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RAC JUMP STARTS ALBANY RESPITE

The Albany Lions Community Care Centre was the lucky recipient of a \$5,000 door prize donation from the RAC, drawn during the Western Australian Community Foundation's Annual Summit on Friday, 21 September 2007 at Kings Park.

The Western Australian Community Foundation (WACF) is an independent organisation created to support and strengthen Western Australian communities by growing giving in our state and distributing funds. The ethos underlying the WACF is to build community capacity with a long term vision for sustainable communities.

The third of its kind, the 2007 WACF Summit included a program of expert presenters providing knowledge and techniques for people wishing to develop successful networks and build community and business relationships. The RAC proudly sponsored the 2007 Summit by contributing \$5,000 towards a WACF donation account or trust.

"The RAC's donation is a much needed boost to the start of our fundraising efforts towards the construction and maintenance a new state-of-the-art respite care facility for the Albany community," said Ron Brown of the Albany Lions Community Care Centre.

"We are now providing a service to over 600 centre clients from a very small beginning 20 years ago. We are very grateful to RAC in making this contribution to our WACF donation account which will assist us in reaching our goal of opening the new centre in 2008."

RAC Manager Community Services Craig McKemmish said the donation was part of the RAC's commitment to help build stronger communities throughout Western Australia.

"The RAC's vision is to go the extra mile for its members and to play an essential role in their lives and in the Western Australian Community," said Mr McKemmish.

"The organisation does this by putting its members first, and by supporting the communities they live in. WACF provides communities with the opportunity to establish long-term sustainability – a goal that is shared by the RAC. It therefore gives us great pleasure to support the Albany Lions by contributing towards the new community care centre."

Tonia Swetman, WACF Chief Executive Officer added that "the WACF is very grateful for RAC's support of our communities and we are delighted that the wonderful work of Albany Lions is further supported through this donation".

"The Albany Lions Community Care Centre established a donation account with the WACF in July to help address the increasing need for flexible respite options for carers and self-carers in the region. By partnering with the WACF, the centre has taken a positive step forward to securing a sustainable future for the service."

“The income earned from the donation account, managed by the WACF, will be invested back into the community providing a long term approach to building community capacity.”

For more information about the Albany Lions Community Care Centre please contact Colleen Tombleson on ph (08) 9841 8668.

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