Roy Hill on track to help fight cancer

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Guests from GE, CRRC, Hancock Prospecting, and Roy Hill Pictures: Synarah Murphy

Pilbara mining magnate Gina Rinehart has unveiled two new pink locomotives to support breast cancer patients and research into the disease.

Ms Rinehart celebrated the new additions to her 21-strong fleet of trains at Roy Hill's Port Hedland rail terminal yard last Friday.

Dr Patricia Kailis, who was involved in establishing the prawning and pearling indus-tries in the North West, grew up with Ms Rinehart on family trips.

She named one of the pink locomotives Women of the North while Ms Rinehart christened the other For Mothers.

A representative from locomotive builder General Electric Transportation said the company understood Ms Rinehart's commitment to supporting breast cancer patients and research.

"We deeply value our relationship with Roy Hill and are thrilled to celebrate the arrival of these locomotives to their fleet," GE Transportation Australia executive leader Claire Pierce said. "This marked the first time GE has painted a locomotive pink and we are proud to support such an important cause. GE president and chief executive Nalin Jain said the locomotives would serve Roy Hill well in hauling millions of tonnes of ore while demonstrating a commitment to breast cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship.

Guests on the day also marvelled at the pink ore cars standing on the rail line.

Ms Rinehart acknowledged the China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation, which last quarter delivered 130 pink ore cars to Roy Hill.

"These cars, when attached to one of our new GE pink locomotives, will create a striking image as they forge their way across the Pilbara," she said.

"May these pink trains continue to inspire us to do more for breast cancer patients and support research to help fight this truly terrible and sad disease."