



Joint Media Release

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## TAFE to Up-Skill WA Miners

- Roy Hill and North Metropolitan TAFE are working together to meet mining skill demands by providing apprenticeships and traineeships to Roy Hill employees.
- More than 150 Roy Hill employees will be offered traineeships in Surface Extraction Operations and Resource Processing to prepare them for job roles including mobile plant operators, mineral processing operators and port operators.
- 32-year old employee Jana Buvari is learning to maintain the communication systems on Roy Hill's railway as part of her Electronics and Communications apprenticeship with North Metropolitan TAFE ([see video](#)).

Roy Hill, winners of the WA Training Awards Large Employer of the Year, continues to find ways to deliver quality training for its staff by partnering with North Metropolitan TAFE to deliver targeted apprenticeships and traineeships specific to the mining industry.

A Roy Hill spokesperson said, "North Metro TAFE understands our training needs, and thinks innovatively to provide flexible training delivery solutions, tailored for our organisation. The ability to provide meaningful training opportunities to staff on FIFO rosters is especially critical in the mining industry."

North Metropolitan TAFE has worked closely with the Roy Hill Training team to design training and development programs to meet the needs of both the business and employees alike. Many of the traineeship participants are receiving training opportunities for the first time in their working careers.

The Roy Hill spokesperson continued, "We appreciate the way North Metro TAFE has built leadership and innovation development programs into our traineeships - key skills required for the future of mining".

North Metro TAFE's Managing Director, Michelle Hoad said: "The mining industry has voiced concern about a widening skills gap and the need to up-skill and re-train their workforce.

"North Metro TAFE values the commitment that Roy Hill makes to developing a capable workforce and we look forward to using our expertise in innovative training delivery to assist them to develop highly skilled employees."

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See how Roy Hill employee Jana Buvari is using her North Metropolitan TAFE apprenticeship to take the next step in her career – [watch video here](#).

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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 DMIRS Safety and Health Resources Sector Engineering Award
- 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 North Metropolitan TAFE (NMTAFE)**

[North Metropolitan TAFE \(NMTAFE\)](#) is WA's oldest and largest provider of vocational education and training and was named WA Large Training Provider of the Year at the 2018 WA Training Awards.

NMTAFE provides dynamic customised training locally, nationally and internationally to meet the demands of industry, enterprise, schools, individuals and the community.

NMTAFE spans across 10 campuses in the north metropolitan region of Perth and trains more than 30,000 students annually.