



Geraldton
Iron Ore Alliance

Community Update



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Iron Ore Mining will deliver long term legacy

Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance member companies' mining projects are contributing to major infrastructure development in the Mid West region that will leave a lasting legacy to support the growing regional community.

Rail, road, power, and water infrastructure developments are currently underway, or being planned for the future, that will help develop mining projects but also open the door for major community opportunity and benefits.

Murchison Metals Ltd for example committed \$27 million towards upgrading the Cue to Beringarra Road to bitumen and all weather condition as part of the Crosslands Jack Hill Project, a joint venture between Murchison Metals and Mitsubishi Development.

"While the road is predominantly used for ore haulage, it is anticipated that with the advent of rail, Crosslands will hand the road over to the Shires of Cue and Murchison as a community asset," Crosslands Manager Community and Public Relations Kim Pervan said.

Mt Gibson Iron Ltd and Midwest Corporation have also undertaken major upgrades to local roads around Mullewa and Morawa respectively. Mt Gibson also runs road maintenance crews in the area employing local people.

The Midwest Corporation package included \$3 million to upgrade local roads, a further \$0.5million to maintain State Government heavy haulage routes and \$0.8 million to upgrade road intersections.

"Midwest construction and operations activities have, and will into the future, generate accommodation requirements in Morawa which may also remain in the town after our project is completed," Midwest CEO Bryan Oliver said.

"Midwest has also contributed to local tourism infrastructure at Morawa with a tourist trail and lookouts at Koolanooka."

The communities of Morawa and Perenjori may also benefit from the construction by Gindalbie Metals Ltd and Asia Iron Ltd of a 330KVA powerline which will run past these towns.



Cue Rd to Jack Hills, funded by Crosslands

"Morawa and Perenjori have had ongoing power issues," Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance Deputy Chair Rob Jefferies said. "While our member companies won't directly connect communities to the power infrastructure, it will create an opportunity for local and state governments to assess how they could link into the infrastructure."

These large scale projects came on top of smaller community based projects that were being funded by iron ore companies to improve community amenities.

Midwest has established a Community Development Fund which is administered by the Shire of Morawa. This fund has been used to finance various projects in Morawa, including resurfacing of the netball court, a community bus, and football oval lighting.

Ms Pervan said the Crosslands community fund for the Murchison Shire was being used in 2008 to support a range of important community initiatives.

"The Crosslands community fund will support the operation of the Murchison Settlement Community Roadhouse, providing an important community service as well as completion of works to upgrade the Murchison Cemetery and a "youth room" at the Murchison Settlement," she said.



The road between Koolanooka and Tilley Siding, funded by Midwest Corporation.

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The Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance is dedicated to promoting the development of a viable and successful iron ore industry in the Mid West region of Western Australia. Membership of the Alliance currently includes eight companies - Mount Gibson Iron Ltd, Midwest Corporation Ltd, Crosslands Resources Ltd, Gindalbie Metals Ltd, Golden West Resources Ltd, Royal Resources Ltd, Asia Iron Holdings Ltd and Atlas Iron Ltd - each of which is exploring, developing or expanding its own iron ore projects in the region.

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