

# OLYMPIC DAM EXPANSION EIS

## SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

BHP Billiton aims to continue its valuable contribution to local communities, not only by providing employment opportunities, but also by supporting organisations that help to create a healthy and sustainable social fabric in those communities.

### Key community partnerships

To ensure local communities in South Australia share in our success, BHP Billiton invests significantly in community programs throughout the State annually. Some of these programs are outlined below.

#### Arid Recovery

In 1997, Olympic Dam established Arid Recovery, an 86 square kilometre fenced reserve from which rabbits, cats and foxes have been eradicated. The objective is to facilitate the restoration of arid zone ecosystems and to re-introduce locally extinct species of fauna. Most of Arid Recovery is located to the immediate north of Olympic Dam, although the southern section was deliberately located within the Special Mining Lease to demonstrate successful co-existence between threatened species and a large-scale mining operation.

Arid Recovery is a collaborative project between BHP Billiton, the community, government agencies and academic and research institutions. It has successfully re-introduced a number of locally extinct species such as the Greater Bilby, Burrowing Bettong, Western-barred Bandicoot and the Greater Stick-nest Rat.

#### BHP Billiton Youth Arts Fund

The BHP Billiton Youth Arts Fund provides young South Australians with access to high quality artistic programs. The Fund is a \$1 million four year partnership with the South Australian Youth Arts Board.



The BHP Billiton Youth Arts Fund working with young South Australians

### Indigenous programs

BHP Billiton maintains ongoing relationships with Aboriginal groups and engaged in a comprehensive process of negotiation and consultation which led to the signing of the Olympic Dam Agreement in January 2008. The Agreement includes:

- a Heritage Management Protocol, containing an agreed process for managing the impacts of the expanded project on Aboriginal cultural heritage sites
- payments to be made by BHP Billiton to a trust for the benefit of Aboriginal communities in northern South Australia. These payments will continue for the life of the Olympic Dam mine and will support education, employment, business development, health, aged care programs and other community benefits
- the employment of a liaison officer whose duties include consulting with BHP Billiton and Aboriginal people about Aboriginal cultural heritage and training and employment initiatives.

BHP Billiton also supports the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation in Port Augusta to help indigenous students complete their senior schooling and the Department of Trade and Economic Development's Young Indigenous Entrepreneurs Program to assist young Aboriginal people to develop their own businesses.



BHP Billiton supports a range of Indigenous programs

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A Royal Flying Doctor Service plane

## Royal Flying Doctor Service

BHP Billiton has a long and proud association with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). The company provides support for the employment of two Aboriginal Health Coordinators to assist Aboriginal patients in outback South Australia. The company also supports the Roxby Downs RFDS Auxiliary.

## Operation Flinders

BHP Billiton is a proud sponsor of Operation Flinders, a world-leading adventure wilderness program for young offenders and young people at risk. Approximately 300 young people participate in the program each year and BHP Billiton provides support for teams from Whyalla, Port Augusta, Port Pirie and Roxby Downs to participate in the program.

## South Australian Museum

BHP Billiton is a major sponsor of the refurbishment of the Museum's Back to Life Biodiversity Gallery celebrating the diversity of the South Australian landscape. Through interactive displays, the gallery will bring to life the extraordinary biodiversity in the State across four geographical zones.

## Matched Giving Program

BHP Billiton's Matched Giving Program matches employee contributions to community not-for-profit organisations. Contributions are made via donations, fundraising or volunteering. Last year in South Australia, BHP Billiton matched approximately \$200,000 worth of employee contributions to community groups.

## Stakeholder consultation and engagement

At Olympic Dam and as a part of our expansion study, we engage regularly with employees and contractors, local and Indigenous communities, shareholders and customers. As members of our workforce, our communities, supporters of our business and users of our products, we recognise that these stakeholders are core to our business.

Since 2005, BHP Billiton has implemented a consultation and engagement program to identify issues and concerns about the expansion, and these have been considered in planning and designing the expansion project.

With the publication of the Draft EIS, the Australian, South Australian and Northern Territory governments invite public comment before considering whether or not to approve the proposed expansion.



BHP Billiton has consulted widely as a part of the development of the Draft EIS