

# Are you going to take it off?

IT'S that time of year again. Workers on minesites around the state are being encouraged to support the Leukaemia Foundation's 2008 Mine Challenge and shave their heads to help Western Australians diagnosed with the cancer.

*Newman Mail* captured numerous shiny pates last year when many locals got behind the event, had fun and went under the razor to raise funds.

Ambassador for the 2008 challenge (which is part of the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave) is Resources Minister Francis Logan, who launched proceedings by getting his own head shaved.

Mr Logan said the Mine Challenge was targeting the support of the Australian mining industry, associated companies and contractors and added that it was important for the resources industry to

take up its social responsibility to the community.

"Every week the Leukaemia Foundation provides care and support to the 17 Western Australian families who face a new diagnosis of leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other related blood disorders. The Mine Challenge provides an invaluable opportunity to help fund this great cause," the Minister said.

This year's organisers hope to exceed last year's fundraising total of \$407,000 and increase participation numbers.

*New awards would also be presented for the most innovative fundraising idea and the highest fundraising total per-head per-site.*

More information and registration details are available online at

[www.worldsgreatesthave.com](http://www.worldsgreatesthave.com) or by telephoning 1800 500 088.



BHP Shavers from 2007. Back row from left: Greg Elphick, Olga O'Keefe and Andy Niesler. Front row from left: Tim Crossley, Cam Tirendi and Tony O'Keefe.

Left: Mairaed Collinson snips Carmel Harding's locks off at Dearlove's Caravan Park.

## Regional projects supported

THE next round of the Regional Infrastructure Funding Program (RIFP), part of the State Government's four-year \$80million Regional Investment Fund, is now open for expressions of interest.

The fourth round, worth \$6million, sees individual grants starting at \$100,000 for significant infrastructure projects in WA aimed at attracting regional investment, jobs or improving services.

"Local governments, state government agencies and community

organisations are encouraged to apply, as well as regional groups with projects which require assistance to meet the capital costs of industrial or transport infrastructure, tourism amenities, health and education facilities or other initiatives which help to attract and retain residents," said Regional Development Minister Jon Ford.

RIFP had already provided significant funding to many important capital infrastructure projects throughout regional WA since it was launched in 2001. Examples have

included the Broome Wharf, Carnavon Boat Harbour and upgrading Leonora's main street.

Expressions of interest must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, March 12 at the Department of Local Government and Regional Development, Level 1, Dumas House, 2 Havelock Street, West Perth 6005. For more information about RIFP, contact the department on 9217 1463, free call 1800 620 511 or visit [www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/FinancialAssist/RIF.asp](http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/FinancialAssist/RIF.asp)

## Extra funding for mental health

THE number of children and teenagers who will be able to access treatment for eating disorders at Perth's Princess Margaret Hospital has been increased by 50 percent thanks to the State Government's new \$84.7million investment in mental health across WA to cope with greater demand for services.

The Government has also allocated an additional \$28.1million for supported community accommodation

to provide alternatives to hospital admission for people with mental illness and the homeless.

Premier Alan Carpenter said the Government was committed to expanding community mental health services, providing alternatives to hospital and reducing mental health pressures on emergency departments. He said the plan targets key areas to strengthen the capacity of mental health services in WA and reduce demand on acute care.

## Growth stepped up

BHP Billiton has approved US\$1.094 billion to underpin accelerated growth of their WA iron ore (WAIO) business. This represents pre-approval expenditure for Rapid Growth Project 5 (RGP5) which is expected to increase WAIO's installed capacity to over 200 million tonnes per annum during 2011.

This pre-approval funding will be used to start duplication of the railway track between the Yandi mine and Port Hedland and expansion of the inner harbour at Port Hedland. Rail construction is expected to begin in May. The funding will also allow early procurement of long lead items and detailed engineering studies to expand capacity at Yandi and Area C.

"The core of the Pilbara is progressively moving to the Yandi/Area C mining hubs. Double tracking

the rail to this area will create the rail capacity to support our planned expansion to more than 300 m/tonnes p/annum," BHP BIO president Ian Ashby said. "In parallel with this project, we are advancing our studies on the outer harbour development at Port Hedland. Combined with the RGP5 rail work, the port expansion would complete the major infrastructure requirements to support an operation of over 350 million tonnes per annum."

In the last quarter BHP Billiton delivered RGP3 which expanded the capacity at Area C by 20mt pa and RGP4 is on track to increase capacity to 155mt pa in 2010.

The approval for the balance of the RGP5 capital is expected during the second half on this year.

## Cooperative IR options

A RECENT report analyses options for a new national industrial relations system for Australia.

The NSW Government's report of the Inquiry into Options for a New National Industrial Relations System was a start for discussions on a cooperative system.

The Rudd Government has committed to achieving nationally consistent industrial relations

laws for the private sector.

Employment Protection Minister Michelle Roberts said she was keen to work closely with Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard and other federal and state ministers on a national IR system which would benefit all workplace parties including employers, unions and most importantly, working Western Australians.

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