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## Discovery



### Message from the CEO



#### **Resources Challenges: Automation Launch**

*It was a real pleasure to join the Premier the Hon. Mark McGowan and Minister for Education and Training, the Hon. Sue Ellery for the official launch of the Digital Technology pilot program during the Resource Technology Showcase.*

*Digital Technology is one of the most significant changes to the school curriculum in a generation and will help prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow. The pilot, which will be rolled out to 28 schools in the Pilbara, at the start of 2020, will teach students*

*coding, robotics and automation.*

*It was funded and developed by the Pilbara Collaboration, which includes the WA Premier, CME, Rio Tinto, BHP, Chevron Australia, CITIC Pacific Mining, Fortescue Metals Group, Roy Hill, Woodside and Yara Pilbara. I'd like to personally thank all of the members of the Pilbara Collaboration for their commitment to developing this program. I would also like to thank the WA State Government for their co-operation in facilitating this pilot.*

*Both the Federal and State Governments recently made significant announcements to fast-track environmental approvals for resource companies in Western Australia that will encourage companies to start and expand projects, create jobs and continue to strengthen the economy.*

*Prime Minister, the Hon. Scott Morrison, as part of his Deregulation Taskforce, announced the development of a single online portal for lodging applications for both Commonwealth and Western Australian government environmental approvals, so that companies can submit and track environmental approval applications. This was the result of the CME and its members providing the Prime Minister with practical and realistic solutions to reduce over-regulation and remove duplication across jurisdictions.*

*The State Government announced a bilateral environmental approvals agreement with the Federal Government that could cut environmental approvals waiting times by six months, and an extra \$1.7 million for the Environmental Protection Authority to improve the time taken for environmental assessments.*

*Congratulations to Fortescue Metals CEO, Ms Elizabeth Gaines who was named runner-up in the highly prestigious Fortune magazine's 2019 Businessperson of the Year. Ms Gaines was the only Australian and mining CEO to finish in the top 20.*

*Congratulations also, to our President, Mr Edgar Basto of BHP, for being promoted to act in the role of President of Minerals Australia for BHP. This is one of the most significant jobs in Australia.*

*At the What's Down the Track forum in Kalgoorlie, I announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between CME, the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission and the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The MoU is aimed at encouraging mining companies to buy local by working together to identify opportunities to improve the awareness of procurement opportunities, and grow business capability and industry connections.*

*CME's Christmas cocktail party at The Melbourne Hotel was a great night with more than 200 people, including a number of Ministers, MP's, Director Generals and most importantly, our members enjoying the festivities.*

*It's been a busy end to the year, but there is still a lot more to do in 2020.*

*Paul Everingham  
CME Chief Executive*

**Tickets on Sale Now**



# 2020 Register Now

Recognising the power of diversity in the WA resources sector

Tickets are now on sale for the 2020 WIRA dinner, which will be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday 6 March 2020.

Hosted again by popular media personality Annabel Crabb, doors open at 6.00pm, with the WIRA finalists honoured and winners announced.

More than 100 award nominations have been received and preliminary judging has begun. Finalists will be announced on Monday 13 January 2020.

CME encourages companies to engage more men in their organisations in the diversity discussion by registering a balance of men and women at their tables.

To purchase your tickets, please visit the [registration page](#).

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## 2020 Women in Resources Awards Sponsors

CME would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for the 2020 Women in Resources Awards.

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There are still some Silver Sponsorship packages available, so please register your interest now. It's a fantastic opportunity for your company to be amongst some of the most influential organisations and inspiring individuals.

The WIRA sponsorship prospectus is available [here](#).

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## 2020 Inspiring Girls Career Forum Sponsorship Opportunities



CME is delighted to invite you to sponsor the 2020 Inspiring Girls Careers Forum.

The Inspiring Girls Careers Forum is a unique event designed to showcase the resources industry to female secondary school students.

The event aims to inspire girls to follow in the footsteps of women who have achieved great personal and career success in the resources sector.

The Forum will be held on Friday 27 March 2020, 9.30-1.00pm at RAC Arena.

For more information about the Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, the sponsorship prospectus is available [here](#).

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## Annual Economic Contributions Survey – Outstanding Responses Needed

In October, CME sent survey requests for the resources sectors' Annual Economic Contributions to senior member representatives, CME's Executive Council, Economics & Tax Committee and Gender Diversity Reference Groups. Responses are anonymised and aggregated to quantify the collective contributions the Western Australian resources sector makes to governments, businesses, community organisations and the wider economy.



So far, CME has received 31 responses from ordinary members with an additional six responses promised to be provided. If you have not responded yet, this is a friendly reminder to please complete and return the surveys. If you would like to know who within your organisation has received the request, please do not hesitate to contact Linh to find out.

Members interested in nominating a single contact within their organisations to receive current and future survey requests should also advise Linh. Completing these surveys improves CME's ability to represent the Western Australian resources sector in ongoing policy and advocacy efforts with Government, the Opposition, Ministers, State departments and agencies, wider media and regional communities.

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## CME and CCI Partnership – Vision 2025 Survey

CME is collaborating with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA (CCIWA) to survey business and industry to ensure the Western Australian economy reaches its full potential by 2025. The Vision 2025 Survey will inform the key policy and budgetary priorities put forward to the State Government in 2021, following the state election.

Requests to participate in the survey have been circulated with senior member representatives and CME's Executive Council, Infrastructure Committee and Economics & Tax Committee. If you haven't completed the survey you can access it [here](#).

The survey asks:

- What are the barriers holding your business back and what could the State Government do to help your business invest and grow in the next five years?
- What global trends are most likely to affect your business outcomes and how prepared are you to respond?
- What else will affect your ability to remain competitive?

By hearing from our sector, CME can work with CCIWA and other industries to recommend solutions to broader business challenges ahead of the next state election.

## Discussion Paper Released for Statutory Review of the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The statutory review of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) commenced in October, with the Discussion Paper released last month. The Discussion Paper identifies six key focus areas:

- The role of the EPBC Act.
- Better environment and heritage outcomes.
- More efficient and effective regulation and administration.
- Indigenous Australians' knowledge and experience.
- Community inclusion, trust and transparency.
- Innovation.

CME will be making a submission and look forward to members' comments on the Discussion Paper and the EPBC Act more generally to assist us with preparation of the submission. Member comments are requested by 10 January 2020.

Further information is available at [EPBC Act Review website](#).

## Modernising the Environmental Protection Act 1986



**Left (L-R): Kira Sorensen (CME), Jess Hamdorf (NELA), Sarah McEvoy (DWER) and Belinda Bastow (Integrate Sustainability).**

**Right (L-R): Kira Sorensen (CME), Melanie Debenham (Herbert Smith Freehills) and Lisa Willis (FMG).**

Events have been held across Perth and Joondalup this December discussing the proposed amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The State Government released a Discussion Paper and Exposure draft Bill for proposed amendments to the EP Act in October. Amendments seek to:

- Modernise and streamline processes for environmental impact assessment, clearing permits, works approvals and licences.
- Improve regulatory effectiveness.
- Update the EP Act to reflect and accommodate technological developments.
- Facilitate the implementation of bilateral assessment and approval agreements under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), and address errors and inconsistencies.

CME will be making a submission and look forward to members' comments on the Discussion Paper and the Exposure draft Bill to assist us with preparation of the submission. Member comments are requested by 23 December 2019.

Further information is available at [DWER's consultation page](#).

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## Native Vegetation Issues Paper Released

The Minister for Environment announced a new consultation process for the management of native vegetation clearing. To support this consultation, an Issues Paper has been released and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) will be holding a series of workshops in Perth and in regional centres. CME hosted a joint CME and APPEA briefing with DWER in early December.

The Issues Paper proposes four initiatives:

- A State Native Vegetation Policy – to promote consistency and transparency in objectives for native vegetation management across government, introduce a regionally-tailored approach, and move towards a common, accessible platform of reliable data for decision-making.
- Better information, including mapping and monitoring – to improve our state-wide monitoring of the extent and condition of native vegetation.

- Better regulation – to improve efficiency and effectiveness of regulatory processes, and support compliance and enforcement activities.
- A bioregional approach – to explore approaches to setting regionally-tailored objectives for native vegetation management.

CME will be making a submission and look forward to members' comments on the Issues Paper, and the native vegetation management more generally to assist us with preparation of the submission. Member comments are requested by 10 January 2020.

Further information is available on the [DWER's consultation webpage](#).

## Upcoming Dates

- 21 January 2020 - Mental Health Working Group Meeting – CME Perth
- 6 March 2020 – Women in Resources Awards Presentation Dinner – PCEC, Perth
- 9 March 2020 – Exploration Committee Meeting – CME Perth
- 18 March 2020 – Kimberley Regional Council Sundowner – TBC, Broome
- 23 March 2020 – Land Access Committee Meeting – CME Perth
- 25 March 2020 – Environment Committee Meeting – CME Perth
- 25 March 2020 – Economics & Tax Committee – CME Perth
- 27 March 2020 – Inspiring Girls Careers Forum – RAC Arena
- 14 April 2020 – Infrastructure Committee – CME Perth

## Resources Challenges: Automation Launch

The 'Resources Challenges: Automation' pilot was officially launched by Premier the Hon. Mark McGowan MLA, Minister for Education and Training, the Hon. Sue Ellery MLC and Chamber of Minerals of Western Australia (CME) CEO, Paul Everingham at the Department of Education's Innovation Showcase, being held as part of the Resources Technology Showcase in Perth.

The Resources Challenges: Automation program was funded and developed through the Pilbara Collaboration Charter, signed by the Premier, CME and members BHP, Chevron Australia, CITIC Pacific Mining, Fortescue Metals Group, Rio Tinto Ore, Roy Hill, Woodside and Yara Pilbara.

This initiative responds to opportunities identified by the CME and the Pilbara Collaboration signatories to increase student awareness and interest in digital technology careers in the resources sector, and help teachers to deliver sector-relevant challenges through the Digital Technology curriculum. Industry representatives will help teach the pilot program and share their career journeys through short videos set in the challenges that will be available online.

The Resources Challenges: Automation is targeted at year 5 & 6 students, with the rollout taking place in 28 Pilbara schools in Term 1 next year.

The program will then be assessed with consideration given to expanding the initiative from pre-primary to year 10, as well as a broader rollout across Western Australia.

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## Workforce Capability Group Meeting



**(L-R): David Peirce (CME), Amanda Le Moine (CME), Michelle McAullay (BOAB), Susan Cull (CME) and Rob Carruthers (CME).**

CME facilitated a workshop with members to identify workforce capability issues impacting the resources sector, in line with CME's strategic themes of capability, competition and contribution. Outcomes from the meeting will direct CME's policy and advocacy efforts over the next 12-24 months.

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## CME Economics & Tax Committee

Members met for the last Committee meeting of the year, discussing high priority items for 2020 with a focus on reducing the economic and regulatory cost of doing business in Western Australia. This includes the 2020-21 State Budget, royalty rates, demonstrating the sector's collective contributions to local, State and Australian economies, streamlining reporting obligations and liaising with other industry peak bodies on federal tax matters.

CME is currently preparing the pre-Budget submission to lodge with the Department of Treasury. In early 2020, CME will hold meetings with Director Generals and Ministers to discuss the fiscal and budgetary concerns raised in the submission.

Members also received two presentations from the WA Local Governments Association on the cost recovery of roads and Associate Professor Eric Lilford and Professor Pietro Guj on global mining taxation regimes.

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## CME's Goldfields Environment Forum

In December, CME hosted the Goldfields Environment Forum at our Kalgoorlie Office. CME's Goldfields members discussed work progressing under the Natural Resources portfolio, including Streamline WA, climate change policy, *Environmental Protection Act 1986* amendments, *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* statutory review, and the Native Vegetation in WA Issues Paper recently released for public consultation.

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## South West Regional Council (SWRC) Meeting



(L-R): Daniel O'Shea (Albemarle), Tony Monaghan (CME), Craig Dawson (Talison Lithium) and Garry Green (Iluka Resources).

The SWRC meeting was held in December at the Vat 2 Restaurant in Bunbury.

The participants workshopped the group's priorities for the coming year and Tony Monaghan, CME's Director of Communications and Campaigns, presented upcoming advertising campaigns and gave an overview of CME's 2020 calendar of events.

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## CME Infrastructure Committee

CME's Standing Infrastructure Committee met last month. Discussion centred on strategic planning and development of the program of work to be overseen by the Committee into 2020. High priority items include aggregated industry data to inform

government's policy, and strategic infrastructure assets such as ports, associated port fees and charges, the revised State Aviation Strategy and buffer protection of industrial land uses. Members also received a presentation from Perth Airport on the Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2020, engaging in productive discussions on the need for and timing of development of the New Runway Project.

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## WHS Committee Meeting

In November, CME's Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Standing Committee met to discuss key WHS items, including the industry submission on legislative reform, sharing safety lessons, the Safe Work Australia workplace exposure standards review, and the proactive Incident Data Analysis project. A representative from Herbert Smith Freehills gave advice to members regarding the content of the proposed WHS regulations and facilitated discussions regarding feedback for the industry submission. Attendees also received a presentation from DMIRS outlining the findings and recommendations from recent research into the health impacts of nano-diesel particulate matter.

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## Climate Symposium



*(L-R): Nadia Palermo (Minter Ellison), Bronwyn Bell (CME) and Sandra Eckert (Minter Ellison).*



Bronwyn Bell, CME's Manager – Natural Resources, presented at the Climate Change Symposium 2019 hosted by The University of Western Australia's Public Policy Institute earlier last month. Bronwyn presented about the opportunities for the resources sector in WA in a lower carbon emissions economy, followed by participation in a Q&A Panel Session with Professor Donald J. DePaolo (University of California, Berkeley) and Professor Bill Hare (Murdoch University & Climate Analytics). The symposium was coordinated to align with the public consultation period on the State's Climate Policy, currently underway through the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Further information on the state's consultation and their *Climate Change issues paper* is available on the Department's [website](#).

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## IFAP Women in Safety Mental Health Breakfast

CME attended the Industrial Foundation for Accident Prevention, Women in Safety Mental Health Breakfast in celebration of Mental Health Month in October. The event sold out in two weeks demonstrating the commitment of the WA occupation health and safety community to share and learn about workplace mental wellbeing across all sectors. The presentation by Shannyn Doddrell from Synergy highlighted the importance of leadership in creating safe workplace cultures where workers mental wellbeing was supported.

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## Dandjoo Darbalung Centre Opening



**Russell Barnett (Australian Venture Consultants) and Susan Cull (CME).**

CME attended the grand opening of the Dandjoo Darbalung Centre, the largest Indigenous university residential program in Australia. The Dandjoo Darbalung Indigenous Access and Cultural Immersion program supports Indigenous residents as they complete their university studies.

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## Mental Health Awards



*WA Mental Health Awards attendees.*

Congratulations to CME member Macmahon Holdings Limited who won the Mentally Healthy Workplaces Award at the WA Mental Health Awards last month. The awards, hosted by the Western Australian Association for Mental Health, celebrates individuals and organisations that made an outstanding contribution to mental health. Macmahon won the award for Mentally Healthy Workplaces for its innovative Mental and Physical Health program *Strong Minds Strong Mines* which is tackling stigma in the workplace and reinforcing safe spaces to talk. It was great to see WA resources sector companies feature in the workplaces category, as recognition for the good work happening in this area across industry. A full list of the winners can be found [here](#).

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## RITC Advisory Board Vacancy

The Resources Industry Training Council (RITC) is a State Government funded joint venture between CME and APPEA which is focused around identifying and addressing the workforce development needs of Western Australia's resources, process manufacturing and laboratory operations sectors. The RITC Advisory Board comprises nominees from the joint venture partners, along with representatives from other industry sectors in the RITC's remit and employee organisation representatives. There is currently a CME representative vacancy on the RITC Advisory Board.

Expressions of interest are sought from individuals within CME member companies to fill this vacancy. If you have a strong interest in workforce development issues and would like to make a contribution to the sectors effort in this regard by joining the RITC Advisory Board, please contact Nigel Haywood, Manager RITC by email [N.Haywood@cmewa.com](mailto:N.Haywood@cmewa.com) or by calling 0447 971 245.

Nominations close on Tuesday 31 December 2019.

## Worthy Parts Mining Legends Charity Rebuild

Miners' Promise were one of two beneficiaries of the Worthy Parts Mining Legends charity rebuild project and were presented with a cheque for \$300,000 at the KCGM Mining Legends of Gold Charity Ball at the Kalgoorlie Racecourse.

The Mining Legends Project was a charity rebuild of a R2900G Loader donated by Northern Star Resources, Rand Mining and Tribune Resources. Over the past year, this wonderfully well-used machine was then rebuilt through donations of hundreds of thousands of dollars in parts and services – all donated by resource sector service



providers from around Australia. The machine was then bought by KCGM for \$1 million.

To learn more about what Miners' Promise offers, view their [video](#).

## Recent CEDA Events



*(L-R): Emil Ismayilov (BP), Jenna Clarke (The West Australian), Professor Deborah Terry (Curtin University), Anthony Kannis (Metronet), Nicole Lockwood (Westport), The Hon. Mark McGowan (WA Premier), Jeff Connolly (Siemens), Michelle Andrews DG (Department of Communities) Dr Richard Walley OAM and Paula Rogers (CEDA).*

CME recently hosted tables with members at two events held by the Committee for Economic Development of Australia, [The WA economy: insights from the Treasurer](#) and [WA State of the State 2019](#).

The Hon. Ben Wyatt MLA reported on “measured optimism” with the current macroeconomic outlook on global economic growth slowing, noting the continued strength of the Western Australian resources sector and a shift towards a services-based economy as an upside. A focus on repairing the state’s finances will see government return to surplus sooner than predicted. The Treasurer presented an update on the Government’s economic strategy and progress of public sector reforms, with the inaugural [Economic Reform Statement](#). Upcoming headwinds including declining growth in populations, skill shortages and trade exposure will require fiscal vigilance.

The keynote address delivered by the Hon. Mark McGowan MLA highlighted the economic significance of the government’s commitment to homelessness, Metronet and Westport in delivering enduring value for the state. In an “era of redefining infrastructure”, the Premier noted the importance of spending taxpayer funds more wisely to safeguard the future.

## Clough Celebrates 100 Years



*(L-R): John Galvin (Clough), Susanne Webster (CME) and Carl Titchmarsh (Clough).*

CME Membership and Business Development Manager, Susanne Webster attended the 100-year celebration event at the Perth Town Hall. Clough started in Perth in 1919 and is now a successful global company.

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## Dust Management Forum

In November, the Port Hedland Industries Council hosted a two-day forum bringing together bulk handling experts to share operational perspectives on dust control and mitigation measures. Attended by representatives from Pilbara mining and export companies, including BHP, FMG, Roy Hill, and Rio Tinto, the event provided a great opportunity for sharing dust management practices in Pilbara and Port Hedland operations.

Learnings from the NSW Dust Stop Program provided valuable insights into dust management regulation, allowing consideration for industry positioning in response to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's development of dust management guidelines for bulk handling port premises.

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## South West Environment Forum





***South West Environment Forum Members.***

In December, Doral hosted the South West Environment Forum in Busselton and took CME members on a tour through newly completed rehabilitation at their Yoongarilup mine site. The Forum was well represented by CME members from across the South West region, with good discussion on the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* amendments, *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* statutory review, and the Native Vegetation in WA Issues Paper, recently released for public consultation.

Craig Bovell, OH Environment Superintendent at Doral Mineral Sands, presented to members on the development, operational and rehabilitation constraints on Yoongarilup Area A, and proudly led members on a walk through the flourishing rehabilitated area.

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## Gilmore College Recognition Day



**(L-R): Ian Ritchie (Santos), Aidan Walden, Mercy Aballa, Shahir Nawabi, Ashmit Godse, Drew Scott, Tommy Nur Hamim, Benson Jnr Bagaconza, Mutsawashe Wachipa, Aaron Morton, Precious Sesay, Jye Turoa, Rence Baylon, Jacob Pasli and Rohan Smith (Gilmore College Principal).**

In November, the RITC attended Gilmore College's Recognition Day for its intake of students for the 2020 Process Plant Operations program. This program, run out of the Peron Trade Training Centre at Gilmore College and in collaboration with South Metropolitan TAFE/ACEPT, prepares students for a number of pathways, ranging from direct employment, apprenticeships, and university entry. The program has been running for a number of years and is supported by a number of resources sector companies and suppliers including Santos and Honeywell.

## WA Mining Club Young Professionals Sundowner



**(L-R): Errol Davies (Modular), Samantha Ware (Gold Road Resources; WAMC Committee Member), Courtney Graham (GCG), Bethanie Paidra (FMG) and Kira Sorensen (CME; WAMC YP Committee Member).**



WA's biggest resource sector young professional's association, the WA Mining Club Young Professionals, hosted the Design a Donga Initiative sundowner. The WAMC YP unveiled the results of their flagship 2019 Design a Donga Initiative - two state of the art, mining accommodation units built in collaboration with Grounded Construction Group (GCG) and some of WA's leading mining goods and service suppliers.

The Design a Donga project was WAMC YP's inaugural community initiative. Throughout the year, WAMC YP collected feedback from members of the FIFO community about the current state of onsite mining accommodation. The result was two unique life-size donga designs carefully assembled by industry experts to showcase a 21st-century approach to FIFO living.

WAMC YP invite any young professionals interested in joining the conversation to take up a YP membership via their [website](#).

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## Sino Iron HSE Leadership Forum



*Forum attendees.*

Last month, CME's Manager - Workplace Health and Safety, Elysha Millard, attended CITIC Pacific Mining's annual Sino Iron HSE Leadership Forum to present to attendees on industry perspectives in the WHS space. The presentation largely focused on the journey of mental health and wellbeing practices in the sector, outlining the evolution from commitment to leading practice. Elysha also provided an update on the progress of the WHS legislative reforms.

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## Gruyere Gold Mine Opens



*(L-R): Tim Netscher (St Barbara Ltd), Susanne Webster (CME), the Hon. Mark McGowan MLA, Premier, Duncan Gibbs (Gold Road Resources) and Stuart Mathews (Gold Fields Australia).*

Susanne Webster, CME's Manager - Membership and Business Development attended the official opening of WA's latest gold mine Gruyere. Gruyere is a successful joint venture between Gold Fields and Gold Road Resources.

## ECU Bachelor of Science



*Consultative Committee members enjoying the leafy surrounds of ECU's Bunbury campus.*

CME Manager – South West, Sharon Upston attended the first Consultative Committee meeting for the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management and Conservation Biology, hosted by Edith Cowan University (ECU) in Bunbury in November.

The Committee consists of representatives from government agencies, environmental groups, industry and the university. Sharon was invited to join the committee to represent CME's South West members, to provide advice and guidance to ensure the degree is responsive to industry's needs.

This program complements other STEM-based training being offered by the university and the South West Regional TAFE.

## MCA Prostate Cancer Partnership

The MCA and Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia (PCFA) have just released new resources as part of their partnership aimed at helping raise prostate cancer awareness across the minerals industry. The new videos, tailored for mine site toolbox talks and health awareness sessions, feature PCFA Ambassador the Hon. Jim Lloyd talking about his prostate cancer diagnosis and recovery.

The videos include: [Talking to a GP and knowing your risks](#), [How prostate cancer affects families](#) and [Where to get support](#).

Approximately 20,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year. While survival rates are high, any cancer diagnosis brings stress for men and their partners, families and caregivers. More than 200,000 men are living with prostate cancer.

## iPREP WA Expressions of Interest

iPREP WA is currently seeking businesses to host a team of experienced PhD researchers from the universities in WA over a seven-week period. Eligible PhD students from the five Western Australian universities, who have already submitted their thesis, will be selected, based on relevant skill sets, to work on your project.

If your company is interested, contact Narelle Jones, iPREP WA Coordinator at [iprepwa@ecu.edu.au](mailto:iprepwa@ecu.edu.au) or on 6304 2069.

For more information or to apply visit the [iPREP website](#).

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