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CAREER CHOICES

Students keen to get into mining industry

A SURVEY of students in the Mid West has revealed that almost 50 per cent are keen to pursue a career in the resources industry.

The survey of nearly 300 students was conducted by Mission Australia during the recent Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance Community, Careers & Training Expo.

Mission Australia Geraldton's business development manager, Adrian Donovan, said the survey was designed to outline potential career choices of young people in the region.

"Out of 297 completed surveys, 148 indicated an interest in working in the resources industry in a variety of different fields, ranging from environmental science to cater-

ing," he said.

The survey was commissioned by the Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance to examine future opportunities for local employment.

The majority of students surveyed were in Years 10, 11 and 12 and came from six high schools in the Mid West.

The survey indicated the most popular fields of interest are mechanics, engineering and administration.

Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance deputy chairman Rob Jefferies said the expo was a major success in informing a future workforce of the opportunities that exist within the iron ore industry and the Mid West region.