Location
The Lihir gold operation is located on Niolam Island, the largest island in the Lihir Island Group in the New Ireland Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG). Niolam Island is approximately 900 kilometres north-east of Port Moresby. Londolovit is the name of the main township around which the camps are located.

Language
In PNG, English is the official language of business, however Tok Pisin (Pidgin English) is commonly spoken.

Climate
Lihir has a tropical, hot and humid climate year-round and the island itself has an elevation of 600 metres. The average temperature throughout the year is between 19 and 35 degrees Celsius and annual rainfall can be in excess of 3500mm. Typically seasons are not easily distinguishable.

Accommodation and facilities
Residential accommodation is available to some employees, or employees on a fly-in-fly-out (FIFO) roster live in one of the accommodation camps. Rooms are comfortably furnished with linen provided and rooms are cleaned regularly.

There are several Messes open for breakfast and dinner and employees are required to pack their lunch during the breakfast service. There is a camp shop that sells basic supplies including fresh bread, cheese, olives and tinned tuna.

There is mobile phone coverage and public phones are also provided in the camp. Internet is available throughout the camps.

A medical clinic is available and is staffed by an experienced medical team.

For the families of residential staff, there is an International Primary School that is owned and operated by Newcrest.

Recreation
The Lihir Sports and Social Club is well established and admission is through an annual fee for membership. Facilities include tennis and squash courts, a swimming pool, pool table, and children’s play area. The Club also has a bistro and bar service, with an outdoor deck area overlooking the ocean and neighbouring islands. There is a nine-hole golf course nearby, and opposite the Club is a multipurpose basketball/volleyball court and a large football field. Gymnasiums are available in two of the camps.

Our five children love living on Lihir; the smiling people, fantastic school, fun activities such as swimming and snorkelling, the pool and the Club. As Australians living on Lihir, we love the close knit community and being able to be together as a family is really special.”