

Rio Tinto Community Forum Dampier

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26 attendees

Heart Fitness Trail

What are all the different coloured hearts around town?

This project was initiated by the Dampier Community Advisory Group to encourage fitness in the town. The green hearts indicate a 2.5km trail and the red hearts 4.8km and it was facilitated by the Dampier students as a Year 7 fundraiser.

Dust Concerns

How can Rio Tinto justify monitoring its own dust levels and are they accountable to anyone for this?

We use a third party to supply and service our monitoring equipment to ensure it meets all relevant Australian Standards. Dust monitoring data is sent to an independent company for analysis. Dust and noise results are shared every six months through the Coastal Community Environment Forum. We also provide weekly summary reports to the Dampier and Point Samson community associations. Residents will be able to monitor real-time data regarding dust levels via a website.

Beach Washed Away

Who owns the beach as it is washing away with increased exposure of rocks and the back beach culvert is broken?

Rio Tinto owns the outflow pipe at the beach and has committed to removing the debris from the beach by the end of 2008. Ownership of the beach has not been clarified.

Drainage and Easements

The gullies are filled with debris and over grown and could cause flooding. The drains cannot cope with heavy downpours. The foreshore area at Shark Cage beach is not coping with the increase in water.

Rio Tinto is considering its position internally however in the mean time has committed to rectifying seven of the worst culverts by the cyclone season. Rio Tinto also has arranged to meet with the Shire to discuss.

Firebreaks

Residents are concerned about fire outbreaks in hot weather and would like to know who is responsible for the firebreaks.

Rio Tinto needs to determine who is responsible for firebreaks and what maintenance plans will be put in place for the future.

Illegal Camping Opposite Camp School

How can we stop illegal camping?

A number of large motor homes and vans illegally camp on the old chalet site as they are unable to gain access to the park due to their size. A 'No Camping' sign was erected at the request of the DCA/Caravan Park.

Is this area Rio Tinto land?

Yes it is and therefore the site will be monitored and Rio Tinto will investigate available options.

Toilets (Shark Cage Beach)

Aspects of the facility are deteriorating.

Housing and Towns Services will complete an audit on the facilities and carry out maintenance as required.

Sub Division

Can the land in Dampier be sub-divided?

Rio Tinto General manager spoke with the resident after the forum.

Normalisation

What is happening?

Rio Tinto will be working closely with the Shire of Roebourne to find a way to move forward with nor-

Coastal Power Stations

What is the proposed location?

Currently the preferred location for the power station is behind 7 Mile rail facility.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

Can it cope with the increased development and population in the town?

The proposed new WWT plant has been designed to handle the current capacity of the town and is in modular form so it can be expanded for future growth if required.

Is the money that was allocated for it still there and where will it be located?

Money has been allocated for the new WWT however plans have not been finalised.

What will happen with the old one?

The old WWT plant will be dismantled and disposed of accordingly.

Water

Is the water used on stock-pile the same as our drinking water?

The water used on stock piles is potable water.

Can alternatives be found to preserve our water?

Rio Tinto considers water a critical issue. Earlier this year a General manager Water Strategies, was appointed to work with the Water Corporation and other industries on a water strategy for the region. The community is encouraged contact Rio Tinto through the Communities team if they have ideas to put forward.

Can wastewater be reused on stock pile?

There is little wastewater generated and most of what is goes onto Hampton Oval. Rio Tinto generates its own water reuse but is looking at further possibilities. Rio Tinto has a commitment to their customers to ensure purity of product so using wastewater on the stock piles is not a consideration at this time however there are a number of other avenues being investigated.

BHPB Takeover

What do you know about the rumours and what will happen to employees?

As stated in the media, BHP has put forward a conditional offer on Rio Tinto which will expire at the end of the year. Currently information on the proposal is limited and can be found in the public arena.

Lighting

There is limited lighting around town which is unsafe.

The Shire of Roebourne applied for funding on behalf of the Dampier Community Association and Rio Tinto through the Office of Crime Prevention. \$25k was received and placed in the Community Safety & Crime Prevention account. A consultant is currently being sourced.

Service Station

The town has declining services including provision of goods at the service station.

Shell owns the service station and issues with the provision of goods and services should be discussed with the proprietor.

Shopping Centre

What is happening at the shopping centre?

Keith Hamelink (supermarket owner) spoke about the shopping centre issue and the current offer on the table. Please speak directly to Keith for further information.

Marina

Where is the proposed location?

Information can be obtained by visiting the Dampier Port Authority website www.dpa.wa.gov.au.