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## MID WEST COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Western Australian Community Foundation has distributed around \$2,000 in income generated from donations made to the Mid West Community Foundation, thanks to the generous support of the local community. Two grants have been approved to support local initiatives of the Cancer Council WA and Kalbarri Senior Citizen Group.

The Mid West Community Foundation is a community based initiative, underpinned by philanthropy to improve the wellbeing and connectedness of communities across the region. Established in 2007, the Mid West Community Foundation was established under the trusteeship of Western Australian Community Foundation to facilitate community growth and development.

At the heart of the Mid West Community Foundation is the desire to sustain, grow and provide opportunity - from small groups passionate about a cause to whole of community projects that bring people together. It is this desire that has seen two local community initiatives supported through the recent inaugural grant round.

The Cancer Council of WA will receive support to implement the 'Deadly Treadlies' program in the Mt Magnet community. 'Deadly Treadlies' brings local young people and other members of the community together to rebuild recycled bikes that have been donated from across the region. The program encourages physical recreational activity through new access to bicycles, enhances cross generational links in the community and facilitates mentoring and learning opportunities.

\$1,000 has also been awarded to the Kalbarri Senior Citizen Group to a series of art workshops in partnership with the Kalbarri District High School. The workshops will bring students and seniors together, providing an opportunity for artistic and creative personal expression. Participants will learn about legends and dreamtime stories of the local Nunda Indigenous people through the renowned artist in residence, Mr Doug Ryder. The local community will be treated to an exhibition of the individual works sometime in August.

"We are excited about these local sustainable projects that enhance links and build relationships in our communities across the Mid West. Both initiatives have clearly identified, cross community, positive outcomes which we are very pleased to be able to support," said Tammy Batten, local advisory committee chairperson.

To make an online credit card donation today and support communities across the Mid West region, please visit <https://wacf.org.au/DonationGateway.asp>. For more information on Mid West 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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