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Last month, BHP Billiton celebrated a remarkable milestone: the 40th anniversary of our Mount Newman Project - mining iron ore at Newman and shipping it from Port Hedland.

For four decades, we have been a part of the Pilbara – first through our predecessors Goldsworthy Mining and Mount Newman Mining Company, and now through BHP Billiton Iron Ore.

Over that time we have grown, as have the communities in which we operate.

We are committed to creating lasting community benefits, and we are working together with a range of partners in the areas of greatest need: health, education, community safety, Indigenous capacity building, employment and contracting, improved township amenity and childcare.

This edition of e-news takes a look at some of the fantastic programs which we are proud to be involved with.

From helping to provide childcare in Newman, to bringing a new Business School to the University of Western Australia, to developing local Indigenous artists in Port Hedland – the programs are as diverse as the communities we are a part of.

Carl Binning

Vice President Sustainability, BHP Billiton Iron Ore

QUALITY EDUCATION

NEW \$50M UWA BUSINESS SCHOOL OPENS

Business education and research in Western Australia has taken a significant step forward with the recent opening of a new \$50 million home for The University of Western Australia's Business School.

As a major partner of the new Business School, BHP Billiton will provide \$5 million to support the establishment of a new Professorial Chair – known as the BHP Billiton Chair in the Business of Resources – along with new research initiatives, new scholarships and targeted training and education.

BHP Billiton's graduate employment initiatives, professional development training requirements, and executive programs will also be supported by the partnership.

Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett officially opened the new facility in May. The environmentally-sustainable building has been two years in the making and provides learning and research spaces to support new generations of business leaders. It will house around 160 staff and be the learning hub for more than 5,000 students.

Students will be taught in state-of-the-art lecture theatres, tutorial rooms and work spaces named after prominent business leaders and companies, many of whom have contributed to a \$25 million fundraising campaign.

UWA Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alan Robson, welcomed the partnership, congratulating BHP Billiton on its commitment to education and leadership.



TOWNSHIP AMENITY

OPENING OF NEW CENTRE IN NEWMAN BOOSTS CHILDCARE OPTIONS

The state-of-the-art 120 place childcare centre has now opened for business in Newman.

The purpose-built centre was constructed by the YMCA Of Perth in Victoria before being transported to WA via truck and arriving in Newman in late March. A second centre is under construction, bound for Port Hedland.

The childcare centres, operated by the YMCA Of Perth, will help to alleviate the chronic

shortage of childcare which parents in Newman and Port Hedland currently face.

Newman Centre Manager Kaye Van Nieuwkuyk is on board, with the appointment of a Port Hedland manager to follow shortly. The YMCA Of Perth is looking forward to increasing its role in delivering community services in the Pilbara with the support of BHP Billiton Iron Ore.



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BHP BILLITON IRON ORE AND WORLD VISION HELP CHILDREN IN THE PILBARA

A new \$5 million partnership between BHP Billiton Iron Ore and World Vision will boost health and learning activities for hundreds of pre-school aged children in the East Pilbara, after results from a study (the Australian Early Development Index) raised concerns about the wellbeing and development of Indigenous children in the region.

"We are thrilled with BHP Billiton Iron Ore's support, and feel privileged at the chance to work with communities in the Pilbara," says Tim Costello, CEO World Vision Australia.

"It is the first time these communities will have been given a hand with specialised services for pre-school aged children and their parents," says Dr Mark Moran, Head of World Vision's Australia Programs.

"Under-fives are particularly vulnerable and the earlier we start working with them the better the long-term future is for them and their community. We have seen the benefits of this early intervention in our international work as well as here in Australian communities," added Dr Moran.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore Vice President Sustainability, Carl Binning said the initiative will be very beneficial to the East Pilbara community and will play a critical role in the social growth of communities.

The partnership with World Vision Australia forms part of BHP Billiton Iron Ore's Investment in Indigenous Relationships Strategy, and will have a positive impact on the lives of young children and will assist in achieving improvements in the health and wellbeing of Indigenous mothers and children in these communities.

World Vision has worked alongside Indigenous communities in Australia for the past 30 years, and two full-time World Vision staff will now be based in the Pilbara.

The program builds on World Vision's early childhood work with Walpiri communities in the Northern Territory, which began last year in partnership with the Central Land Council.



Early childhood care is one of the most critical areas of work to overcome Indigenous disadvantage. It can help develop children's physical health, social competence, emotional maturity, language and communication skills and wellbeing.

ENVIRONMENT



KEEPING HEDLAND TIDY WITH CASH FOR TRASH

Port Hedland residents have stumbled on a commodity almost as valuable as iron ore: rubbish!

The Cash for Trash program is an initiative of the Care for Hedland Environmental Association, with support from a range of sponsors including BHP Billiton Iron Ore. In an initiative designed to keep the streets of Hedland clean and tidy, Port Hedland residents are paid 10 cents for whole glass bottles, six dollars for bags of aluminium cans and five dollars for bags of litter at monthly collection drives.

To date, more than 250,000 bottles have been deposited. Care for Hedland aims to collect a whopping 300,000 glass bottles by the end of 2009 – the glass bottles collected will be broken down and used as a sand substitute in local concrete



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NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMERGING INDIGENOUS ARTISTS

A new wave of creativity is washing over Port Hedland with the first exhibition of works by the recently formed Spinifex Hill Artists.

Spinifex Hill Artists is a collective of more than a dozen Indigenous artists, who meet on a regular basis in South Hedland. When they first came together, only eight or nine months ago, some had been painting for years, some had last picked up a paintbrush during their school days, and some had never had any formal training.

Once they had been working together for a few weeks, the group decided to call themselves the

Spinifex Hill Artists. Spinifex Hill is one of the original names for Port Hedland.

Every three weeks, experienced art teachers mentor the artists on week-long intensive workshop sessions - the fantastic results warranted a space in the Courthouse Gallery's busy exhibition schedule.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore is proud to support the Spinifex Hill Artists, along with a wide range of artistic and cultural programs, through our partnership with FORM, a dynamic not-for-profit organisation that works to maximise artistic, intellectual and economic endeavour in Western Australia.

INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS

WARRALONG GIRLS SHOOTING GOALS

BHP Billiton Iron Ore recently helped a group of keen netballers from the remote Pilbara community of Warralong to participate in the North West Netball Championships in Port Hedland.

Eight girls aged between 10 and 13 travelled the 170 kilometres from Warralong to Port Hedland to participate in the two-day netball carnival against players from across the Pilbara and Kimberley.

As part of the Shooting Goals program, a partnership between BHP Billiton Iron Ore, Swan Districts Football Club, Ngarda Civil and Mining, the Pilbara Development Commission and Hedland Senior High School, former state netballer Tracey Pemberton visited the Warralong community several times in the lead up to the event to prepare the team for the competition.

"The Shooting Goals program is all about developing kids' education and social opportunities through sport," Tracey said.

"It was fantastic to see the girls develop in the weeks leading up to the event - living in such a remote part of WA, it's not often the kids get the chance to be part of something like the Championships. It was such a reward to see the smiles on their faces when they won their first game!"



“ Making a difference in our communities ”