

Rio Tinto extends City of Karratha partnership a further five years

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Rio Tinto will contribute a further \$7.7 million in renewing its award-winning Community Infrastructure and Services Partnership (CISP) with the City of Karratha to help improve infrastructure and services in the region.

The five-year CISP extension will see the activation of public spaces, as well as provide for the delivery of local services and public events. The renewal ensures the partnership continues to significantly improve the liveability of the Pilbara coastal towns of Karratha, Dampier, Wickham and Roebourne, helping to attract and retain families to live, work, invest and play in the region.

Rio Tinto Iron Ore chief executive Chris Salisbury said “It’s been a highly successful five years working closely with the City of Karratha. Together, we share a commitment to strengthening and enhancing local communities to support local jobs, attract investment to the region and help to diversify the local economy.

“We are immensely proud to continue to work together with the City of Karratha on this wonderful partnership and excited by the legacy it will have for our region for many generations to come.”

CISP has delivered a significant number of infrastructure and service projects since its inception in 2012.

Highlights include:

- \$21 million to the construction and operation of the Dampier Community Hub
- \$8 million in funding for the construction of the Wickham Community Hub where work is expected to start later this year
- \$2 million contribution towards construction of the Red Earth Arts Precinct
- Contribution to public amenities at Shark Cage Beach in Dampier.

Celebrating the CISP partnership with Rio Tinto, City of Karratha Mayor Peter Long said “By pooling our expertise and resources this partnership has provided our community with a number of transformational facilities, programmes and community services that have well and truly surpassed our initial vision for success.”

In addition to Rio Tinto’s total \$48.6 million contribution over the past five years, the partnership has been able to leverage \$132.4 million in additional funding from other sources.

Notes to editors

Community Infrastructure and Services Partnership (CISP) agreements provide for the delivery of infrastructure projects, local services and public events for the communities neighbouring Rio Tinto operations.

In June 2017, Rio Tinto and the Shire of Ashburton extended their partnership to deliver community priorities for the towns of Tom Price, Pannawonica and Paraburdo.

In 2016, Rio Tinto Iron Ore invested \$17.9 million in community programmes across the State, as well as providing \$9.8 million of in-kind support.

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