

Everyone had a field day and got down to business



The Eyre Peninsula Field Days turned it on this year in more ways than one.

The machinery displays, various local business set-ups and endless things to see, buy and eat left us all feeling like three days wouldn't be enough to get a good look at everything.

This was especially true at the Iron Road set-up inside the Crossville Pavilion. We were kept busy with visitors from all over the peninsula and the keen Yellow Brick Roaders looking for their stamps and handout goodies despite the bitterly cold days.

It was encouraging to see many new faces join the familiar faces to drop by and ask about the Central Eyre Iron



Eyre Peninsula Field Days in Cleve

Project, how it is coming along and how people can find out more information. Some of the most frequently asked questions were:

What is the timeframe for project start-up?

This is always a difficult question to answer as it is subject to fairly significant milestones such as gaining both approvals and funding. History has shown that it can so easily change but if Iron Road can obtain approvals and investment by next year then

we would anticipate beginning construction in early 2016.

How noisy will the train be and are there any areas where noise limits are greater than they should be?

Noise modelling has recently been completed for the rail line and all dwellings identified along the corridor are within the noise compliance requirements. Whilst compliance levels will be met nearby residents and towns will be able to hear the trains. The sound level will be less

than a normal conversation and significantly less than watching television.

What happens to the land once the mine has stopped producing? Does the mine pit get filled in?

Mine closure is planned and approved as part of the mining lease proposal before operations begin. The land must be returned back to as much of its natural state as practicable. The pit will fill with water and the overburden will be contoured and revegetated.

What type of crossing will be designed at the intersection of the existing rail and the new rail? Early designs have a bridge going over the existing facility.

What is the likelihood of grain being exported from Cape Hardy and will the rail be a shared facility?

The consideration of grain export from Cape Hardy is being taken seriously by Iron Road. It has been publicly stated that an MOU has been

signed with a globally significant grain handler who is investigating this opportunity.

It is expected that the rail will be a shared facility for the likes of grain transport.

When will jobs begin to become available and how many will there be?

It is unlikely that the recruitment process will start until the company has government approvals and funding secured.

Iron Road has been developing a local employment contacts database containing all CV's submitted from local Eyre Peninsula personnel that can be accessed directly. There will be up to 2000 jobs during construction and approx. 700 operational roles.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our time and would like to thank the Cleve district as the host community and the EPFD Committee and all those involved over the three days. It was a great success.

Enviro referral for infrastructure

Iron Road has submitted a referral document to the Department of the Environment in Canberra under the Commonwealth Government's *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The referral on 29th July 2014 was in relation to the infrastructure components of the CEIP only, with a referral for the proposed mining lease at Warramboe to be submitted separately.

A referral under the Act is an application to determine whether a particular action could have a significant impact on any listed matter of national environmental significance.

In Iron Road's case, the 'action' is the proposed development of the infrastructure components of the CEIP such as the railway, power transmission line, bore field and deep sea port.

A decision in late August or early September 2014 is likely. If the Minister for the Environment decides that all or part of the infrastructure could cause significant impact, particular conditions will need to be met to mitigate risk.

For further information, visit: http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/d60cdd6a-8122-473a-bbd0-d483662cef3e/files/assessment-process_1.pdf



The Yellow Brick Road kept the Iron Road "boothers" busy