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Mornington Village local supply forum

A forum will be held on Wednesday 11 February to provide information to South-West businesses about supply and service opportunities available at BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina's new accommodation village.

Mornington Village has been purpose-built close to the Worsley refinery, about 15 kilometres north-west of Collie, to house non-local construction workers engaged on the company's A\$2.5 billion expansion.

The state-of-the-art village, located near the intersection of Mornington and Gastaldo roads, will cater for up to 1550 people at its peak.

The first residents moved in during November and the village is now home to nearly 200 people.

The village provides quality accommodation with each room fitted out with an en suite, air conditioner, fridge, television and wireless internet.

The new kitchen and dining room can seat up to 1000 people and the quality recreation and social facilities provided include a gymnasium, multi-purpose sports courts, recreation room, on-site shop and BBQ areas.

Cater Care Services has been appointed to run the village and along with Worsley Alumina is committed to engaging local supplies and services where possible. This could range from meat and fresh fruit and vegetable supplies through to hairdressing and laundry services.

The forum, which will be held at the village and include a tour of the facility, has been organised in conjunction with the Bunbury and Collie Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Business people interested in finding out more or attending the forum should contact either the Bunbury Chamber on 9791 2292 or email holly@bccci.asn.au or the Collie Chamber on 9734 4817 or admin@colliechamber.asn.au

Collie Chamber Chief Executive Jodie Hanns said the forum was a fantastic opportunity for local businesses to capitalise on Worsley's commitment to source local supplies and services where possible.

Bunbury Chamber Chief Executive Allan Birrell said it was a unique opportunity for the general business community to reap direct benefits from a major construction and resources project.

Mr Birrell said such opportunities were even more important given the tough economic times now being felt throughout across the globe.

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