

RETURN TO REGION

Thanks to the generosity of the local community, income earned from donations and gifts made to the Goldfields-Esperance Community Foundation will support two local grass root initiatives.

The Goldfields-Esperance Community Foundation was established under the trusteeship of Western Australian Community Foundation in 2006 to support people, projects and activities that demonstrate a contribution to the enhancement, well-being and future sustainability of the Goldfields Esperance region.

Western Australian Community Foundation, an independent philanthropic organisation, was established to help communities and community groups build and attract funds for a sustainable future.

The Australian Red Cross will receive support for its 'Good Start Breakfast Club' program, developed to address current needs within the communities of Coolgardie and Kurrawang. The program will ensure access to a regular, healthy breakfast, nutrition education and healthy lifestyle activities that support positive well-being outcomes.

The second community grant has been awarded to the Goldfields Education Mining Industry Alliance in support of the 'Women in Mining Forum'. The forum will provide an opportunity for local young people to attend and explore career opportunities within the Western Australian resources sector.

"These inaugural Goldfields-Esperance Community Foundation grants not only mark a significant milestone for this new initiative, but also demonstrate the importance of an endowed community fund, particularly during these more difficult economic times," said Robert Hicks, local advisory committee member.

"As the community fund grows through support from government, businesses and individuals, the increasing income earned from it will continue to be returned to the region in perpetuity."

Dr Andrew Carter, Chief Executive Officer, Western Australian Community Foundation added "These grants are a tangible result of regional communities taking control over their own destiny by supporting the Goldfields-Esperance Community Foundation, providing a sustainable source of funds for today and tomorrow."

For more information on the Goldfields Esperance Community Foundation, or to speak with a local advisory committee member, contact Western Australian Community Foundation on (08) 9224 6000 for details.

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