



## YOUTH CREATIVITY BROUGHT TO LIFE IN PARABURDOO

### Five new bike racks designed by young people from Paraburadoo Youth Centre were launched to mark the beginning of 2016 Bike Week in the Pilbara.

Constructed in partnership with the Para Men's Shed, Rio Tinto and the Shire of Ashburton, the visually creative bike racks are also practical and demonstrate the artistic talent of Paraburadoo's young people.

Located in various locations across Paraburadoo, each bike rack has a different theme – large mining pick axes, giant cricket stumps, TNT wire,

a yacht and a friendship circle. The project included youth engagement workshops, with young people from Paraburadoo Youth Centre ensuring the bike racks kept to design specifications. The participants also learnt valuable skills from the Para Men's Shed members and, under supervision, had a go using different pieces of machinery.

In 2016 the Paraburadoo community also celebrated the opening of other town centre revitalisation projects including Paraburadoo Skatepark, the Paraburadoo Child care centre, car park upgrades, picnic gazebos, new shade structures, landscaping and improvements to public toilet facilities.

These projects were made possible through the Community Infrastructure and Services Partnership between Rio Tinto and the Shire of Ashburton, as well as utilising funding from Lotterywest, the Country Local Government Fund, and Royalties for Regions. The projects also received support from Tom Price Youth Support Association, Para Men's Shed and Paraburadoo Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services.

Photo courtesy of Rio Tinto.

## The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia (CME) has asked its members 'What does industry spend and where?' The data provided by forty-six resources companies for the financial year 2015-2016, shows how industry's spending flows through to every part of Western Australia, by means of wages and salaries, business purchases or community contributions.

From this information we can also see the number of businesses which provide goods and services to the Western Australian resources sector, the number of employees who work in the sector and where those people live within the state.

This fact sheet provides a unique picture of Western Australia's largest export industry, noting this is not modelling, but actual spend.

The contribution of the resources sector to Western Australia is not only an economic one. As demonstrated above, companies are also active members of the community and in the environment.

Additional fact sheets can be accessed from the CME website at: [cmewa.com/economic-contribution](http://cmewa.com/economic-contribution)