

Barbecue on Port Neill foreshore snags lots of holiday interest

A barbecue fund-raiser on the foreshore at Port Neill with the Port Neill Progress Association kicked off 2015 for the Iron Road community team.

With an information display set up alongside the barbecue, it was a great chance to catch up with families who holiday at Port Neill each year and to find out more about the Central Eyre Iron Project too.

The sun was out and vac swim was well under way with many seasoned holiday-makers and locals popping by with the kids to pick up a snag and ask questions about the project.

People visiting the display told us they were keen to see jobs open up for families in the district, and that the rail was an exciting component for the agricultural industry.

However, there was also some general uncertainty among them whether the iron ore price would delay the project.

Following the information session, we met with the Port Neill Community Reference Group for our first meeting of 2015.

Looking ahead

After three years working with communities across the Eyre Peninsula to build an understanding of the project, the year ahead will be significant for Iron Road and our continuing work in the community.



Consultations with the communities have helped us introduce continual improvements such as increasing water-use efficiency, minimising the mine's footprint, introducing innovative air-quality management, and most recently developing a standard of community outcomes with the CEIP community consultative committee to support the values the group seeks to maintain.

In 2015 we will pull all that work together to create a Mining Lease Proposal or MLP (covering just the

mine component of the project) and the Environmental Impact Statement or EIS (everything outside the mining lease) to submit to the State Government for assessment.

Supper and cuppa

Please join us for supper and a cupper for a briefing of the project plans for the next 12 months:

Information Session
Wudinna Community Club
Thursday 5 February
6:30pm

This will include timeframes on approvals, coming sessions to get involved in, and how the finance for the project is tracking.

Please take this opportunity to be brought up to date on the project as well as to learn about the process ahead and how you can contribute.