workforce comprising a minimum of 3% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees.

Connections to Native Title groups

The ARIC JV has strong connections to Native Title groups, operating with deep respect and awareness to protect the interests of Traditional Owners and Native Title applicants.



Customised, culturally legitimate Indigenous governance systems.



Active networks within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, projects and employee communities.



Collaborative industry training and mentoring of verified Traditional Owners.

Aburra-RIX Specialised Services

Aburra-Rix offers comprehensive, all-in-one ground engineering solutions. We deliver all works in-house with the support of a highly qualified team of skilled, experienced professionals.



Ground Anchoring



Aburra-Rix provides ground anchoring solutions for complex and restricted access environments, meeting the highest Australian Standards with precision and reliability.

- Permanent and temporary ground anchors
- Removable ground anchors
- Soil nails and rock bolts
- Anchor stressing and testing

Shotcrete



Aburra-Rix delivers high-quality solutions for all aspects of shotcrete construction. As part of the ARIC JV, we are Australia's largest ground engineering shotcrete applicator, applying over 30,000 cubic metres annually.

- Retaining and shoring walls
- Slope stabilisation and embankments
- Underground and tunnel support
- Simulated rock and architectural finishes

Retention & Foundation Piling



Aburra-Rix's diverse fleet and expertise deliver complete shoring wall packages. We offer tailored, site-specific retention and foundation piling solutions with comprehensive and cost-effective Design & Construct (D&C) options.

- D&C for shoring walls and foundation piles
- Bored, CFA, and micro piles
- Secant and contiguous piled walls
- Pile testing and pendulum drilling

Slope Stabilisation



Across commercial, mining, and construction projects, Aburra-Rix's multi-disciplined team specialise in the safe removal and stabilisation of critical slope hazards, including poor ground conditions, loose rocks, and weathered strata.

- Upslope and downslope stabilisation
- Soil nailing and rock bolting
- Rockfall mesh drapes and barriers
- Erosion control, shotcrete, and rope access works

Underground Services



Supported by skilled teams and specialist equipment, Aburra-Rix works within limited access environments and challenging conditions to deliver precise underground construction projects.

- ✎ Shotcrete application (hand and robotic)
- ✎ Drilling, anchoring, and bolting
- ✎ Waterproofing and polyurethane injection
- ✎ Installation of services and ventilation

Architectural Shotcrete & Simulated Rock



Aburra-Rix excels in applying realistic simulated rock and architectural shotcrete, offering lightweight, durable, and weather-resistant solutions. We custom-design to the specific needs of our clients, replicating natural environments with high precision.

- ✎ Sea walls and slopes
- ✎ Concrete sculptures and water features
- ✎ Road and rail cuttings
- ✎ Simulated natural environments



Rope Access Works



Aburra-Rix provides specialist geotechnical rope access services, employing IRATA-certified technicians for safe, efficient asset maintenance and repairs.

- ✎ Slope inspection, maintenance, and repair
- ✎ Rock scaling, removal, and vegetation clearing
- ✎ Rock fall protection barriers and mesh drapes
- ✎ Confined space works and shotcrete applications

Steel Fabrication



Aburra-Rix offers in-house steel fabrication to manufacture critical components for ground engineering contracts. We follow strict quality controls to custom-design parts with precision and reliability, ensuring best outcomes for your projects.

- ✎ Anchor brackets and 'spider' plates
- ✎ Walers, braces, and struts
- ✎ Structural steel and anchor manufacturing
- ✎ Rock bolt and soil nail fabrication

Giving Back to Our Communities

Aburra are proudly involved in local, grassroots initiatives to support First Nations people.



Seaforth Public School

Commissioned Indigenous artwork to celebrate students' journeys and deepen cultural understanding.



Matraville Sports High School

Sponsors the school's football team and helps Indigenous students with employment opportunities.



The Clontarf Program

Supports Indigenous youth at Matraville Sports High by integrating trade training into their final school years.



UNSW Aspire Program Fund

Provides Indigenous students with university exposure and industry networking opportunities.



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