



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Gascoyne communities celebrate funding win

Three local community groups have reason to celebrate this week thanks to receiving much needed funding from the Gascoyne Community Foundation.

Carnarvon Family Support Services, Exmouth Community Support Group and Gwoonwardu Mia – Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre received a share of a \$4,000 grant aimed at supporting community activities that address a variety of important local needs.

The grant funding will enable:

- Carnarvon Family Support Services to host a Christmas street party for residents;
- Exmouth Community Support Group to purchase 10 care alert devices to help locals in health emergency situations; and
- Gwoonwardu Mia will bulk purchase paint and canvas supplies to provide creative and economic opportunities for local artists.

This announcement comes after a number of local families have already received back-to-school relief thanks to funds provided by the Gascoyne Community Foundation, as part of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's initiative earlier in the year.

Commenting on how the new grants would affect the community, Gascoyne Community Foundation spokesperson, Heather Condo said, "The impact of these grants is far-reaching."

"To have the opportunity to bring different parts of the community together for a Christmas street party and to enable the Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre to maximise opportunities for local artists is just invaluable," Ms Condo said.

"Likewise, to have care alert devices that give vulnerable members of our community access to emergency healthcare is added peace of mind for many families, carers and healthcare professionals within the Gascoyne region."

The Gascoyne Community Foundation is part of the Western Australian Community Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation that has recently approved a total of \$1.7 million of grants to local communities across regional and remote WA, who applied for financial support for grass-roots initiatives in their community.

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