

# School library grows on the airwaves

Port Hedland School of the Air began the school term with a significantly expanded library, thanks to funding through the BHP Billiton Iron Ore Community Grants Program.

The School caters for the educational needs of isolated children from Kindergarten to Year 7, across an area of some 540 000 square kilometres, who do not have access to a mainstream school.

Senior Manager of Community and Indigenous Affairs, BHP Billiton Iron Ore, Chris Cottier describes the essential services Port Hedland School of the Air provides in the Pilbara.

"The School offers children in isolated regions of the Pilbara region the opportunity to remain with their family in the formative

years of their lives, while still receiving a quality education," said Mr Cottier.

"BHP Billiton Iron Ore is committed to empowering local organisations to find custom, flexible and culturally relevant education solutions."

The funding, secured by the School through the BHP Billiton Iron Ore Community Grants Program, will see around \$12,000 invested into the purchase of resources for the library.

Port Hedland School of the Air Principal, Michael Jennings explains the value of the community sponsorship program to the Pilbara region.

"Our students throughout the Pilbara will directly benefit from this funding from BHP Billiton Iron Ore," said Mr Jennings.

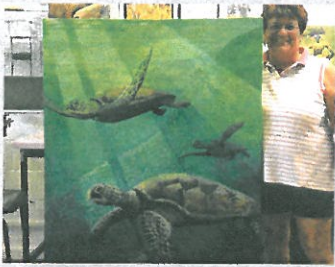


• School of the air children making learning fun.

"New resources, including books, DVDs, CDs and educational activities have been purchased to enhance our existing library and extend the resources which support the curriculum for the School of the Air."

Port Hedland School of the Air provides educational services to children living in remote and isolated locations in the Pilbara region of WA.

For further information about the Community Development Program please contact the Port Hedland Community Office on 9173 6680 porthedlandcommunity@bhpbilliton.com or the Newman Community Office on 9175 3670 newmancommunity@bhpbilliton.com.



• Leny Davies and her artwork 'Ghost Net'

## Pilbara student wins art award

TAFE graduate Leny Davies made the Pilbara Institute proud when she won the People's Choice Award at this year's Hedland Art Awards with her acrylic painting entitled 'Ghost Net'.

The environmentally relevant painting sold for \$1800, much to the delight of the artist.

"I am so excited and proud to receive the award," Leny said.

"It's also quite humbling to know that the people liked my painting enough to vote for it."

Leny said the Certificate IV in Visual Arts and Contemporary Crafts she completed at Pilbara Institute's South Hedland campus played a major role in her artistic pursuits.

"I never would have attempted to enter the competition without the training I received at Pilbara Institute," she said.

"I got a lot of ideas during class and I was able to learn new techniques which often got me out of my artistic rut."

Leny said her classes allowed her to grow as an artist.

"There was always a supportive atmosphere in the studio," she said.

"We were encouraged to bounce ideas off each other and critique each others' works."

"I guess we were pushed to develop our craft and mature as artists."

Leny continues to attend short courses at Pilbara Institute South Hedland. She would like to pursue visual arts professionally in the future.



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## RDA committees real winners in new funding round

Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees have a key role to play in shaping regional infrastructure investment to meet regional needs during Round Two of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, Simon Crean this week announced of Round Two of the fund, worth \$200 million.

Key aspects of Round Two are: a two stage application process that will reduce costs for applicants; embed local decision making, and provide early certainty for project proponents about funding for their project.

As part of this new role, RDA committees will review Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from all potential applicants and select three viable priority projects from their region to progress to full application.

Collene Longmore, Chair of RDA Pilbara said that RDA committees are community leaders uniquely placed to determine viable projects that align with their regional priorities and plans.

"We as RDA committees are jointly appointed by the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, Simon Crean and we are also closely in touch with our local communities. This enables us to match what is happening on the ground to available funding approaches we are hearing about," said Collene.

"We welcome the opportunity to having a stronger voice and contribute directly to the Government's localism approach. The regions and local communities are going to be the real winners."

### The new process for RDAF Round Two is as follows:

- Eligible applicants are required to submit one EOI form for a single project, to their RDA committee by Thursday, 1 December 2011. The form is available from the Department's website
- All expressions of interest need to align with RDAP's Strategic Plan 2011 - 2014.
- RDA committees will review each EOI and select three viable priority projects from there to proceed to full application.
- Full applications will be assessed by the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government against the eligibility and selection criteria, risk, and value for money.
- Applications will be considered by the RDAF Advisory Panel which will provide advice to the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP. The Minister will make decisions on projects to be funded.

In prioritising our three viable priority projects, the Minister has asked RDA committees to take into account the priorities of our Strategic Plan 2011 - 2014, the capacity of the project to address needs in the region, the level of community support for the project, impact of the project on the region and neighbouring regions, and readiness to proceed.

The RDAF is worth almost \$1 billion over five years (some of which is subject to the passage of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax) and is designed to boost economic and community development as part of the Australian Government's commitment to regional Australia.

More information including the Round Two Guidelines, key dates and full details on the EOI process can be found at [www.regional.gov.au](http://www.regional.gov.au). Applicants can ask questions relating to the application and assessment process by emailing [rdaf@regional.gov.au](mailto:rdaf@regional.gov.au).



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