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## **Inland Rail Networking Opportunities – Narrabri to North Star**

Businesses interested in contract work on the Inland Rail project are encouraged to keep an eye out for information and upcoming workshops with the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) – Inland Rail on the Narrabri to North Star project.

“ARTC is working on selecting a contractor to complete the Narrabri to North Star section of the Inland Rail”, said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Denis Todd. “A shortlist of three possible contractors has been selected for the project, including Lend Lease, Rail First and Trans4m Rail. An information session was held at Narrabri in January 2020 where Council was able to meet the shortlisted contractors. ARTC will select the successful contractor in June 2020.”

For small businesses to be recruited with the successful contractor they need to register with Industry Capability Network (ICN). ICN is one of the main avenues which the selected contractor will use to recruit local businesses and personnel for the Narrabri to North Star Project. ICN allows the contractor to view the ‘business package’ of registered businesses, including their skills, capabilities and project experience

“Local businesses are encouraged to sign up to the Inland Rail Newsletter to keep up to date with the project’s progression, networking opportunities and training workshops through ARTC – Inland Rail. It is important that small businesses should personally make contact with ICN’s Regional Manager, Jerone Bodium on [jbodium@icnsw.org.au](mailto:jbodium@icnsw.org.au) to upload their business packages,” said Cr Todd.

“The selected contractor will require a broad range of business industries and skills, including, but not limited to, excavation, accommodation, catering, and drilling”, said Cr Todd.

“There is a workshop planned in March to assist businesses improve business information displayed on the ICN website [www.icn.org.au](http://www.icn.org.au). Full details, including the date are being finalised and will be advertised as soon as possible. We will soon be expecting to hear about the work on the Narramine to Narrabri section”, concluded Cr Todd.

For more information, contact Council’s Manager Economic Development and Tourism on (02) 6849 2000 or email [info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au).

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