

Gross Rental Value Working Group

CME's first joint Government-Industry Gross Rental Value (GRV) Working Group meeting was held on 16 August.

CME will be drafting revised terms of reference for the working group, based on the outcomes of the meetings to date.

CME will be meeting with Tim Fowler, from the Department of Local Government, on 16 September to further explore current GRV rating processes and Local Government Authority expectations.

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Eastern Regional Council Dinner

Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Director-General, Keiran McNamara addressed the CME Eastern Regional Council dinner on 26 August.

Mr McNamara discussed the role of the DEC, as well as key issues including project approvals reform, the Great Western Woodlands and climate change.



L-R: Terry Moylan (Paddington Gold), Keiran McNamara, Ron Mosby (Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and Graham Thomson (Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission).

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Resource Rent Tax

The Minerals Resources Rent Tax (MRRT) issues paper, being developed for CME by Ernst and Young, is well advanced. CME is internally reviewing the first draft, prior to review by the CME Tax Working Group. The associated modelling has been put on hold, subject to the outcome of the post Federal Election negotiations between the main political parties and Independent MPs.

The CME Tax Working Group met with members of the Minerals Council of Australia Tax Committee on 2 September, to discuss key transitional issues with regard to the MRRT.

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Launch of Partners in Progress

CME recently launched a new advocacy document, Partners in Progress. The report covers various case studies from resource companies, examining the growing number of industry programs aimed at increasing rates of Aboriginal employment.

The launch followed an Aboriginal Networking Group, which provided an opportunity for Aboriginal employees to discuss current issues and initiatives being undertaken by the resources industry.



Students from Wesley College's Moorditj Mob performed a traditional dance, marking the launch of the publication.

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Labour shortages

Recent reports, news releases, speeches and discussion in the resources sector are all signalling impending labour shortages in WA, across all major industries.

If you have any indication as to the size and timing of your likely labour needs from overseas, contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)'s Industry Outreach Officer (IOO) based at CME, to discuss visa options, processing guidelines and timelines.

The IOO can meet with you and your staff to talk about your needs and the migration requirements, to ensure quick and efficient processing.

This service is free.

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Mining Securities Industry Liaison Committee

CME representatives participated in the second meeting of the Mining Securities Industry Liaison Committee (MSILC) on 2 September. This committee is chaired by the Department of Mines and Petroleum to provide advice on policy recommendations for mining securities.

Participants considered the key issues and principles relating to mining securities, the management of financial assurances under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the arrangements for mining securities in other States and Territories.

Committee members also discussed the options for future mining securities in Western Australia.

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Environment Committee

The third meeting for 2010 of the Environment Committee was held on 31 August. Items discussed included:

- Approvals reform and the work of the Approvals Working Group.
- Proposed changes to mining securities, including the work of the Mining Securities Working Group and the MSILC.
- Issues arising from the Stakeholder Reference Group of the Environmental Protection Authority.
- The health risk assessment guidelines and the potential implications for the approvals process.
- The Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy and the proposed Kimberley National Heritage listing.

In addition, representatives from the DEC were in attendance to discuss the REFIRE (re-engineering for industry regulation and the environment) project to improve the efficiency of the licensing system under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

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Energy in WA Conference

CME is pleased to be a sponsor of this year's Energy in Western Australia Conference which will take place on 21 and 22 September 2010 at the Sheraton Perth Hotel.

The conference, a collaborative effort between the Office of Energy and the Australian Institute of Energy (Perth branch), celebrates its tenth year in 2010. It will cover a range of topical issues that either currently impact or have the potential to impact the energy industry in Western Australia.

For more information and to download the program and registration form visit http://www.cmewa.com.au/News_Events_and_Media/Events/NewsDetails/Energy_in_WA_Conference.

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Mid West Economic and Resources Summit

"Opportunity Now" was the timely theme for the two day Mid West Economic and Resources Summit, held in Geraldton from 31 August to 1 September 2010.

With the considerable industry and community focus on the burgeoning new iron ore industry in the Mid West and the associated regional growth expected, the Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry in partnership with the Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance, took the opportunity to engage with community and the resources sector to highlight what is happening within the region.

Premier Colin Barnett opened the summit, indicating the state government's continuing strong commitment to supporting the emerging iron ore industry and the Oakajee Port and Rail Project.

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Cultural Awareness Training

CME staff and member company representatives recently took part in a day of cultural awareness training, conducted by Kooya Consultancy. Participants found the training to be a very valuable experience. Another session will be held on 23 September 2010. There is no cost to member companies to attend this training.

If you would like to attend please contact CME (RSVP is essential).

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Geotechnics Symposium

The Centre for Offshore Foundation Systems will host the 'Frontiers in Offshore Geotechnics' Symposium from 8 to 10 November 2010, in Perth.

The symposium will provide a platform for academics and practitioners to discuss and exchange ideas to address the emerging challenges in offshore geotechnical engineering.

For more information visit www.cofs.uwa.edu.au/ISFOG2010.

Swedish Mining Event in Perth

The Swedish Embassy is currently inviting selected key representatives from Australian companies to attend the event 'Innovative, Sustainable and Profitable Mining', being held on 4 November 2010, at the Hyatt in Perth. Senior executives from the major Swedish and Australian mining companies will attend the event to discuss challenges and solutions for future mining. An official invitation will be sent from the host, His Excellency the Swedish Ambassador Sven-Olof Petersson upon confirmation of interest to attend the event.

To register your interest, contact Jonas Lindholm, Swedish Trade Council by emailing jonas.lindholm@swedishtrade.se

New Member

CME is pleased to welcome new associate member, Cardno.



Cardno is an integrated professional services provider, delivering the specialist expertise necessary to create and improve the physical and social infrastructure that underpins communities around the world. Working with some of the world's largest mining companies throughout Australia and Internationally, Cardno knows how to explore and deliver resourceful solutions. Cardno's environmental services, civil and structural design, geotechnical investigation and testing, and open cut and underground mine surveying and mapping services, combined with local project management capabilities enable them to deliver a full range of cost-effective and sustainable solutions to the mining and resources industry.

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