

Karara investment makes for a greener outlook at Mingenew

As many regional Western Australian towns brace themselves for the onset of drier months, the people of Mingenew can anticipate a much greener summer thanks to the provision of a new community water bore by Karara Mining Limited.

The northern wheatbelt town of Mingenew is located 119km east of Geraldton and is one of the many regional towns which have benefited from Karara's ongoing community investment initiatives.

Prior to Karara's water resource investment, the Mingenew community bore struggled to produce sufficient water required to maintain the town's amenities. However, in response to a request raised at a Mingenew Community Forum session, Karara has successfully worked with the local community and council to install a new town bore. Karara coordinated the licence application process and invested approximately \$36,000 to make the bore operational.

This initiative has resulted in a range of community benefits, including the ongoing maintenance of the local tennis club, bowling green and hockey oval. The new water resource has also enabled the town to preserve recreational parks and public gardens, allowing residents to enjoy outdoor facilities and spaces.

The new community bore at Mingenew is one of many community projects that Karara has implemented this year.

Karara has implemented two new charter flight services between Geraldton and the Karara Iron Ore Project, providing more flexibility for workers based in the Mid West region and maximising the Project's recruitment of a local workforce. The Karara Community Farm at Morawa will this year provide more than \$100,000 for the Morawa Winter Sports Group while Karara's education, training and scholarships programs are providing lifetime career opportunities for the youth of the Mid West.

Throughout the life of the Project, Karara has prioritised engagement with local businesses and community groups. This is reflected by its current utilisation of approximately 260 suppliers from the Mid West, which equates to a spending of more than \$136 million in the local economy since 2008.

With an expected mine life of over 30 years, Karara's ongoing engagement with local councils and industry will significantly contribute to the long-term health and prosperity of the greater Mid West region.

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