

A scenic landscape of the Pilbara region in Western Australia, featuring rugged red rock formations, sparse vegetation, and a clear sky. A large, semi-transparent pink circle is overlaid on the right side of the image, framing the text.

2026

Women of the Pilbara Forum

EMPOWERING WOMEN,
ENRICHING THE PILBARA

14-15 October 2026

*Celebrating the incredible contributions of women
in business and leadership roles across the Pilbara*

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Women of the Pilbara Forum

The Women of the Pilbara Forum is back in 2026

Building on the powerful momentum of 2025, the Women of the Pilbara Forum continues to champion the women who are shaping the future of our region.

Held over two days at the Hedland Hotel in Port Hedland, the Forum celebrates the leadership, innovation and contribution of women across industry, business and community. From local entrepreneurs to senior leaders in major organisations, the event showcases the diverse talent driving progress across the Pilbara.

At its heart, the Forum reflects the strength of the Pilbara itself — a region defined by resilience, partnership and opportunity.

It provides a platform to share knowledge, elevate voices and support the continued growth of women as leaders, decision-makers and changemakers within our communities and industries.

Through inspiring keynote speakers, thought-provoking panel discussions and authentic local stories, attendees gain valuable insight, build meaningful connections and contribute to conversations that support a strong, inclusive and sustainable future for the Pilbara.

The Women of the Pilbara Forum plays an important role in strengthening regional leadership and fostering the networks that will shape the next chapter of our region. We look forward to welcoming you in 2026.

2025

Women of the Pilbara Forum

By the numbers:

Facebook &
Instagram Posts

102,210

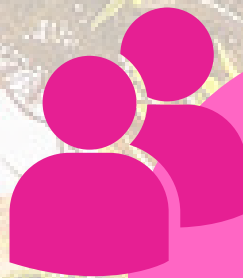
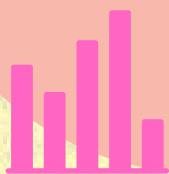
Views

45,151

Reach

319,614

PHCCI Facebook
Views October
2025



460

Attendees over the
2 day forum

6

Keynote Speakers

7

Panel Sessions



36

Guest speakers from
across the Pilbara



2026

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As the Exclusive Event Partner, Rio Tinto plays a pivotal role in supporting the Women of the Pilbara event. With a strong commitment to regional communities and gender diversity, Rio Tinto champions initiatives that empower women, foster leadership, and create meaningful opportunities across the Pilbara. Their partnership reflects a shared vision of celebrating the achievements of women in the region while inspiring the next generation of leaders.

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Who We Are

The Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHCCI) is the driving force behind local business. We operate as an active, independent, not-for-profit organisation, delivering high-calibre services, events and initiatives aimed at growing and enhancing the Port Hedland business community. We connect and empower a network of **over 450 business members**, with **80% being small to medium businesses**. Our mission is to **champion opportunity, foster growth, and advocate for the local business community** with passion and purpose.



Looking Ahead...

The PHCCI are committed to:

- **Maximising opportunity** – Tackling challenges & driving growth
- **Action-based advocacy** – Standing up for businesses with accountability & sustainability
- **Building a 'Local First' culture** – Strengthening our economy through collaboration

Together, we are addressing the issues, connecting businesses and facilitating growth in the Pilbara.



Jessica Finch
Finmec

“The Women of the Pilbara Forum was an incredible opportunity to connect with leaders committed to strengthening diversity and leadership in our region. I was honoured to share my perspective on the challenges and opportunities for women in business. I left feeling energised and empowered.”

Casey Simpson
Creative Collective Co

“The 2025 Women of the Pilbara Forum was an inspiring platform for connection and conversation. Participating in a panel alongside such accomplished women reinforced the value of sharing experiences, supporting one another and championing opportunities for women in our region.”

Tamara Bin Amat
Impact Digi

“It was a privilege to speak at the inaugural Women of the Pilbara Forum in 2025 on building a successful business in our region. As a business Director, I appreciated the opportunity to share Impact Digi’s journey and to learn from others who are driving progress across the Pilbara. Well done to the PHCCI for delivering a focused, professional forum that truly reflects the strength of women in our community. I look forward to supporting future events that continue to elevate regional voices and local business growth.”

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Online Forum Agenda

*sessions for day one
14 October*

9:00AM – Forum Opens

9:15AM – PHCCI Opening Address

9:30AM – Rio Tinto: Leading the Pilbara Forward

Delivered by a senior leader from Rio Tinto, this keynote will open the day with insights from one of the resources sector's most respected voices. Drawing on extensive leadership experience, they will share insights on the future of the region, the resources industry, and the vital role women play in shaping both.

10:00AM – Panel Discussion - Women Who Hold the Line: Leadership & Resilience in the Pilbara

Led by four leaders from the Pilbara's largest resource companies, this panel dives into how women tackle high-pressure challenges, make tough calls, and harness grit to lead with impact and resilience.

10:45AM – Morning Tea

11:45AM – Keynote - The Moments that Make or Break a Career

Every career has defining moments – decisions, risks and turning points that shape your path. This keynote will share candid insights from their journey, highlighting pivotal choices and challenges that have shaped their leadership.

12:15PM – Panel Discussion - Beyond Mining: Building Communities People Choose to Stay In

Mining drives the economy – but people drive the community. Shire and council leaders discuss what it takes to create Pilbara communities people choose to call home.

1:00PM – Lunch

2:15PM – Panel Discussion - Men in leadership: support, accountability and what we've learned

This panel brings together senior male leaders from across the Pilbara's mining and local government sectors to reflect on their role in shaping more inclusive workplaces for women. Through honest conversation, this discussion will unpack leadership blind spots, lessons learned through experience, and the actions required to move beyond intention and into meaningful, lasting change.

3:00PM – Keynote - Community-Centric Business: Lessons Learnt While Scaling

Delivered from the owner of a successful small business, this keynote will explore why people matter more than transactions and how building trust and engagement has driven their long-term success in the Pilbara.

3:25PM – Panel Discussion - What Am I Doing Here? Lost in the Pilbara

Hear candid, funny and inspiring stories from a panel of women who never planned to settle in the Pilbara...until they did. This panel will explore work, community, and the adaptation required to find success in one of the most remote corners of Australia.

4:00PM – Forum Closes

Please note, the agenda is subject to change based on availability.



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Sundowner Networking Event

From 5:30PM on the Hotel Terrace

Celebrate the end of day one on the hotel terrace with drinks, canapes and a fashion show from Kirrikin.

Born from the visionary talent of Amanda Healy, Kirrikin is where luxury clothing meets contemporary Indigenous Australian Art. Kirrikin has become synonymous with excellence in the fashion world, driven by Amanda's commitment to quality and cultural authenticity.

Get ready to be mesmerised as the runway comes to life with Kirrikin's beautifully curated collection, featuring artworks elegantly displayed on handcrafted, sustainable fabrics.

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Two Agenda Forum

*sessions for day two
15 October*

9:00AM – Forum opening by Rio Tinto

9:25AM – Keynote - Building Resilient Communities Across Gigantic Distances

Tackling the challenges of remote living head-on, this keynote explores how to strengthen community cohesion, boost local services, and support wellbeing in uncertain times. Practical, no-nonsense strategies for building resilience and keeping regional communities thriving against the odds.

9:50AM – Morning Tea

10:50AM – Panel Discussion - Invisible Leadership: Women that are Shaping our Communities in Volunteer Roles

Behind every thriving community are volunteers who give their time, energy and expertise while already balancing careers and family commitments. Their leadership may be quiet, but their impact is undeniable.

11:35AM – Keynote - Education as Your Launchpad: Turning Learning into Tangible Career Outcomes in Regional Contexts

Turning learning into action. This keynote will discuss leveraging skills, how local education and training can open doors, and how women can equip themselves with the right skills in the Pilbara.

12:00PM – Panel Discussion - Making the Pilbara Home: Women Leading Regional Engagement

Events strengthen community identity, connection, and pride. This panel discussion will provide insights into driving projects that create lasting impact in remote communities.

12:45PM – Lunch

1:45PM – Keynote - Wellness Without Overwhelm: A Sustainable Approach for Busy Women in Regional Communities

Grounded in the realities of busy schedules and regional living, this keynote explores a practical, no-nonsense approach to wellbeing. It focuses on achievable, sustainable habits that support energy, health, and overall balance—without the pressure of perfection. Attendees will walk away with realistic strategies that fit into everyday life, empowering them to feel their best in a way that's both manageable and lasting.

2:15PM – Keynote - Lifting as We Climb: Mentoring and Advocating for Each Other

Explore the art of empowering women around you. Gain actionable strategies to mentor, sponsor, and advocate for your peers, and discover how celebrating each other's success fuels collective growth.

3:00PM – Forum Closes

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Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities offer a unique platform to showcase your brand and align with an event that celebrates innovation, leadership, and community engagement. By becoming a sponsor, you'll gain prominent exposure to a targeted audience of industry leaders, local entrepreneurs, and decision-makers. Your support will not only elevate the event but also position your business as a champion of progress and development within the community. Sponsorship provides an invaluable opportunity to build lasting connections, enhance your brand's visibility, and demonstrate your commitment to empowering businesses and fostering growth in the region.



Pink Diamond

Pink Diamond Sponsor

Investment \$50,000

As a Pink Diamond Sponsor of the Women of The Pilbara Forum 2026 your business will receive the following:

- Acknowledgement by the Master of Ceremonies (MC) as a Pink Diamond Sponsor.
- Opportunity to present a corporate video (up to 3 minutes) or a 2-minute speech by the MC.
- Opportunity for a premium keynote speaking position on one day.
- Prominent placement of your logo on all event materials, including brochures, advertisements, and signage.
- Five complimentary delegate registrations, and five additional tickets for the Sundowner Networking Event.
- Dedicated media release and social media posts announcing your sponsorship.

Sponsorship

Diamond

Diamond Sponsor

Investment \$25,000

As a Diamond Sponsor of the Women of The Pilbara Forum 2026 your business will receive the following:

- Acknowledgment by the Master of Ceremonies (MC) as a Diamond Sponsor.
- Opportunity to present a corporate video (up to 3 minutes) or a 2-minute speech by the MC.
- Prominent placement of your logo on all event materials, including brochures, advertisements, and signage.
- Four complimentary delegate registrations.
- Dedicated media release and social media posts announcing your sponsorship.

Platinum

Platinum Sponsor

Investment \$15,000

As a Platinum Sponsor of the Women of The Pilbara Forum 2026 your business will receive the following:

- Acknowledgment by the MC as a Platinum Sponsor.
- Logo inclusion on event materials.
- Three complimentary delegate registrations.
- Dedicated social media posts announcing your sponsorship.

Sponsorship

Gold

Gold Sponsor

Investment \$10,000

As a Gold Sponsor of the Women of The Pilbara Forum 2026 your business will receive the following:

- Acknowledgment by the MC as a Gold Sponsor.
- Logo inclusion on event materials.
- Two complimentary delegate registrations.
- Dedicated social media posts announcing your sponsorship.

Silver

Silver Sponsor

Investment \$5,000

As a Silver Sponsor of the Women of The Pilbara Forum 2026 your business will receive the following:

- Acknowledgment by the MC as a Silver Sponsor.
- Logo inclusion on event materials.
- One complimentary delegate registrations.
- Dedicated social media posts announcing your sponsorship.



Sponsorship Agreement

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To confirm your sponsorship, please complete the form below.

Company name: _____

Postal address: _____

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Authorising representative: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Please advise what category you would like to sponsor:

☐ **Exclusive Event Partner** \$100,000

☐ **Platinum Sponsor** \$15,000

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☐ **Gold Sponsor** \$10,000

☐ **Diamond Sponsor** \$25,000

☐ **Silver Sponsor** \$5,000

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Name: _____

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*The Women of the Pilbara Forum
is more than an event; it's a catalyst for change*

**Together, we grow.
Together, we lead.
Together, we thrive.**



To discuss the sponsorship packages outlined
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