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2007 SUMMIT A SOARING SUCCESS

The third annual Western Australian Community Foundation Summit saw around 90 community and business representatives from across Western Australia gathered at the Kings Park Function Centre on Friday, 21 September for a day of learning, sharing, networking and experience.

The Western Australian Community Foundation (WACF) is an independent organisation created to support and strengthen Western Australian communities by growing philanthropic giving in our state and distributing endowed funds.

The 2007 WACF Summit program stimulated active discussion and interaction, providing delegates with knowledge and techniques in building networks and growing funds. This year's summit focussed on assisting current WACF community partners in building their endowment.

Summit delegates heard from a wide range of experts including Gina Anderson (Philanthropy Australia), Robyn Henderson (Networking to Win), Brian Holmes (Xponential Fundraising), Deidre Willmott (Chamber of Commerce & Industry WA), Ian Craig (Anglicare WA) and Hailey Cavill (Cavill + Co).

Further, the WACF was delighted to host the Hon. Eric Ripper MLA as guest speaker, representing the Premier Hon Alan Carpenter MLA in his capacity as Vice Patron, as delegates relaxed and reflected on the day's activities.

"The theme of the summit was 'building your networks, growing your funds'. I believe that participating communities learnt a great deal from the day; not only from the excellent presentations but also from speaking with each other and sharing ideas, challenges and solutions," said Tonia Swetman, WACF Chief Executive Officer.

"A key role of the WACF is connecting communities. The summit is one opportunity for us to achieve this in order to continue working across the state in building community capacity."

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