

Address by Mrs Gina Rinehart
Executive Chairman, Hancock Prospecting and Roy Hill
Launch of Roy Hill's Seventh Pink Truck Fleet
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Hello everyone,

Each year we gather together several times during the year, to hold a minute of silence for breast cancer sufferers and for our pink truck ceremony. Our pink truck christening events are very special occasions to show our sympathy, support and our love for those in the Roy Hill or Hancock community touched by breast cancer and related cancers.

Breast cancer is Australia's most commonly diagnosed cancer – and its incidence is increasing – with 1 in about 8 Australian women now expected to be diagnosed in their lifetime. This should never be thought of as a statistic, this is lives. And those people who sadly suffer from breast cancer have families and other loved ones, including in our Hancock and Roy Hill extended families.

Indeed today, a lovely young Hancock staff member, Melinda, who had a pink truck named after her last year, was meant to be accompanying us, and was looking forward to being here with us all but instead, she has had bad news, her breast cancer is active again. So today this lovely young girl just in her early 20's is undergoing chemotherapy again. Our very best wishes are with her.

Please join me in a minute's silence while we send our best wishes to Melinda and to all others we know suffering from the horror of breast cancer.

Today we will be christening two Hitachi mega trucks.

These mega trucks are nearly eight meters high and have an impressive carrying capacity of 296 tonnes. To put this into perspective, just one of these trucks could carry approximately 60 elephants!

42% of our people here at Roy Hill driving these huge trucks are women – a record in the mining industry. And it's very relevant that our pink initiatives also show our support for our above average numbers of women working at Roy. Please join me in applauding all Roy women.

Before we move on to the christening ceremony, I'd like to acknowledge some truly special guests with us here today, who have travelled from Cambodia to be here with us. Please welcome Channat, Pum and Sopheak, three of my Cambodian daughters, having their first visit to West Australia, and their first to our north.

They started their lives very differently to each of us, they had to scavenge from stinking rubbish dumps in Cambodia, some of them are sadly without parents. The rubbish dumps are not safe places for young girls.

Pum, Channat and Sopheak have become an inspiration for us all, from these terribly poor beginnings to becoming graduates from their respective universities, with the help of our Hope scholarships.

Please join me in a round of applause to welcome these incredible young ladies.

I'm also very pleased to welcome Luisa Condello, our very special Roy Hill receptionist, back to the Roy Hill mine site for this pink truck ceremony. As many of you would remember, Luisa, a breast cancer survivor, has her name on a huge pink truck from an earlier ceremony. Luisa battled hard to be a survivor, she was determined to live for her then young children.

Please join me in a huge round of applause for Luisa.

After this ceremony Luisa will have the chance to have a ride in her named pink truck which she's looking forward to. And my inspiring Cambodian daughters will too.

With us today is Roy Hill Perth staff member and breast cancer survivor Brooke Turner – please join me in giving Brooke a very, very warm welcome.

I am delighted and it is our honour today to announce the naming and christening of the 'Brooke truck'.

Brooke started with Roy Hill working in the procurement team, making sure all the required materials were on site ahead of when required. Recently, she was seconded into the Recruitment team, hiring additional staff into the mining operations area, in support of Roy Hill's move to even time rosters. With this wave of recruitment complete, Brooke's now been seconded to work in the Commercial contracts team.

Brooke is here with members of her family, Brooke, would you like to say a few words?

Thank you Brooke. Would you like to now christen the 'Brooke pink truck'? We use ginger beer to christen our trucks, as we're on a working site. I invite everyone to give Brooke another very big round of applause when she christens her truck.

Let's now please have some photographs with Brooke and her family on the 'Brooke truck', with as is our tradition, everyone gathered round.

It's wonderful the impact that our Roy Hill 'pink trucks' have had in raising support for those with breast cancer. Many of our suppliers and partners have also gotten on board, with one of my good friends and shipping partners, James of Berge Bulk, even painting the top part of their largest iron ore ship, the 'Berge Toubkal' pink. This ship has visited us twice in Port Hedland, she sure is a show stopper! As she is as she traverses oceans and ports around the world.

The last time she was in Port Hedland, she was loaded by Ellen Mackey – who is here with us today.

Can you all please put your hands together to welcome Ellen?

Our second pink truck is to be named after Ellen who is thankfully in remission from her 2012 breast cancer diagnosis. Ellen's been working FIFO as a ship loader and stock yard operator in Port Hedland for just over two years with Roy Hill. It's wonderful to hear that she considers her work colleagues as 'family' and that it's this supportive environment that has made her feel comfortable to talk about her breast cancer battle with work colleagues.

Ellen – would you like to say a few words?

Thank you Ellen. I'd like to now invite you to christen the 'Ellen pink truck', and afterwards climb the stairs for some photos. Please join me in celebrating Ellen's christening!

Thank you very much for joining Brooke, Ellen, their families 3 of my Cambodian daughters and me for our pink truck christening event – may the trucks drive safely and productively !

Thank you all.