



## RECFISHWEST REEL NEWS

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### RECFISHWEST/WOODSIDE COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM

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Recfishwest officially launched their "Community Fishing Clinic Program" with new partner **Woodside Energy Ltd** on Monday 19 April at the Old Swan Brewery.

The program is pleased to welcome new sponsor, Woodside Energy Ltd, joining long standing partner Healthway as it embarks on visiting regional centres from Carnarvon to Derby during April and May.

The tour will bring the 'Fish Today for Tomorrow' and 'SunSmart' messages to Western Australia's north through a series of free fishing clinics for children in regional communities. These clinics encourage sustainable fishing practices, including casting techniques, selection of bait and general rigging, recognition of species, catch and release and aquatic conservation.

Recfishwest fishing clinics encourage children to become involved in a fun activity which helps to provide positive life skills such as creative decision making, problem solving, goal setting and patience.

The great fishing in the north of WA makes these clinics even more exciting as there have been some notable captures made already. The two Carnarvon clinics held on 20 and 21 April had 90 children from Carnarvon and East Carnarvon Primary (pictured) Schools. These clinics saw at least 15 different species of fish caught, including fingermark bream, black snapper, bar-tail flathead, tarwhine and sergeant major.



Daniel Tilley (Yr 6) East Carnarvon Primary

After a successful community clinic for juniors in Exmouth last Saturday 4 April in conjunction with the Exmouth Game Fishing Club, the tour moves from the Gascoyne to the Pilbara. Further community clinics are planned for Karratha, Port Hedland and Broome next week.

Woodside recognizes the important role they play in the north-west communities and are fostering the sustainable fishing message in partnership with Recfishwest. Through this program, smaller remote communities such as Warralong (160km SE of Port Hedland) and One Arm Point (200km north of Broome) will also receive clinics.

*Fish today for tomorrow*

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