

Joint Media Release

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Roy Hill and WesTrac Partner to Support WA Student Learning

- **Roy Hill's ROC-Ed Learning Centre welcomes a new Cat® Simulator to the program, donated by leading Australian Caterpillar dealer, WesTrac.**
- **The Cat Simulator replicates wheel loader applications so students can experience what it's really like to drive in a mine environment**

Today Roy Hill CEO Barry Fitzgerald and WesTrac CEO Jarvas Croome announced the arrival of a new CAT Simulator to Roy Hill's ROC-Ed Learning Centre in front of students from Kent Street Senior High School, with special guest WA Chief Scientist Professor Peter Klinken AC also in attendance.

WesTrac's donation of the Cat Simulator to Roy Hill's ROC-Ed program enables students to immerse themselves in the experience of operating a large Cat wheel loader, just as it would on site at the Roy Hill mine.

Roy Hill's ROC-Ed Learning Centre has been running since 2017 and is designed to support classroom teaching and learning in maths, science, geography and business studies for year 8 and 9 students. The half-day program aligns with the Australian Curriculum and provides an opportunity for students to experience first-hand, a busy mining operation centre and corporate headquarters in action.

WesTrac CEO Jarvas Croome said "Our Cat Simulator aligns perfectly with the objectives of Roy Hill's ROC-Ed program, enabling students to experience what it's like to drive the 994H, one of our largest wheel loaders. Through this experience, students can explore how their studies relate to real-time operations on a mine site. It's programs such as this that will stimulate enthusiasm amongst the next generation to pursue a career in mining, which is something WesTrac is proud to support."

Roy Hill CEO Barry Fitzgerald added "We thank our partner WesTrac for donating their fantastic Cat Simulator to Roy Hill's ROC-Ed Learning Centre – this is an expensive piece of equipment that enables us to immerse students visiting the Centre in a life-like mine experience. As a knowledge-based organisation, we are constantly leveraging technology to consider new and better ways of doing things –and the Cat Simulator is a perfect example of how we support our staff to learn new skills in a safe environment."

The Cat Simulator joins a refreshed suite of activities for students as part of the ROC-Ed program including practical tasks, online activities and interactive experiences.

For further information or to book a visit to the ROC-Ed Learning Centre, contact roc.ed@royhill.com.au.

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About Roy Hill

[Roy Hill](#) is a world-class iron ore operation and the largest single ore mine in Australia.

Situated 344km south east of Port Hedland in Western Australia's mineral rich Pilbara region, Roy Hill is an independent iron ore operation with local majority ownership and chaired by Mrs Gina Rinehart.

With integrated mine, rail and port facilities producing 55Mtpa – Roy Hill is one of the world's major resource-based operations, which will deliver enormous benefits to the broader community for many years to come.

Roy Hill's first shipment of iron ore departed from Port Hedland on 10 December 2015 and has since loaded multiple shipments to its key markets in Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan. Roy Hill achieved many firsts, including the largest mainland resource debt funding in the world, from 19 of the world's largest banks, and five Export Credit Agencies.

Roy Hill operates some of the largest equipment in the world and in addition to having the fastest ramp up to 55Mtpa in the Pilbara, has maintained a focus on safety excellence.

In December 2015, Mrs Rinehart was recognised as "Miner of the Decade" by the Sydney Mining Club. She has also been awarded "Chairman of the Year" by CEO Magazine.

Roy Hill has been presented with a range of accolades, including:

- 2018 WA Training Awards WA Employer of the Year
- 2018 Prospect Award for Community Interaction
- 2018 L&MH Mercury Awards Transport Solution of the Year: Rail
- 2017 Platts Global Metals Awards Rising Star Company Award
- 2016 Australian Mining Prospect Awards Excellence in Environmental Management Award
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence in Engineering Distinction
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence in Resource Development
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence in Project Management
- 2016 Project Management Institute Project of the Year
- 2016 Railway Technical Society of Australasia Railway Project Award
- 2015 Mines & Money Asian Corporate Development Award
- 2015 IJ Global Asia-Pacific Project Mining & Metals Deal of the Year
- 2015 IJ Global Asia Pacific Deal of the Year
- 2014 FinanceAsia Magazine Project Finance Deal of the Year Award
- 2014 Finance International Magazine Asia Pacific Deal of the Year
- 2012 Diggers and Dealers Deal of the Year Award

About WesTrac

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WesTrac's wide array of machinery and construction equipment and its whole-of-life management solutions make owning and operating equipment as easy, profitable and safe as possible.