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Eneabba is already home to one of the State's most spectacular wildflower displays, and now it will also house an eye-catching new wildflower mural painted by renowned local artist, Helen Ansell.

The artwork, entitled *Black Green Kangaroo Paw,* will be a vibrant new edition to the town.

Growing up in the remote Aboriginal community of Ululla, Helen shares a special connection to the Indigenous and regional community of central WA, and the region's wild desert landscape is vividly reflected in her artwork.

"The Black Kangaroo Paw stands out in any landscape," Helen said. "This particular flower thrives in the sandy soil around Eneabba, so it was a natural choice for this piece."

The colourful new artwork will now become the town's new emblem. The piece was commissioned by the Eneabba Progress Association and students from Eneabba Primary School each painted a small flower, leaving their mark on the artwork – and indeed the town – for years to come.

Iluka was pleased to be able to provide accommodation to Helen while the artwork came to life.



The **Cataby** Solar Power Station (SPS) has cleared another project milestone with initial site clearing, earthworks and access road construction completed in early April.

Principal Electrical Engineer Graham Jackson said the facility was aiming for completion and testing, commissioning and energisation by Q1 2025.

"The SPS has been designed to supply the complete lluka Cataby mine site load during the peak of the day," Graham said. "The SPS is expected to contribute an estimated 30 per cent of the annual energy usage of the site and the facility's output is the equivalent to more than 2,000 residential systems."

It is also estimated that the solar farm will deliver significant emissions savings annually at Cataby.



Power station contractor, PWR Hybrid, is building the ~\$19 million solar farm and has mobilised construction facilities and commenced the SPS installation works.

More than 2,000 panel support piles have been installed, enabling the installation of the supporting torque tubes.

The delivery of solar panels is underway with more than 16,000 panels to be installed over the next couple of months.

Հస్ట్రి Educating the miners of the future

The **Cataby** team were out in force in May to inspire the next generation of miners.

Iluka team members from Cataby hosted an incursion at Dandaragan Primary School to showcase the importance of mineral sands in everyday life and to ignite a love of STEM subjects within young pupils.

Delivering incursions at primary schools is one of the ways that lluka helps to encourage more young people to consider a mining career in the future.

These bright young sparks will all be choosing their career pathways in less than 10 years' time.

In **Geraldton**, a career in mining might look a little different than what you imagined – that was the theme at recent Careers Expos at Champion Bay Senior High School and Nagle Catholic College in May.

lluka team members took part in the two-day Expo to demonstrate what kinds of careers are on offer at lluka Resources.



At Champion Bay, aspiring engineers and geologists were treated to a spiral display that demonstrated a method of separation (gravity) that we use within the plant at **Narngulu**.

Future chemists and environmental specialists at Nagle learned about separation using a digital microscope that showed the heavy mineral concentrate prior to being separated, and also the main minerals after they have been separated (zircon, ilmenite and rutile).

If the future of mining is in the hands of these students, the industry looks bright.





Iluka is delighted to once again be taking part in this year's McIntosh & Son Mingenew Midwest Expo.

The Expo is the region's largest agricultural field day and draws thousands of visitors across the two-day event.

The Expo has had a shake-up in 2024. Visitors can still expect to see the very best in agricultural excellence, networking opportunities, and good old-fashioned family fun, but this year's event will take part over Thursday and Friday to improve accessibility for families, primary producers and ag-enthusiasts.

The lluka team will be hanging out in the Home and Living Pavilion and we would love you to stop by to learn about what we're up to in the region and the exciting developments ahead.

The Mingenew Midwest Expo will be held at 54 Midlands Rd, Mingenew, on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 August. More information can be found at <u>www.mmwe.com.au</u>.

ર્ર્ટ્ડેપે lluka Lends a Hand

We are delighted to launch our new social investment program, Iluka Lends a Hand.

Through this program, local community organisations and individuals will be able to apply for funding towards projects, events and initiatives that support the local community around Iluka's project areas and operational sites.

lluka Lends a Hand invites applications for funding twice a year, in April and October.

Our inaugural April funding round was well received, with 24 applications received from across Mid-West over the month.



We are delighted to have been able to support 13 community organisations and events in our April funding round.

If you or someone you know may be interested in applying, please visit the Community Partnerships page on our website where you can find further information, including eligibility criteria and an online application form.

Iluka is committed to supporting and delivering sustainable value to the communities in which we work and live, and we look forward to working with you to help create a positive impact where it matters most.



Iluka was once again proud to support Dandelions WA by funding hundreds of Kindness Kits to help kids in need.

The brand new school backpacks were complete with stationery items, lunch boxes, water bottles, hats and assorted toiletries – all the things students need to start the school year well.

They may seem like simple items, but they make a huge difference to the lives of students who may have otherwise gone without.

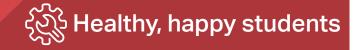
In 2024, Iluka's **Narngulu** site (in Geraldton) provided more than 260 backpacks to students at Waggrakine Primary School, Rangeway Primary School, Chapman Valley Primary School, Champion Bay High School, Geraldton Senior High School and Midwest Engagement Centres.



Narngulu admin team members delivering Kindness Kits

Our Narngulu admin team was very busy making deliveries – they needed three trips to distribute all the kits!

If you would like to find out more about the work Dandelions WA is doing, or to make a donation, head to their website at <u>dandelionswa.org.au</u>.





Some happy and healthy students

Eneabba Primary School students had a healthy helping of fun at this year's Health and Wellbeing Expo in April.

Students took a day off from their usual lessons to participate in a range of activities designed to treat their minds and bodies including cooking workshops, yoga, sound therapy, face-painting, laser tag and more!

lluka team members were also on hand to take part in the days' activities, replacing their usual high-vis attire with aprons to run a facepainting stall. The students were very pleased with the end results.

Well done to all the Eneabba Primary School staff who went above and beyond to make sure the kids had a great day.

న్రస్థి Shore Leave Festival

Iluka was again proud to support Shore Leave festival in 2024 – our fourth year as partner. The Iluka Family Hub was a hive of activity over the course of the weekend, with mermaid-making workshops, sandy shore buckets and loose parts play popular choices – families were kept entertained all weekend.

We also took part in the Beach Price Markets, where lluka team members engaged with hundreds of visitors showcasing products and processes from our Narngulu processing facility.

The festival highlights the very best in seafood, adventure and food, and visitors come from far and wide to get a taste (quite literally) of what's on offer – including the Western Rock Lobster.



This year's festival was bigger and better than ever, and we can't wait to see what's in store for Shore Leave 2025.

ર્ર્ટ્રેડ્રે Cataby Open Day 2024

The Cataby Open Day 2024, held on Saturday 9 March, attracted around 300 people to the Dandaragan Community Centre to join bus tours to Cataby mine site and experience the many educational and fun activities organised for the day.

Community Relations Adviser Bronwyn Fox and Community Relations Support Brittany Crawford were the driving force behind organising the successful day.

"We simply could not pull off such a huge event in this community without the amazing help from so many Cataby team members," Bronwyn said.

The event, now in its second year, provides a window into mining operations and the work that Iluka does in the local community.

Operations Manager Jason Robertson said it was fantastic to see so many people interested in learning more about Cataby and exploring employment opportunities.





"The Open Day helps our mining operation link with our communities – not only do people attend the event, but many community groups, such as the Dandaragan Football Club, get involved with the day and together we work side by side to host this important event," Jason said.

"As a result, we learn more about the community we operate in, understand their needs and challenges, and community members get to know us and what we are trying to achieve at Cataby," he said.

ર્ર્ટ્ડે Business Before Hours

In April, Iluka was a co-host of the Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Business Before Hours event at Champion Bay Senior High School

Narngulu Operations Manager, Dean Menzel, presented to the business owners and students who were in attendance.



ည္လို Coolangah Park upgrade



Iluka's Cataby Operations has partnered with Tronox and the Shire of Moora to upgrade Coolangah Park.

Stage 1 is well underway and involves planting trees and some general landscaping upgrades. Stage 2 will include the installation of a half-court basketball court and playground with soft fall.

A BBQ to celebrate the successful completion of Stage 1 took place on Tuesday 25 June.



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