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Mid West Major Projects Summary

The Mid West Major Projects Summary is published periodically by the Mid West Development Commission to provide an indication of the level of development activity in the Mid West Region.

This edition of the Mid West Major Projects Summary contains information on almost 80 projects with a combined value of more than \$19 Billion (NB estimated costs not available for all projects). In addition, the value of residential building approvals in the Mid West for 09/10 was \$187M (source: ABS).

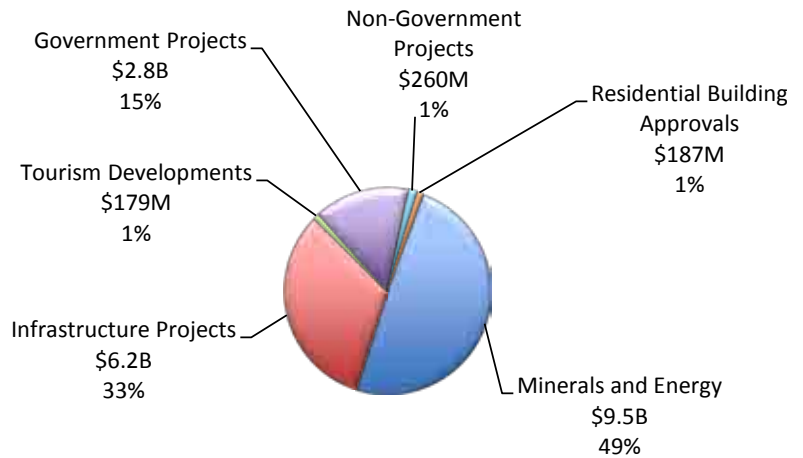
The number and value of projects by category is illustrated in the graphs below.

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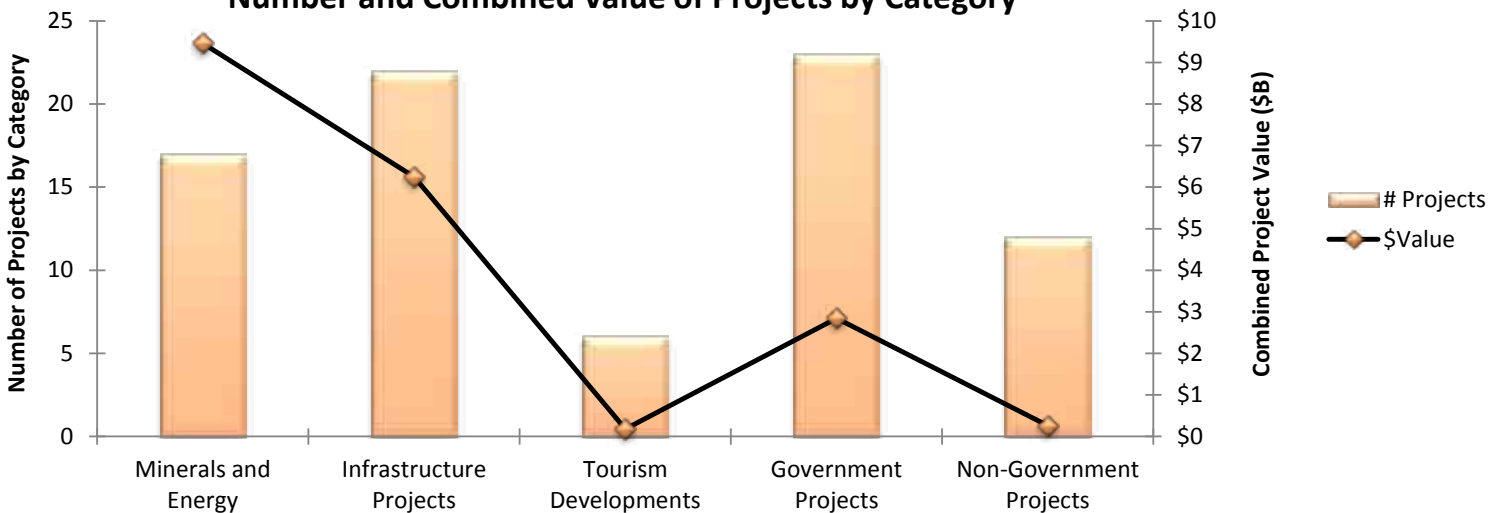
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Approximate Value of Projects by Category



Number and Combined Value of Projects by Category



Minerals and Energy

Copper / Gold

Sandfire Resources - DeGrussa

Resource: Copper / Gold

Cost: To be confirmed with release of pre feasibility results

Status: Scoping and preliminary work commenced in 2010, with metallurgical test work, environmental studies, mine designs, geotechnical investigations, native title negotiations and planning for early infrastructure works all underway. A Definitive Feasibility Study commenced during Q4 2010, which will pave the way for mine development activities as early as Q2 2011.

Location: Meekatharra, 100km N

Jobs – construction: Not stated

Jobs – operations: Not stated

Projected Annual Output: Processing capacity of 1.5 Mt ore throughput

Projected Resource Life: Not stated

Construction Start: Q2 2011

Production Start: 2012

www.sandfire.com.au

Gold

Ramelius Resources - Mount Magnet

Resource: Gold

Cost: \$40-45M

Status: Feasibility study currently being updated - due for completion Q2 2011. Proponent expects operations to commence quickly given the mill and other infrastructure is in place, all government approvals have been granted, the reserves are close to the existing plant and gas fired power is available to the site.

Location: Mount Magnet, 4km W

Jobs – construction: 110

Jobs – operations: 120

Projected Annual Output: 100,000 oz with additional reserves available in other pits and potential to increase output to 150,000 oz by adding an underground mine contribution

Projected Resource Life: 5-7yrs

Construction Start: Q2 2011

Production Start: Q4 2011

www.rameliusresources.com.au

Hematite

Golden West Resources - Wiluna West

Resource: Hematite

Cost: Stage 1 = \$15M; Stage 2 = \$15M; Stage 3 TBC

Status: This is a three stage project with stage one planned to export 1 Mtpa of direct shipping ore through Esperance for 2-3yrs. A native title agreement has been finalised for stage one, with a mining approval application lodged and detailed engineering studies underway, targeting April 2011 production.

The three stage development would enable output to increase to 10 Mtpa, with the Detailed Feasibility Study for the 10 Mtpa project due for completion in December 2011 and production planned for Q4 2014. Stages two and three will be dependent on rail and port enhancements either at Esperance or Oakajee.

Location: Wiluna, 34km W

Jobs – construction: Not stated

Jobs – operations: Not stated

Projected Annual Output: 1 Mt (Stage 1) increasing to 3 Mt (Stage 2) and 10 Mt (Stage 3) direct shipping ore

Projected Resource Life: Minimum 15 years (@ 10 Mtpa)

Construction Start: Stage 1 commenced

Production Start: Stage 1 - Q2 2011 (approvals / infrastructure dependent)

www.goldenwestresources.com

Mount Gibson Mining - Extension Hill

Resource: Hematite

Cost: \$73M

Status: Extension Hill villiage has been commissioned and clearing and pioneer works have commenced. Upgrade of haul road, railway siding, railway line to Geraldton, port berth and storage facilities all nearing completion.

Location: Perenjori, 85km E

Jobs – construction: 150

Jobs – operations: 100

Projected Annual Output: 3 Mt hematite ore

Projected Resource Life: 5yrs

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Production Start: Q1 2011 with first ore shipments expected in Q3 2011

www.mtgibsoniron.com.au

Sinosteel Midwest Corporation - Koolanooka/Blue Hills

Resource: Hematite

Cost: \$70M

Status: Currently producing at Koolanooka and Blue Hills.

A magnetite reserve is being analysed at Koolanooka, with metallurgical test work underway and further exploration and assessment required before the size of the opportunity can be fully assessed and evaluated.

Location: Morawa, 20km E (Koolanooka) and 80km E (Blue Hills)

Jobs – construction: Not stated

Jobs – operations: 99

Projected Annual Output: 1.5 Mt hematite ore

Projected Resource Life: 5yrs

Construction Start: Complete

Production Start: Commenced early 2010

www.sinosteelmidwest.com.au

Sinosteel Midwest Corporation - Weld Range

Resource: Hematite

Cost: \$1.6B

Status: Bankable Feasibility Study and Public Environmental review now complete and recruitment of operational workforce commenced. Project is reliant on third party rail and port product logistics infrastructure. Initial mining activities will be carried out by a mining contractor.

Sinosteel also has other potential projects at Robinson Range (120km north of Meekatharra) and Jack Hills (380km north east of Geraldton) that are in early development phase.

Location: Cue, 50km NE

Jobs – construction: 1,020

Jobs – operations: 850

Projected Annual Output: 15 Mt hematite ore

Projected Resource Life: 15yrs

Construction Start: Q4 2011

Production Start: 2013

www.sinosteelmidwest.com.au

Hematite & Magnetite

Gindalbie Metals - Karara Iron Ore Project

Resource: Hematite & Magnetite

Cost: \$2.56B

Status: Site cleared and concrete work 30% complete, with ball mills on site ahead of construction. Water pipe from Mingenew and rail spur from Morawa both underway. Airstrip and worker accommodation (1,770 rooms) complete. Loading and storage facilities due for completion in March, with detailed engineering designs due in June 2011.

Location: Morawa, 80km E

Jobs – construction: 1,500+

Jobs – operations: 700

Projected Annual Output: Initially 2 Mt hematite ore & 8 Mt magnetite concentrate

Projected Resource Life: 30+yrs

Construction Start: Commenced Q4 2009

Production Start: Hematite commenced and magnetite expected H2 2011

www.gindalbie.com.au



Magnetite

Asia Iron Holdings - Extension Hill

Resource: Magnetite

Cost: \$2B

Status: Scoping - Pre Feasibility. Asia Iron has primary approval to produce up to 10Mtpa of magnetite concentrate and is currently seeking secondary approvals. Company secured 60% equity investment in Q3 2010 facilitating a commitment to project implementation.

Location: Perenjori, 85km E

Jobs – construction: 1,000

Jobs – operations: 350

Projected Annual Output: 10 Mt magnetite concentrates

Projected Resource Life: 50+yrs

Construction Start: H2 2011

Production Start: Q1 2013

Crosslands Resources

- Jack Hills Expansion Project (JHEP)

Resource: Magnetite

Cost: \$1.5B

Status: Resource estimate completed in November 2010 with definitive feasibility and exploration drilling program now underway. Public Environmental Review initiated. Bankable feasibility study due in Q2 2011.

Location: Jack Hills, 350km north east of Geraldton

Jobs – construction: 2,000

Jobs – operations: 1,300

Projected Annual Output: 25-35 Mt magnetite ore

Projected Resource Life: 25+ yrs

Construction Start: Q4 2011 / Q1 2012

Production Start: Late 2014

www.crosslands.com.au

Mineral Sands

Gunson Resources - Coburn

Resource: Mineral Sands

Cost: \$169M

Status: Bankable Feasibility Study announced Q1 2010. Two thirds of Amy Zone deposit has received government environmental approval for mining with the northern third not yet approved. The Company reports that it is currently seeking to attract a minority partner to help fund the mine development, in exchange for an assured long term supply of zircon.

Location: Geraldton, 250km N

Jobs – construction: 200

Jobs – operations: 120

Projected Annual Output: 90 kt ilmenite, 40 kt zircon, 9 kt rutile, 7 kt Leucoxene

Projected Resource Life: 23.5 yrs

Construction Start: Q3 2011

Production Start: Q1 2013

www.gunson.com.au

Tiwest JV - Dongara

Resource: Mineral Sands

Cost: \$70M

Status: Bankable Feasibility Study underway. Proponent indicates intention to systematically develop this project as its Cooljarloo Mine 170km north of Perth is progressively depleted.

Location: Dongara, 25km SE (near Beharra Springs)

Jobs – construction: Not stated

Jobs – operations: Not stated

Projected Annual Output: 200 kt ilmenite, 30 kt rutile, 30 kt zircon

Projected Resource Life: 10–20 years

Construction Start: Not stated

Production Start: 2015–2020

www.tiwest.com.au

Pig Iron

Ferrowest - Yalgoo Iron

Resource: Pig Iron

Cost: \$720M

Status: Scoping - Pre Feasibility. Proponent reports that discussions with potential investors and off-take partners are likely to yield a positive result in Q1 2011. Company has also announced intention to further explore the potential of its adjacent Western Hematite Project, with the Board approving a range of exploration activities in Q1 2011.

Location: Yalgoo, 14km E

Jobs – construction: Approx 1,000

Jobs – operations: 293

Projected Annual Output: 1 Mt pig iron

Projected Resource Life: 30+ yrs

Construction Start: Q1 2013

Production Start: Q4 2014

www.ferrowest.com.au

Uranium

BHP Billiton - Yeelirrie

Resource: Uranium

Cost: Not stated

Status: Scoping - Pre Feasibility stage. The company intends to submit its draft Environmental Review and Management Plan in March 2011 to achieve all government approvals by the end of 2012.

Location: Wiluna, 75km SW

Jobs – construction: 700

Jobs – operations: 300

Projected Annual Output: Initially 2–2.5 ktpa increasing to 5 ktpa uranium oxide concentrate (yellowcake)

Projected Resource Life: 20–40 yrs

Construction Start: Q2 2013

Production Start: 2014

www.bhpbilliton.com

Mega Uranium - Lake Maitland

Resource: Uranium

Cost: \$94M

Status: Scoping - Pre Feasibility. Company reports having received WA government approval to undertake a Test Pit Program forming part of its Definitive Feasibility Study (scheduled to commence October 2010). The project's Environmental Scoping Document was approved by the EPA in October 2010. Mega aims to release the Environmental Review and Management Plan (ERMP) for public review in Q3 2011, with the final ERMP being one of the last permitting stages before construction can commence.

Location: Wiluna, 130km SE

Jobs – construction: 450

Jobs – operations: 180

Projected Annual Output: 0.8 ktpa uranium oxide concentrate (yellowcake)

Projected Resource Life: 10+ yrs

Construction Start: 2012

Production Start: Q3 2013

www.mega uranium.com

Toro Energy - Wiluna

Resource: Uranium

Cost: \$162M

Status: Resource test pits have been completed allowing Toro to advance its Bankable Feasibility Study and finalise a processing option. The EPA has approved the project's Environmental Scoping Document allowing Toro to proceed with its Environmental Review and Management Plan, which will be released in Q2 2011.

Location: Wiluna, 17km SE

Jobs – construction: 350

Jobs – operations: 170

Projected Annual Output: 0.8 ktpa uranium oxide concentrate (yellowcake)

Projected Resource Life: 10 yrs

Construction Start: 2012

Production Start: 2013

www.toroenergy.com.au

Vanadium

Atlantic Ltd - Windimurra

Resource: Vanadium

Cost: \$296M

Status: Proponent reports that equity funding is in place and relevant environmental and mining licences and approvals have been secured. Plant is almost complete with commissioning targeted for mid 2011. Project CEO has been appointed along with key technical resources and vanadium experts.

Location: Mount Magnet, 80km SE

Jobs – construction: 400

Jobs – operations: 200

Projected Annual Output: Targetting 5,700 tpa contained vanadium as ferrovandium

Projected Resource Life: 24yrs

Construction Start: Q4 2010

Production Start: Q3 2011

www.windimurra.com.au

Reed Resources - Barrambie

Resource: Vanadium

Cost: \$629M

Status: Proponent has advised that they have entered into a MOU with Chinese and Australian investors that includes an engineering procurement and construction contract (EPC) and project financing for the Barrambie project. Use of Chinese equipment / services will significantly reduce costs (from that stated), with an updated fixed price EPC due early in 2011.

Location: Sandstone, 64km NW

Jobs – construction: 400

Jobs – operations: 250

Projected Annual Output: 11,200 tpa vanadium pentoxide (V_2O_5) or 7,700 tpa ferrovandium (FeV80)

Projected Resource Life: Minimum 12yrs at throughput of 3.2 Mtpa

Construction Start: 2011

Production Start: 2012

www.reedresources.com

Infrastructure

PROJECT STATUS

Planned

The project has progressed significantly from the conceptual stage but it is not yet committed to proceed

Committed

The project is committed to proceed

Construction

The project is under construction

Complete

The project has reached practical completion

Communications

CSIRO - Murchison Radio-Astronomy (MRO) to Geraldton Optical Fibre network

Cost: \$12.3M

Status: Construction

Location: Geraldton - Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory

Details: Installation of optical fibre network from the MRO to the MRO Support Facility in Geraldton.

Construction Start: Commenced Q4 2010

Construction Complete: Q2 2011

www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/data_transport.html

Department of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy Nextgen Networks - Regional Backbone Blackspots Program (RBBP)

Cost: \$24.8M Perth to Geraldton (\$250M Australia wide)

Status: Construction

Location: Perth-Geraldton

Details: As part of the Australian Government's commitment to deliver a National Broadband Network it is investing up to \$250 million to address six major backbone blackspots in regional Australia including a fibre optic cable link from Geraldton to Perth. The Geraldton link is under construction with services scheduled to be available in March 2011.

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Complete: Q1 2011

www.nextgennetworks.com.au/RBBP_home.htm

Department of Commerce

- Regional Mobile Communications Project (RMCP)

Cost: \$40M

Status: Planned

Location: WA

Details: The RMCP will extend mobile communications services to provide (near) continuous highway coverage, as well as coverage to (and between) the greatest possible number of nominated towns and communities in regional and remote parts of WA. It will include mobile tower / base station infrastructure and portable mobile voice and wireless broadband communications systems. The Mid West has been identified as a Priority 1 area. This project has received funding from **Royalties for Regions**.

Construction Start: Q1 2012

Construction Complete: 2013/14

www.commerce.wa.gov.au

NBN Co Ltd and the Department of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy - National Broadband Network (NBN) second release site

Cost: Not stated

Status: Planning

Location: Geraldton

Details: A Federal Government Initiative, the NBN is a new, wholesale only, open access high speed broadband network. Geraldton is one of 19 second release sites to receive Fibre to the Premises (FTTP), with an initial rollout to approximately 3,000 premises.

Construction Start: H2 2011

Construction Complete: 2012

www.nbn.gov.au / www.nbnco.com.au

WA Police, FESA and Department of Corrective Services - Community Safety Network Project (CSNP)

Cost: \$80.3M

Status: Planned

Location: WA

Details: The CSNP will replace the current police regional radio network with a purpose-built, secure and reliable radio communications network that will allow police and other emergency services to better serve regional WA. The new network will significantly improve the ability of police and fire officers to communicate during an emergency or incident. This project has received funding from **Royalties for Regions**.

Construction Start: Q2-3 2011

Construction Complete: 2015

www.police.wa.gov.au / www.fesa.wa.gov.au / www.correctiveservices.wa.gov.au

Transport

Main Roads WA - Indian Ocean Drive Stage 2

Cost: \$110M

Status: Complete

Location: Lancelin-Cervantes

Details: Completed in September 2010, Indian Ocean Drive will become a major tourism and recreation route, reduce travel time between Perth and the Mid West and facilitate regional growth.

Construction Start: Q2 2008

Construction Complete: Completed Q4 2010

www.mainroads.wa.gov.au

Mount Gibson Iron / Geraldton Port Authority - Geraldton Port Train Unloader Upgrade

Cost: \$20M

Status: Planned - Design stage

Location: Geraldton

Details: Upgrade to increase iron ore receipt rate to 3,000 tonnes per hour, extend the port rail network to accommodate longer trains, align existing iron ore ship loading capacity with receipt capacity and reduce reliance on road network to transport iron ore to the port.

Construction Start: Q1 2011

Construction Complete: Q3-4 2011

www.gpa.wa.gov.au



Oakajee

Oakajee Port and Rail - Mid West Rail Infrastructure

Cost: ~\$2B (subject to review)

Status: Planned

Location: Mid West

Details: The development of heavy freight rail to link proposed northern mines (Weld Range and Jack Hills) to the proposed Oakajee Port under the terms a State Development Agreement (signed 20 March 2009). Major engineering and environmental impact studies underway.

Draft Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) was delivered to State Government on 30 March 2010 with final BFS expected by the end of 2011. The State Government and OPR will negotiate an Implementation Agreement setting out terms and conditions for the development of the port and rail infrastructure.

Construction Start: 2012 (after acceptance of BFS)

Construction Complete: ~2014

www.opandr.com

Oakajee Port and Rail - Oakajee Deep Water Port

Cost: ~\$2B (subject to review) (including \$678M State and Federal contribution to common user infrastructure)

Status: Planned

Location: Oakajee, 23kms north of Geraldton

Details: The development of an import/export, multi-user, multi-function deepwater port to support a world class industrial estate under the terms of a State Development Agreement (signed 20 March 2009). Major engineering and environmental impact studies underway.

Draft Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) was delivered to State Government on 30 March 2010 with final BFS expected by the end of 2011. The State Government and OPR will negotiate an Implementation agreement setting out terms and conditions for the development of the port and rail infrastructure.

Construction Start: 2012 (after acceptance of BFS)

Construction Complete: ~2014

www.opandr.com

LandCorp - Oakajee Industrial Estate

Project Type: Land Development

Cost: To be confirmed - dependent on client needs

Status: Planned

Location: Shire of Chapman Valley, 20km north of Geraldton

Details: The Oakajee Industrial Estate has been designed to accommodate uses related to the proposed port and rail project. Heavy industry core – 1,134ha, general industry – 196ha and >4,000ha of buffer zone. Has potential to cater for downstream processing of Mid West sourced minerals and to export through a deep water port. A Draft Structure Plan is to be released for public comment in Q1 2011.

Construction Start: H2 2011

Construction Completion: ~2014

www.landcorp.com.au/project/oakajeeindustrialestate

Utilities

APA Group - Mondarra Gas Storage Facility

Cost: Not stated

Status: Construction

Location: Dongara

Details: Expansion of the Mondarra Gas Storage facility from three to 12 petajoules and a 10-fold increase in its supply capacity to 150 terajoules per day, equivalent to 15 per cent of the State's total daily consumption. The project will use a depleted natural gas reservoir for storage of gas to supply the local market.

Construction Start: 2010

Construction Complete: 2013

www.apa.com.au

Aviva Corporation Limited - Coolimba Power Project

Cost: \$1B

Status: Planned

Location: Eneabba

Details: Aviva has received environmental approval for the 810MW Coolimba Power Project to create a power generation hub on private agricultural land just south of Eneabba and 15km from the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) and the committed 330kV Mid West Power line. Coolimba will be able to meet the growing energy demands of the Mid West for 30 years plus. Coolimba is a well recognized carbon capture and storage ready project.

Construction Start: Not stated

Construction Complete: Not stated

www.coolimba.com.au

Eneabba Gas - Centauri 1 Gas Fired Power Station

Cost: \$150M

Status: Planned

Location: Dongara

Details: Eneabba Gas Limited is focused on the development of the 168MW syngas, gas-fired Centauri 1 power station on Company-owned land 8km east of Dongara. Its Centauri 1 Power Station project now has all the necessary regulatory approvals for development. Eneabba Gas proposes to market power from Centauri 1 to the fast growing Mid West region. Underground coal gasification (UCG) and carbon sequestration may be introduced in the future.

Construction Start: Not stated

Construction Complete: Not stated

www.eneabbagas.com

Karara Mining Ltd

- Eneabba - Karara 330kV transmission line

Cost: \$120M

Status: Committed

Location: Eneabba - Karara

Details: Construction of 180km of 330kV power line including 375 transmission towers.

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Complete: Q4 2011

www.kararamining.com.au

Verve Energy - Greenough River Solar Farm

Cost: \$58M

Status: Planned

Location: Walkaway

Details: A Public Private Partnership project between Verve Energy and the State Government, including \$10M of funding from **Royalties for Regions**, this project will be Australia's largest utility scale solar farm. The 10MW facility is expected to generate approx 28GWh per annum and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25,000 tonnes per year. An eventual expansion to 40MW has been proposed.

Construction Start: Q2 2011

Construction Complete: Q4 2011

www.verveenergy.com.au

Verve Energy - Mumbida Wind Farm

Cost: \$150M

Status: Planned

Location: Walkaway

Details: Verve Energy is completing feasibility studies for the Mumbida Wind Farm about 40km south east of Geraldton. The wind farm is currently proposed to have a capacity of 55 megawatts (MW), enough to power about 35,000 average homes and displace 165,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. If all conditions, including the finance and network access, are approved, the wind farm could be operating by the end of 2012.

Construction Start: Not stated

Construction Complete: Not stated

www.verveenergy.com.au

Water Corporation

- Allanooka - Wye Farm Duplication Part 1

Cost: \$6.2M

Status: Committed

Location: Dongara

Details: The Water Corporation will construct 13.8 km of duplication pipeline along the existing main between the Allanooka Reservoir and Wye Farm Borefield to accommodate Dongara's peak demand. The new main will increase the capacity and transfer rate to the Dongara storage tanks. The main duplication is scheduled for completion in June 2013.

Construction Start: Q2 2011

Construction Complete: Q2 2013

www.watercorporation.com.au



Water Corporation - Geraldton

- Brown Lane 3ML Tank

Cost: \$6.4M

Status: Committed

Location: White Peak

Details: The Water Corporation will commence works to construct a 3ML water storage tank at White Peak to provide emergency storage for Geraldton North and to improve pressure across developments at Drummond Cove and Glenfield areas. The tank and associated works are scheduled for completion in March 2012.

Construction Start: Q2 2011

Construction Complete: Q1 2012

www.watercorporation.com.au

Water Corporation

- Geraldton – Nanson Road – Hall Road Tanks

Cost: \$4.6M

Status: Committed

Location: Geraldton

Details: Storage tanks on Nanson and Hall Roads require increased transfer rate in order to meet peak customer demand. The Water Corporation will construct a 7km main pipeline from Nanson to Hall Road to speed up the flow rate between the tanks.

Construction Start: Q4 2011

Construction Complete: Q2 2012

www.watercorporation.com.au

Water Corporation

- Kalbarri - Glass Street Pump Station #3 Upgrade

Cost: \$5.2M

Status: Committed

Location: Kalbarri

Details: The Water Corporation will be upgrading Kalbarri Glass St Pump Station including the construction of a 3km new pressure main so that wastewater collected at the pump station can be transferred directly to the Kalbarri Wastewater Treatment Plant, relieving the load on the Grey St Pump Station.

Construction Start: 2012

Construction Complete: Q2 2014

www.watercorporation.com.au



Water Corporation

- Kalbarri Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion

Cost: \$4.4M

Status: Committed

Location: Kalbarri

Details: The Water Corporation will be upgrading Kalbarri's wastewater treatment and disposal in stages to cater for the increase in wastewater flow due to growth. The upgrades will improve the quality of treated wastewater release to meet the increasingly strict standards for disposal to the golf course and environment. Construction of the upgrades to the Kalbarri Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled to start in November 2011 and to be complete by July 2012.

Construction Start: Q4 2011

Construction Complete: Q3 2012

www.watercorporation.com.au

Water Corporation

- Walkaway Pumping Station and Pipeline

Cost: \$15M

Status: Construction

Location: Walkaway

Details: The Water Corporation has commenced construction of the pipeline duplication and long lead items for the pump station have been ordered. The new pump station is near completion and is being fitted out, with a testing phase underway. The station is expected to be available for use from August 2011.

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Complete: Q2 2011

www.watercorporation.com.au

Western Power

- Pinjar to Eneabba Transmission Line (Stage 1)

Cost: \$320M

Status: Planned

Location: Pinjar-Eneabba

Details: A 330kV transmission line to improve quality and reliability of electricity supply to the Mid West and enable the connection of new loads and generators in the region. The project received Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) approval on 3 February 2011. Commencement of Stage 1 is now subject to Ministerial approval / announcement.

A second stage is proposed to continue the line from Eneabba to Moonyoonooka (Geraldton). Funding applications have been lodged with Infrastructure Australia to build Stage 2.

Construction Start: Q1 2011 (subject to Ministerial approval)

Construction Complete: Q1 2013

www.westernpower.com.au

Tourism Developments

PROJECT STATUS

Planning and Approvals

Construction Complete

The project has progressed significantly from the conceptual stage but it is not committed to proceed
The project is under construction
The project has reached practical completion

Humfrey Land Developments - Abrolhos Resort

Cost: \$32M

Status: Planning and Approvals - Coastal and environmental policy issues being negotiated.

Location: East Wallabi Island

Description: 4.5 star tourist resort with accommodation for 60 guests and 10 staff on East Wallabi Island, part of the Houtman Abrolhos Islands 60km west of Geraldton.

www.hld.com.au

Batavia Coast Marina Pty Ltd - Batavia Coast Marina Hotel, Tavern & Apartments

Cost: \$43M

Status: Planning and Approvals

Location: Geraldton

Description: 4.5 star 74 room hotel development including a tavern and 11 residential penthouses.

www.bataviamarina.com.au

Quality Edge Resorts - Edge Resort Geraldton

Cost: \$7.2M

Status: Planning and Approvals - On hold pending finance

Location: Geraldton

Description: Total redevelopment of Sun City Motel site to include 34 luxury accommodation apartments, restaurant, gym and two pools.

www.qualityedgeresort.com.au

Raminea Pty Ltd - Geraldton Motor Inn

Cost: \$3M

Status: Construction

Location: Geraldton

Description: Development of 20 motel units and associated building works adjacent to existing Comfort Inn Motel on Brand Highway due for completion early 2011.

Humfrey Land Developments - Leeman Caravan Park & Resort

Cost: \$44M

Status: Planning and Approvals - Caravan park plans being finalised.

Location: Leeman

Description: Relocation of existing caravan park to adjacent land and redevelopment of existing caravan park site to a 200 bedroom 4.5 star resort.

www.hld.com.au

Humfrey Land Developments - Mahomets Caravan Park & Resort

Cost: \$50M

Status: Planning and Approvals - Government management order being progressed.

Location: Geraldton

Description: Construction of a new caravan park and adjoining 4.5 star resort.

www.hld.com.au



Government Projects

PROJECT STATUS

Planning and Approvals

The project has progressed significantly from the conceptual stage but it is not committed to proceed

Construction Complete

The project is under construction

The project has reached practical completion

Education

Building Management & Works / Department of Education & Training

- Primary Schools for the 21st Century

Project Type: Education Facilities

Cost: \$37M

Status: Construction

Location: Mid West

Details: Construction of new large scale infrastructure such as libraries, classrooms or multipurpose block in 33 Mid West schools funded by the Federal Government's 'Building the Education Revolution' program.

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Completion: Some projects complete (remainder in 2011)

www.det.wa.gov.au

Consortium of nine schools in partnership with Durack Institute of Technology

- Geraldton Regional Trade Training Centre

Project Type: Education Facilities

Cost: \$8.8M

Status: Committed

Location: Geraldton

Details: The Trade Training Centre allows students to begin their pathway into trade level qualifications whilst still at school in the areas of Electro-technology, Metals Engineering and Laboratory Techniques. Expected to go to tender in April 2011.

Construction Start: Q3 2011

Construction Completion: Q3 2012

www.det.wa.gov.au

Department of Education & Training - Dongara District High School Upgrade

Project Type: Education Facilities

Cost: \$30M

Status: Construction

Location: Dongara

Details: Staged upgrade of primary, secondary and specialist facilities. Stage 1 complete. Tender process for stage 2 and 3 complete.

Construction Start: Q1 2011 (Stage 2-3)

Construction Completion: Buildings Q4 2011. Refurbishments and landscaping 2012.

www.det.wa.gov.au

Department of Education & Training - Geraldton Senior College Upgrade Stage 2

Project Type: Education Facilities

Cost: \$5M

Status: Committed

Location: Geraldton

Details: Improvements to science and visual arts facilities. Visual arts stages and landscaping have been completed.

Construction Start: 2011

Construction Completion: Q2 2011 for remaining visual arts facilities. Science facilities 2011/12 (dependent on existing teaching program).

www.det.wa.gov.au

Department of Education & Training - Mid West School of the Air

Project Type: Education Facilities

Cost: \$3.7M

Status: Construction

Location: Geraldton

Details: A new facility for the Mid West School of the Air is being built on the Geraldton Camp School site and will include information technology and communications rooms, library staff room and conference room, multipurpose classroom, studios, work and administrative areas.

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Completion: Q1 2011

www.det.wa.gov.au

Durack Institute of Technology - Wiluna Training Centre

Project Type: Education Facilities

Cost: \$3M

Status: Complete

Location: Wiluna

Details: A vocational training facility built to services the needs of Wiluna and Mid West Industry, including art delivery area, trades training workshop, information technology/general purpose classroom, administration area and elevated covered deck areas that will allow for outdoor delivery and meeting spaces.

Construction Start: Commenced 2009

Construction Completion: Completed Q1 2010

www.durack.edu.au

Land Development

Department of Housing

- Beachlands Development, Crowther St and Eliot St

Project Type: Land Development

Cost: \$8.3M

Status: Construction

Location: Geraldton

Details: Subdivision works and sewer upgrade to create two new housing precincts in the suburb of Beachlands (Crowther St (Stage 1) and Eliot St (Stage 2)) providing a mix of affordable housing lots including grouped housing lots and public open space. Lots in Crowther St (Stage 1) were due to be released in Q1 2011 (pending investigation due to some asbestos material being found on site).

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Completion: 2012 (Eliot St - Stage 2)

www.housing.wa.gov.au

Department of Housing

- Lot 2654 Fitzgerald Street, Beachlands

Project Type: Land Development

Cost: \$6.4M

Status: Construction

Location: Geraldton

Details: Construction of 33 x 2 bedroom seniors' units as part of the Commonwealth Government Stimulus 2 Capital Works Housing Program.

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Completion: Q1 2011

www.housing.wa.gov.au

LandCorp / PRM - Bluff Point Project

Project Type: Land Development

Cost: Not stated

Status: Planned

Location: Geraldton

Details: Subdivision of 8.4ha site spanning Bluff Point and Beresford to deliver around 86 single lots and two grouped housing sites for a total of 100 new homes.

Construction Start: Q1 2012

Construction Completion: Q3 2012

www.landcorp.com.au

Local Government Facilities

City of Geraldton-Greenough - Regional Library & Administration Centre Redevelopment

Project Type: Local Government Facilities

Cost: \$3.8M

Status: Complete

Location: Geraldton

Details: The amalgamation of the City of Geraldton and Shire of Greenough resulted in the need to locate administration, library and council chambers at one site. The first stage of this redevelopment involves the relocation of the Library to a new CBD location that runs between Marine Terrace and Chapman Road. The new Library was opened on 29 November 2010.

This project has received funding from **Royalties for Regions**.

Construction Start: Commenced 2009

Construction Completion: Completed Q4 2010

www.cgg.wa.gov.au

City of Geraldton-Greenough

- Regional & Services Works Depot Relocation

Project Type: Local Government Facilities

Cost: \$8M

Status: Planned

Location: Geraldton

Details: The amalgamation of the City of Geraldton and the Shire of Greenough resulted in the need to upgrade and relocate the City's Works Depot. The facility will be constructed over the next three years at a new site at the Regional Airport Technology Park.

Construction Start: Q1 2012

Construction Completion: 2014

www.cgg.wa.gov.au

Murchison Regional Vermin Council

- Dog Proofing of Number 1 Vermin Fence

Project Type: Local Government Facilities

Cost: \$3M

Status: Committed - Business case being finalised to secure funding

Location: Paynes Find - Meekatharra - Yalgoo

Details: A collaboration between the Murchison Regional Vermin Council (which includes the Shires of Meekatharra, Cue, Yalgoo, Sandstone and Mount Magnet) and the Shire of Wiluna, to upgrade the existing vermin fence to a dog proof standard. Includes additional fencing to the north from the current fence to a new fence along the proposed Oakajee rail line, creating a cell to prevent the encroachment of wild dogs in the southern rangelands.

Construction Start: Q2 2011

Construction Completion: 2012

www.mtmagnet.wa.gov.au/default.asp?documentid=78

Research

International Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Radio Telescope

Project Type: Research Facilities

Cost: \$2.5B

Status: Planned

Location: Murchison

Details: The international SKA project involves 19 countries working together to build a telescope with a radio wave collecting area of one square kilometre and discovery potential 10,000 times greater than existing facilities. The Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory is one of two international sites (along with one in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa) short listed for the construction of this telescope. The preferred site is expected to be announced in 2012.

Construction Start: 2016

Construction Completion: 2023

www.ska.gov.au

CSIRO - Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP)

Project Type: Research Facilities

Cost: \$75M

Status: Construction

Location: Murchison

Details: The ASKAP Project will be located on the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory site in the Shire of Murchison and will comprise of 36 antennas 12m in diameter. This will be a world-class telescope in its own right, as well as being the demonstration project for the Australia / New Zealand bid for the international SKA project. Six antennas were on site as at January 2011.

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Completion: 2012

www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/

CSIRO - Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO)

Project Type: Research Facilities

Cost: \$12.2M

Status: Construction

Location: Murchison

Details: The establishment of the MRO facility in the Shire of Murchison is a collaboration between CSIRO and the State Government. The site has been classified as a permanent radio-quiet zone and will be supported by the MRO Support Facility (MSF) based at the Geraldton Universities Centre. It is the site for Australia's bid for the international Square Kilometre Array Radio Telescope.

(NB This project is part of a \$29M project that includes the MRO - Geraldton Fibre link (\$12.3M) and Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory Support Facility (\$4.5M) mentioned separately in this Major Projects Summary).

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Completion: Q3 2011

www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/site.html



CSIRO - Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory Support Facility (MSF)

Project Type: Research Facilities

Cost: \$4.5M

Status: Planned

Location: Geraldton

Details: Located at the Geraldton Universities Centre, this support facility for the MRO will contain a telescope control room, computer room, monitoring and processing equipment, electrical and mechanical workshops, office and meeting space and amenities. The building will also include an education / outreach centre.

Construction Start: Q2 2011

Construction Completion: Q1 2012

www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/site.html

MIT Haystack Observatory - Murchison Widefield Array (MWA)

Project Type: Research Facilities

Cost: \$30M

Status: Construction

Location: Murchison

Details: The MWA is an international initiative involving institutions in the United States, Australia and India. The Murchison Widefield Array (MWA) is a new type of radio telescope that has no moving parts and is dependent on high performance computing to create real time widefield images of the radio sky. Once completed it will observe and discover low frequency radio phenomena that have never been seen before. The MWA prototype is already being constructed (around 6% of the size of the full array, consisting of 32 tiles) with initial results already available. Construction of the full array (with 512 tiles each comprising 16 dipole antennas) is planned for mid 2012.

Construction Start: Q2-3 2012

Construction Completion: 2013

www.mwatelescope.org

Sport and Recreation

City of Geraldton-Greenough - Geraldton Foreshore Redevelopment & CBD Revitalisation

Project Type: Sport and Recreation

Cost: \$30M+

Status: Practical completion

Location: Geraldton

Details: The Geraldton Foreshore Redevelopment and CBD Revitalisation project has reached practical completion. It provides significant new recreational facilities and public open space areas including play grounds, exercise equipment, BBQ facilities, a rest centre and public art. Works involved extension of Foreshore Drive between Durlacher and Forrest Streets.

Construction Start: 2005

Construction Completion: 2011

www.cgg.wa.gov.au

City of Geraldton-Greenough - Health, Wellness & Fitness Facility

Project Type: Sport and Recreation

Cost: \$5M

Status: Planned - pending finance

Location: Geraldton

Details: The development of a wellness / fitness facility to complement existing aquatic facilities has been identified as a priority for the city.

Construction Start: Not stated

Construction Completion: Not stated

www.cgg.wa.gov.au

City of Geraldton-Greenough - Eadon-Clarke Sporting Reserve (Stage 1)

Project Type: Sport and Recreation

Cost: \$3.4M

Status: Construction

Location: Geraldton

Details: Redevelopment of existing Eadon-Clarke Sporting Reserve to provide improved multi purpose grassed ovals with lighting and amenities for several outdoor sports. Project involves significant water infrastructure upgrades, with clubrooms proposed for a future stage.

This project has received funding from **Royalties for Regions**.

Construction Start: Q1 2011

Construction Completion: Q1 2012

www.cgg.wa.gov.au

Shire of Morawa

- Morawa Sports Ground Redevelopment

Project Type: Sport and Recreation

Cost: \$3M

Status: Planned

Location: Morawa

Details: Redevelopment of clubrooms at the Morawa Sports Ground, including function area, change rooms, kitchen and spectator viewing area.

Construction Start: 2012

Construction Completion: 2013

www.morawa.wa.gov.au

Shire of Northampton

- Northampton Community Centre

Project Type: Sport and Recreation

Cost: \$2.5M

Status: Committed - securing funding

Location: Northampton

Details: Upgrade of existing club facilities at the Northampton Community Centre including function area, change rooms, gymnasium, spectator viewing area and improved access.

This project has received funding from **Royalties for Regions**.

Construction Start: Q1 2011

Construction Completion: Q4 2011

www.northampton.wa.gov.au

Non Government Projects

PROJECT STATUS

Planning and Approvals

The project has progressed significantly from the conceptual stage but it is not committed to proceed

Construction Complete

The project is under construction

The project has reached practical completion

Arcadia Group - Arcadia Waters Port Denison

Project Type: Residential Accommodation

Cost: \$6.5M - Stage 1 (\$2.5M) and Stage 2 (\$4M) combined

Status: Construction

Location: Port Denison

Details: A 52 villa resort style retirement village for over 55s. Stage 1 (9 villas) is complete (launch March 2011). Pending sales of stage 1, stage 2 will start almost immediately, comprising an additional 9-10 villas and recreation facilities etc.

Construction Start: Commenced 2009

Construction Completion: Q1 2011(Stage 1) / Stage 2 dependent on sales

www.arcadiawaters.com.au

Batavia Coast Marina Pty Ltd

- South Shore Residential Apartments

Project Type: Accommodation

Cost: \$33M

Status: Planning and Approvals

Location: Geraldton

Details: A five level waterfront development at the Batavia Coast Marina, comprising 25 residential apartments.

Construction Start: Q1 2011

Construction Completion: Q3 2012

www.bataviamarina.com.au

Aria Land Developments - The Moorings

Project Type: Mixed Use Development

Cost: \$23M

Status: Complete

Location: Geraldton

Details: Four level development including 16 luxury residences and 3 ground floor commercial suites.

Construction Start: Q1 2009

Construction Completion: Q3 2010

www.themooringsgeraldton.com.au/index2.html

Geraldton Lotteries House Board of Management - Lotteries House

Project Type: Office Accommodation

Cost: \$7M

Status: Construction

Location: Geraldton

Details: The new Lotteries House will provide office accommodation for 11 non-government community services organisations (approx 100 staff), including the Geraldton Resource Centre, Silver Chain, Midwest Family Support Association and Association for the Blind.

Construction Start: Commenced 2009

Construction Completion: Q1 2011

Batavia Coast Marina Pty Ltd - Commercial / Retail / North Shore Apartments

Project Type: Mixed Use Development

Cost: \$24M

Status: Planning and Approvals

Location: Geraldton

Details: A waterfront development at the Batavia Coast Marina including corporate and traveller accommodation and 424m² of boardwalk retail and commercial space.

Construction Start: Q1 2011

Construction Completion: Q3 2012

www.bataviamarina.com.au

Humfrey Land Developments

- Lot 601 Marine Terrace

Project Type: Mixed Use Development

Cost: \$100M

Status: Planning and Approvals - Designs underway

Location: Geraldton

Details: Construction of an eight storey mixed use centre to include retail, commercial and residential components.

Construction Start: Not stated (at design stage)

Construction Completion: Not stated

www.hld.com.au

Humfrey Land Developments

- Seacrest Estate (Stages 15-17)

Project Type: Residential Land Development

Cost: Not stated

Status: Construction

Location: Geraldton

Details: 1,260 lots with space allocated for a public primary school and private school, retirement village, public open space and a retail area. Stages 15, 16 and 17 (312 lots in total) will be completed by 2012. Stages 2,3,4 and 5 (174 lots in total) will be completed in 2014.

Construction Start: Staged development commenced in 2000

Construction Completion: 2014 (current stages)

www.hld.com.au

Humfrey Land Developments

- Seacrest Shopping Centre

Project Type: Commercial Development

Cost: \$12M

Status: Planning and Approvals

Location: Geraldton

Details: Retail development in Wandina.

Construction Start: Q2 2011

Construction Completion: Q1 2012

www.hld.com.au

Kareelya Property Group

- Foreshore Business Centre

Project Type: Office Accommodation

Cost: \$9.1M

Status: Construction

Location: Geraldton

Details: Three storey energy efficient business complex on Foreshore Drive (Batavia Coast Marina).

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Completion: Q1-2 2011

www.bataviamarina.com.au/foreshore-business-centre

Thungarra Aged Care Facility - Global Care Group

Project Type: Aged Care Facility

Cost: \$35M

Status: Planning and Approvals

Location: Dongara

Details: 26 bed aged care facility adjacent to the existing medical centre.

Construction Start: Not stated

Construction Completion: Not stated

www.globalcareinc.com.au/thungarra-mews

Uniting Church Homes

- Hillcrest Aged Care Facility

Project Type: Aged Care Facility

Cost: \$11M

Status: Complete

Location: Geraldton

Details: Redevelopment and extension of an existing building to include a secure 20 bed dementia facility. Officially opened in November 2010.

Construction Start: Commenced 2010

Construction Completion: Completed Q4 2010

www.uchwa.com





MID WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING THE CHALLENGE

As the Mid West prepares for several new mining, resources and infrastructure projects, the Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) continues to advocate for integrated regional planning and social and economic investment that captures maximum opportunity for the region.

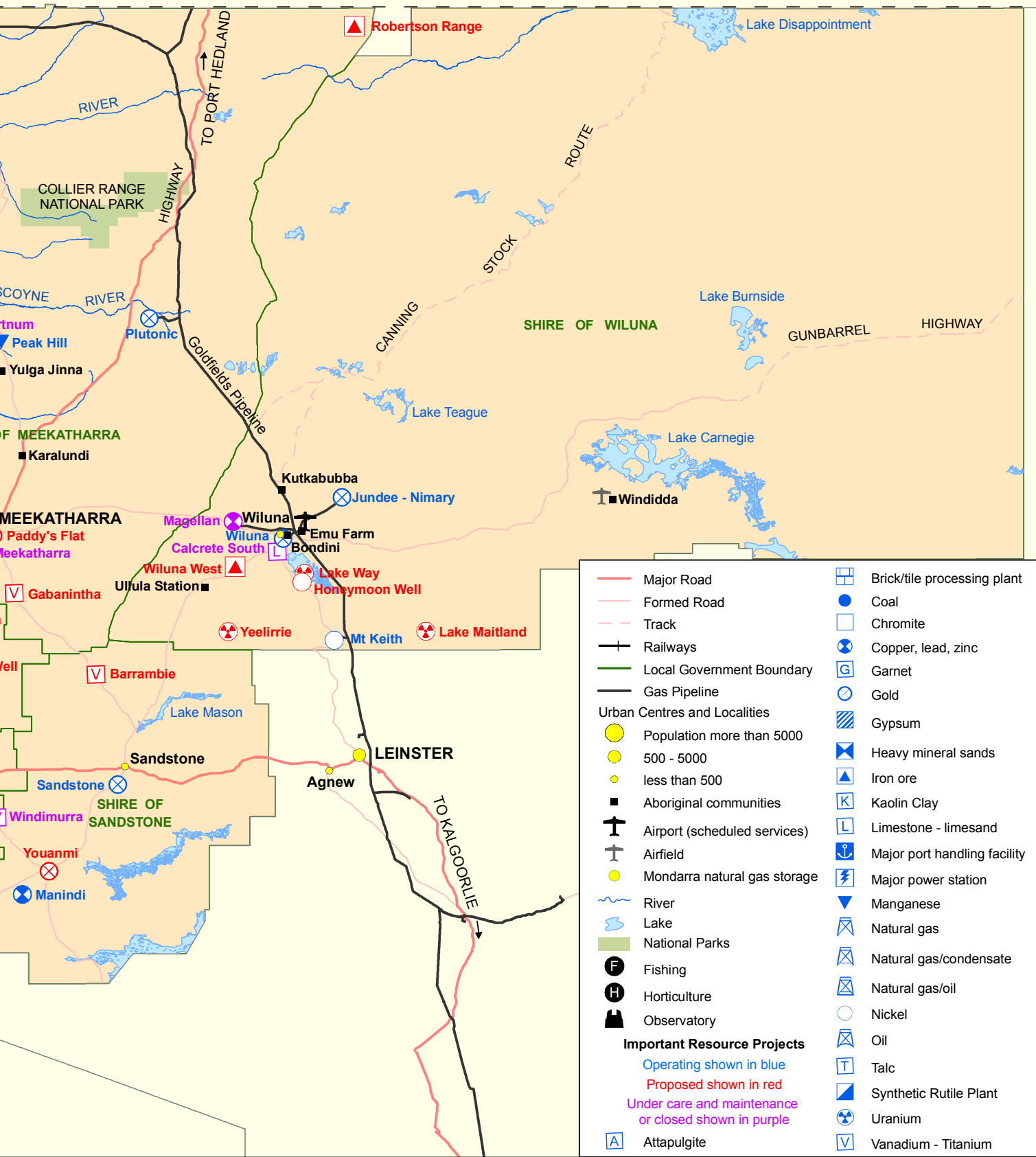
MWDC remains committed to planning for the Mid West based on different growth scenarios. This will ensure a proactive community and business responses to major projects including the proposed development of Oakajee and its associated infrastructure and mining operations, as well as various radio-astronomy projects including the ASKAP and SKA. Key planning initiatives being undertaken include:

- 1. The Mid West Regional Plan (MWRP)** - led by the Western Australian Planning Commission, the Plan is being developed by the Mid West Regional Planning Committee (MWDC is a member). The MWRP will focus on establishing a strategic regional planning framework with an emphasis on land use planning in the Mid West. It will strongly support planning and coordination across government.
- 2. The Mid West Investment Plan (MWIP)** - managed and led by MWDC with support from the Department of Regional Development and Lands (RDL), the MWIP will outline specific, priority infrastructure projects and be used in consultation with the Mid West Region Plan to drive essential public and private investment into the Mid West. Apart from meeting the existing needs of communities, the MWIP will also enable an appropriate, pro-active response to the community infrastructure needs arising from the development of Oakajee and other major Mid West projects. Both the MWIP and the MWRP are being developed on a subregional basis.
- 3. The Country Local Government Fund (CLGF)** - The Commission continues to work with local governments to identify and progress infrastructure priorities that could be funded from the Royalties for Regions CLFG. Information gathered will also feed into the MWIP and MWRP.

Underpinning this essential planning is the development of a robust and credible population, demographic and economic growth projection model, which can take into account various regional growth scenarios. The Commission has enabled this work through a Royalties for Regions Regional Grants Scheme allocation of \$90,000 to the City of Geraldton-Greenough.

The Regional Development Council (RDC) is the State's peak advisory body on regional development matters and comprising the Chairs of the State's nine regional development commissions, WA Local Government Association and RDL. The RDC considers a number of major project submissions, which have a state-wide significance.

MWDC continues to support the development of an integrated infrastructure corridor connecting Oakajee with Esperance via Kalgoorlie, providing standard gauge rail connection between Oakajee, Esperance Perth/Kwinana and the Eastern States. MWDC also recognises the importance of the Meekatharra to Wiluna Highway and is looking to work with proponents to achieve a suitable outcome.



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	Track		Chromite
	Railways		Copper, lead, zinc
	Local Government Boundary		Garnet
	Gas Pipeline		Gold
Urban Centres and Localities			Gypsum
	Population more than 5000		Heavy mineral sands
	500 - 5000		Iron ore
	less than 500		Kaolin Clay
	Aboriginal communities		Limestone - limesand
	Airport (scheduled services)		Major port handling facility
	Airfield		Major power station
	Mondarra natural gas storage		Manganese
	River		Natural gas
	Lake		Natural gas/condensate
	National Parks		Natural gas/oil
	Fishing		Nickel
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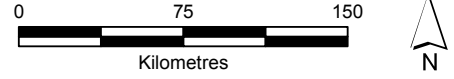
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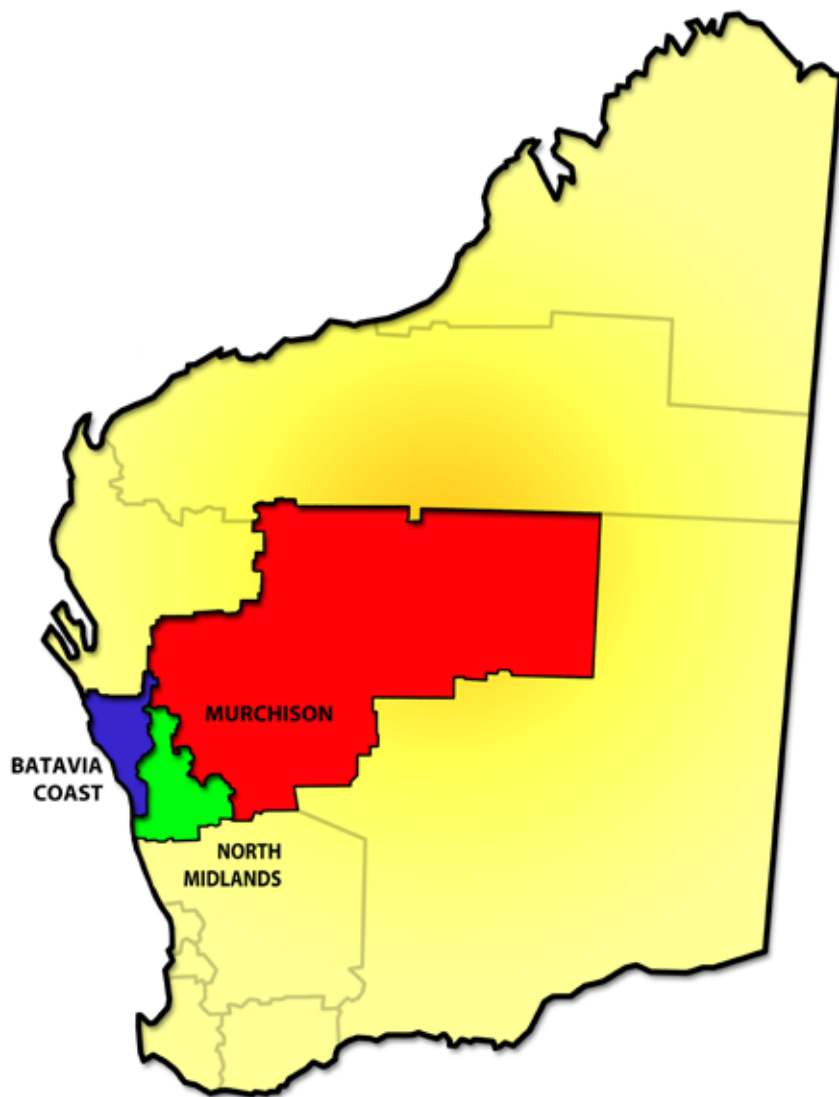
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The Mid West . . .



The Mid West covers around 470,000 square kilometres (including offshore islands) or nearly one-fifth of the area of Western Australia. The region extends along the west coast from Greenhead to Kalbarri and more than 800km east into the mineral rich hinterland. The current population is around 55,000.

Mining has long been a major contributor to the Mid West's economy, with significant current interest in the region's ample mineral resources (particularly iron ore). While the resources sector is significant, the region's economy also has valuable agriculture, fishing and tourism industries. Diversification and value adding across all sectors, combined with a strengthening of the region's strategic infrastructure and further development of its tourism potential, will ensure the Mid West's continued growth.

The region consists of 18 local government authorities, loosely categorised into three subregions as depicted on the adjacent map.

- The Batavia Coast (blue) includes the City of Geraldton-Greenough and the Shires of Chapman Valley, Irwin and Northampton; comprising 84% of the Mid West population.
- The North Midlands (green) includes the Shires of Carnamah, Coorow, Mingenew, Morawa, Mullewa, Perenjori and Three Springs.
- The Murchison (red) includes the Shires of Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Sandstone, Wiluna and Yalgoo.

The amalgamated City of Geraldton-Greenough is the region's major commercial, administrative and service centre with an estimated population of 37,895 (ABS, June 2010).

The region's estimated Gross Regional Product was around \$4.5 billion for the year 2009-10, representing around 2.4% of the State Gross Product.

THE MID WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Building the Mid West by:

- Facilitating investment
- Promoting infrastructure development
- Facilitating opportunities for local business
- Developing export opportunities
- Improving the level of, and access to, government services
- Providing information and advice
- Supporting community development
- Promoting Aboriginal economic development
- Encouraging natural resource management
- Developing SMART industry and infrastructure



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