



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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## GASCOYNE GRANTS

Three local community organisations will receive support thanks to the Gascoyne Community Foundation's 2009 fund distribution program.

The Gascoyne 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 Gascoyne 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.

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and individuals, around \$3,000 of income earned from donations and gifts made to the Gascoyne Community Foundation will be distributed to support three local grass root initiatives.

The Arafmi Mental Health Carers & Friends Association will receive support to assist the Carnarvon Community Respite Program. The respite program aims to improve the mental wellbeing of carers and care recipients by offering recreational activities and support.

The Shire of Exmouth will also receive a grant in support of the 'Lets Read' and 'Better Beginnings' programs. Funding will be used to purchase additional children's books for the 'Children's Corner' at the local library.

Finally, the Exmouth Game Fishing Club will receive a grant to support the publication of fish identification and education materials to encourage sustainable fishing and conservation practices. Distribution of such materials will contribute towards the goal of maintaining Exmouth as a premier tourist destination whilst protecting and enhancing its delicate environment.

"We are excited to support these three local groups. This is the second year we have been able to distribute much needed funds into the Gascoyne region from our community fund," said local advisory committee chairperson, Veronica Fleay.

"The current challenges facing the Australian economy highlight the importance of the Gascoyne Community Foundation and its benefits to all communities across the Gascoyne."

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