

## **Decmil Australia: showing its community spirit**

The importance of being an integral part of the local community is not lost on Decmil Australia, as the company has been committed to initiating and supporting local activities in Karratha and the Pilbara for more than three decades.

Decmil is a proud sponsor of The Clontarf Foundation, which exists to improve the discipline, life skills and self esteem of young Indigenous people by equipping them with the skills to participate meaningfully in society.

Dickie Dique, managing director of the Perth-based construction and engineering company, believes that making a tangible difference to the lives of the people living in the communities where Decmil operates is key to defining the character of the company and its place in the local landscape.

“We are a supporter of The Clontarf Foundation and its initiatives to benefit the lives of the young people it seeks to help,” said Mr Dique.

Outcomes from the Foundation are achieved through participation in football academies, which are formed in association with selected schools and colleges. As well as conducting the football programme, Academy staff mentor and counsel participants on a range of behavioural and lifestyle issues while the school caters for their specific educational needs.

“We also hope to become a strategic partner for the graduate employment program that encourages and supports Clontarf graduates into the workforce,” said Mr Dique.

“Our ultimate aim is to go beyond providing the basic employment and service opportunities, and support initiatives and programs that help to create healthy, vibrant and cohesive communities,” said Mr Dique. “This could be through any number of means, including education programs, social events or supporting local sporting teams or individuals.”

“Since Decmil’s inception more than 30 years ago, we have worked continuously to give back to the local communities in which we operate,” said Mr Dique.

In recent years, Decmil has also sponsored the Derby Ball and the Karratha Community House Play Day.

“The Derby Ball is the pinnacle of the Derby Boab Festival held each May and a highlight for residents of Derby. The Play Day attracted more than 1000 people, large and small, to Karratha’s Entertainment Centre to watch Play School live in concert.

“By supporting these events through funding and awareness campaigns we hope to help secure their longevity in future years.

“In addition, we are keen to support local voluntary groups and associations, and have sponsored equipment for the Karratha scout group, community schools, fire and rescue services and the Royal Flying Doctor Service,” said Mr Dique.

Decmil also joined forces with other contractors working on Woodside’s Pluto LNG Project last year to give Tambrey Primary School in Karratha a new asphalt surface for the school’s multi-purpose court.

“The playground had fallen into a potentially dangerous state of disrepair. Our contribution to this project included supply of labour, materials and machinery. We were proud to make a contribution to assist the local school and to ensure pupils and teachers had access to a safe area for fitness activities,” concluded Mr Dique.

Local groups and charities are encouraged to approach Decmil Australia for assistance with community fundraising and sponsorship. To be considered for inclusion in Decmil’s annual sponsorship calendar, please visit [http://www.decmil.com.au/index.php/approach\\_community](http://www.decmil.com.au/index.php/approach_community) in the first instance and download the application form.