

# Sundowners all over the Pilbara

**The Pilbara Development Commission through the role of the Indigenous Economic Development Officer and the Network Development Officers of Desert Knowledge Australia's Outback Business Network have conducted a series of sundowners in partnership with the Pilbara Aboriginal Contractors Association, Small Business Centre's and relevant Chamber of Commerce.**

These events have been taking place throughout the Pilbara region in the towns of Karratha, Port Hedland, Tom Price and Newman.

The sundowners have provided a wonderful opportunity for each agency to promote to businesses and individuals in the Pilbara.

The sundowners have been a real opportunity to promote Indigenous business to all business people Indigenous and non Indigenous throughout the wider Pilbara business community.

The aim was also to promote the

benefits of working collaboratively and the power of coordinating effort in the business sector. The outcomes achieved by the group during the tour of the Pilbara region have been very beneficial to local communities, they include;

The promotion of the Pilbara Aboriginal Contractors Association and the objectives and benefits of the Association to a wider audience.

Promotion of viable and successful Indigenous business in the Pilbara.

Promotion of benefits and supports available through all agencies involved in the workshop.

An opportunity for prospective Indigenous and non Indigenous businesses to receive collaborative support.

Assisting bringing Indigenous business and non Indigenous business closer together for the benefit of all.

Promotion of business activities and

achievements nationally through the cross border network.

Bringing relevant business networks together in the Pilbara region for the benefit of Pilbara businesses.

The sundowners provided a relaxed and informal atmosphere and a great opportunity to promote regionally the wonderful business networks available for businesses and prospective businesses both Indigenous and non Indigenous.

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