HEDLAND ECONOMIC FORUM

EVENT PROGRAM

2026 PHCCI ECONOMIC FORUM

SESSION ONE
8:50am - 10:25am

- 8:00am Registration & Exhibition Open
- 8:50am Forum Commences & Welcome to Country
- PHCCI President Address - Claire Boyce
- PHCCI CEO Address - Scott Ballem
- Town of Port Hedland Mayor - Jacinta Behrend
- Town of Port Hedland CEO - Dale Stewart
- Regional Development Australia - Pilbara - Luke Blackbourn
- Federal Senator Q&A Panel

10:25am - 10:40am - MORNING TEA

SESSION TWO
10:40am - 12:10pm

- BHP Asset President, WAIO - Tim Day
- Local Speaker - Buru Group - Rebecca Todd
- Local Speaker - Pilbara Ecological - Nick Tidmarsh
- Local Speaker - Jatu Clothing & PPE - Yvonne Kelly-Osborne
- Hedland's Big Pitch Presentations
  - Pilbara Projects Specialists - Brett Ellacott
  - Desert Bloom Collective - Teeanna Casperson
  - Saltbush Geo - Danielle Whitely

12:10pm - 1:00pm LUNCH

SESSION THREE
1:00pm - 2:20pm

- Chamber of Minerals & Energy - Jason Mennell & Alyce Cockram
- PLS - Paul Laybourne
- Fortescue - Corey Dennis
- Australian Renewable Energy Hub - Neil Parker
- Rio Tinto - Lily Meneghel
- Rio Tinto WINU - Bernadette Harris
- Horizon Power - Evette Smeathers

2:20pm - 2:40pm NETWORKING BREAK

SESSION FOUR
2:40pm - 3:45pm

- C-Res - Kate Spencer
- Town of Port Hedland, Infrastructure Updates - Lee Furness
- Pilbara Development Commission - Barry Thomas
- Hedland's Big Pitch Winner Announced
- 4:00pm Exhibition Closes
- Sundowner