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Vandals

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Camp given a green light

Glenn Cordingley

A temporary camp housing 850 fly-in, fly-out workers on the outskirts of Broome has been conditionally approved — but the \$120 million development will only go ahead if James Price Point gas hub proceeds.

The Kimberley Joint Assessment Panel has approved the scheme subject to more than 20 conditions, including management of potential social impacts on Broome and a buffer zone being

established between the camp and surrounding agricultural properties.

Decmil is working in partnership with Nyimarr — the trading entity of the Goolarabooloo/Jabirr Jabirr people — to develop the village.

The company said the project would deliver jobs, training opportunities and other benefits to the Kimberley indigenous community.

“The facility will only be constructed if there is a commercial demand for the accommodation,” a

Decmil spokesman said. “DGL has identified the workforce servicing the Browse LNG Project as potential tenants, and the construction of the village is therefore subject to a favourable final investment decision for the Browse LNG Project.”

Presiding panel member David Gray said individuals would be able to voice their social impact concerns through the council.

“There is a process for preparation of it and monitoring of it (social impact) during the lifetime of the accommodation,” he said.

“That is not built in to the conditions but it is inherent to the whole structure of a social impact management plan and that will be conducted by the Shire, which is closer to the community.”

Decmil is planning to build, own and operate the facility, 24km north of Broome.

Mr Gray said unless strict time-lines governing the transit workers accommodation were met, planning approval would lapse. “The development has been approved for a total period of eight

years,” he said. “That includes the construction period, occupation for five years and the rehabilitation of the site, which entails the removal of all buildings and facilities.”

“If the development is not substantially commenced within two years approval will lapse and has no further effect.”

The meeting in the Shire of Broome chambers last Thursday was suspended and police called after an outburst from a woman in the public gallery.

Food for the lens as trio of rays put on display

A magnificent display of effortless elegance was put on by three feeding manta rays at Reddell Beach in Broome over the Easter long weekend. The stunning images were captured by environmentalist and photographer Kandy Curran.

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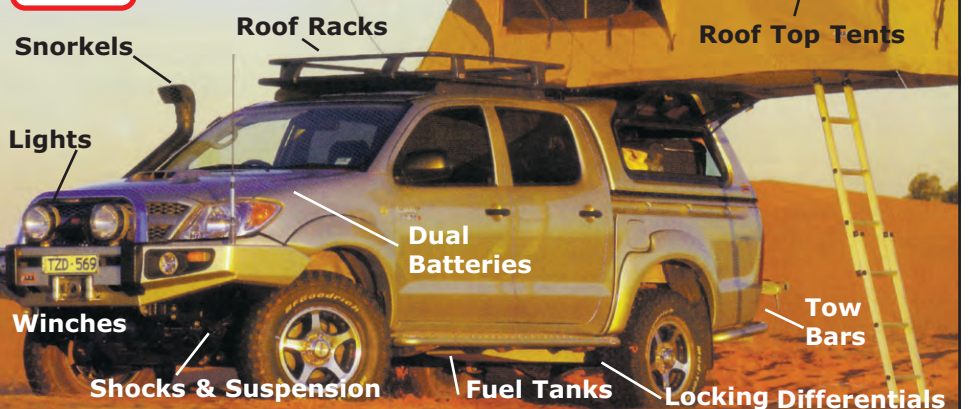
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April average maximum: 34.3C
April record maximum: 41C, April 15, 2005
Lowest minimum: 22C, April 6
April record minimum: 12.6C, April 29, 1968
April average minimum: 25.4

Rainfall:
April rainfall: 10.2mm on 3 days
April average rainfall: 26.4mm on 3 days
Average annual rainfall: 606.8mm on 48 days
Total 2012 rainfall: 688mm on 62 days

Weather phenomena:
Local, distant showers on April 1
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Morning rain on April 4

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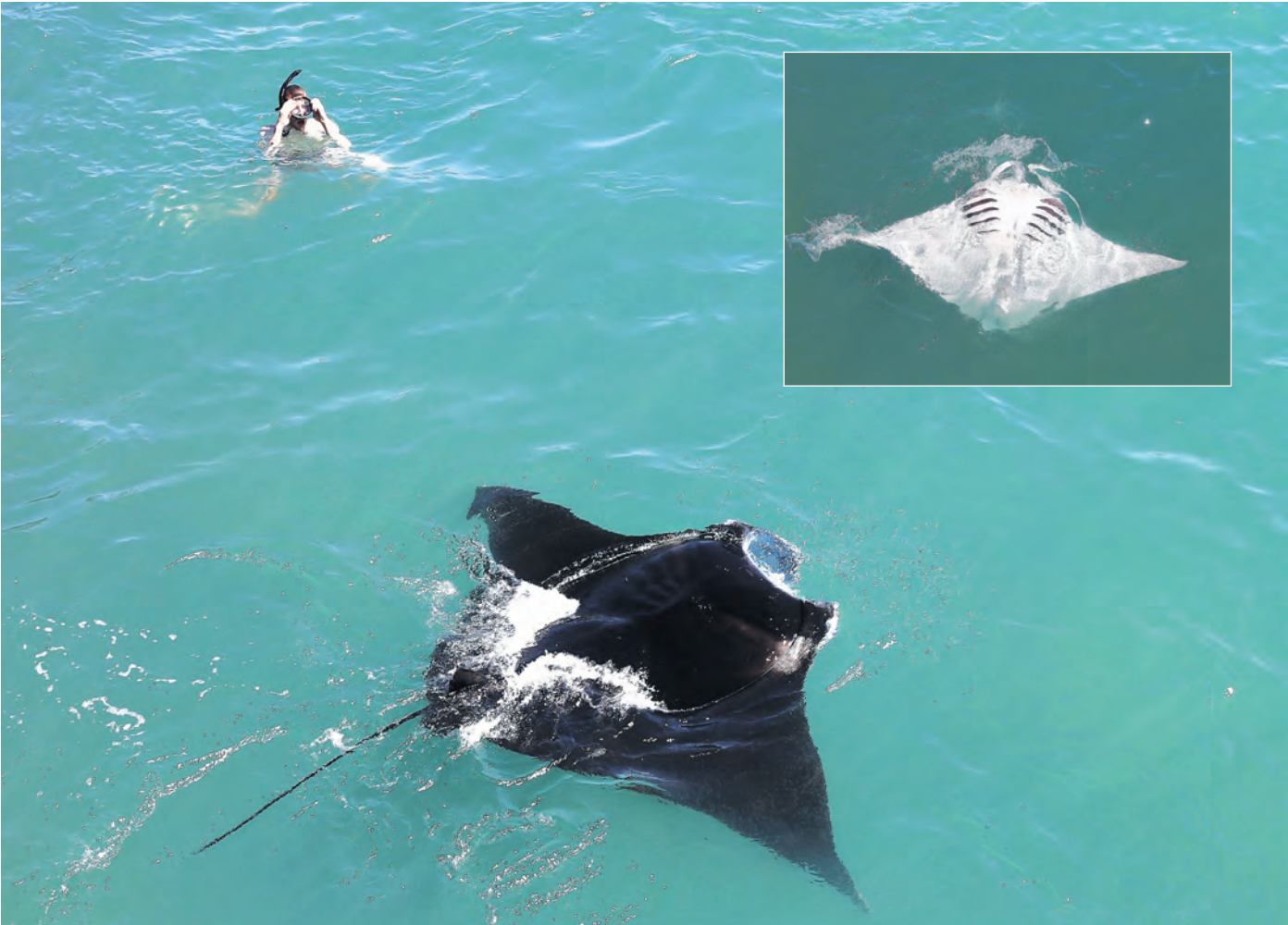
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Michael Curran keeps his distance as a feeding manta ray puts on a spectacular display. Inset: A white manta ray rolls on its back to show its enormous gills as it fed. Pictures: Kandy Curran

Rays put on feeding display

■ Kandy Curran

Filter feeding manta rays provided an unforgettable three-hour show off Broome’s coast at Riddell Beach over Easter. Two were black all over with white markings underneath, while one had the more commonly occurring white underside. The white manta ray performed continuous backward, mid-water somersaults close to the rocks as the tide peaked, which experts believe is a common feeding technique when there is a high density of food. The flashing of light on the

white belly is believed to attract prey. The two all-black manta rays joined in the feeding frenzy, surging through the water using their wide, wing-like pectoral fins to propel them, while the fleshy-looking flaps on either side of their heads, funnelled the food into their mouths. Manta Ray researcher Frazier McGregor, who heads a Murdoch University Research Station in Coral Bay, confirmed from photographs that the three were coastal or reef manta ray, which can grow up to 4m from wingtip to wingtip. Mr McGregor said sightings

of manta ray aggregations at this time of year in Roebuck Bay were likely to be associated with coral spawning events along the coast, which happen around each of the autumn full moons and in turn led to large swarms of small crustaceans such as sergestid shrimp — a favourite prey of manta rays. Manta rays were also sighted at Cable Beach and Gantheaume Point over Easter. Mr McGregor said the presence of manta rays was a good indicator of the overall health of coastal waters and it was important to limit fertiliser run-off from gardens into the

waters of Roebuck Bay. Swimmers and boaters should not get too close to the rays. “If you are in the water with a manta ray, keep three-to-four metres away and if boating try and resist the temptation to get closer than 10 or 20 metres as it may affect what they are doing,” Mr McGregor said. If you want to know more about gardening to keep fish stocks and surrounding waters in great shape, then visit the NW Expo on May 4 and 5, to pick up free native plants from the Broome Shire and to hear tips from local gardening guru Phil Docherty. For more, visit www.roebuckbay.org.au.

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