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## \$200,000 Education Partnership

Barrick and the Australian Prospectors and Miners Hall of Fame announced today they have joined forces in a partnership valued at \$200,000 to further expand the existing education program in the Goldfields area.

Barrick will provide \$50,000 each year, over the next four years to enable the Mining Hall of Fame to maintain a full time Education Officer.

The Mining Hall of Fame's education program provides the local community with a school holiday program, classroom talks, as well as site tours for schools and other community groups.

Through Barrick's support, the education program will now look to develop a ten week program aimed to teach local primary school students local Goldfield's history, the Mining Industry and careers in the mining industry. The program will include engaging tasks, resources, incursions and excursions.

Norma Latchford, Chief Executive Officer of the Mining Hall of Fame, said she was very excited about the partnership.

"Through this new partnership with Barrick we have an opportunity to really grow and develop our existing education program which will have many benefits for the local community, specifically the youth of our community," said Mrs Latchford.

"We recognise that education is the only way to build long term awareness, acceptance and support for responsible mineral resources development."

David Tucker, Barrick Australia Pacific Director of Corporate Affairs, said Barrick was pleased to be able to support the Mining Hall of Fame's education program.

"It is important that people in our community have the opportunity to learn about the resources industry; its contribution to our strong economy as well as the benefits it delivers to local communities," said Mr

Tucker. "By actively engaging people to learn about our industry, we also hope to attract them to pursue an exciting career within the resources sector."

"The Mining Hall of Fame's education program is a great initiative that will have long term benefits for the community as a whole."

A morning tea was held today to formalise the partnership between Barrick and the Mining Hall of Fame.

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