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BINNINGUP SURF TREKKING

Western Australian Community Foundation has awarded \$4,900 to the Binningup Surf Life Saving Club from its Wagerup Sustainability Fund. The grant will support the purchase and maintenance of a beach trekker as part of the Binningup Beach Wheelchair Program. The program will commence later this year in time for summer, enabling beach access for community members with a physical disability from across the Shire of Harvey.

The Wagerup Sustainability Fund was established in 2008, under the trusteeship of Western Australian Community Foundation, through a founding donation of \$400,000 from Alcoa for the long term benefit of people living near the Wagerup refinery. Established with the support of the local community, the fund will exist in perpetuity, and has the capacity to help grow a nest egg for future generations. The Wagerup Sustainability Fund will support local projects and initiatives that:

- Produce long term sustainable outcomes for communities in and around Harvey and Waroona;
- Enhance leadership, knowledge, enterprise and innovation;
- Further preserve and protect the local environment; and
- Contribute to creating stronger communities.

A local advisory committee, representing communities within the Shire of Harvey has been established to work closely with Western Australian Community Foundation by seeking and recommending local initiatives to effectively distribute funds to the respective community.

"We are pleased to announce this inaugural grant in the Harvey shire, made available from income earned on contributions to the Wagerup Sustainability Fund", said Peter Monagle, shire president and local advisory committee member.

"A key objective of the Fund is to foster innovation and create stronger communities. We believe this grant achieves both elements through enabling a truly inclusive community and supporting a Western Australian invention!"

The Binningup Surf Life Saving Club will utilise the funding to support the purchase a Beach Trekker which allows people with a disability to get down to the beach and also into the water. It is planned that the Beach Access Program will be launched in time for the upcoming summer.

To support your community by making a contribution to the Wagerup Sustainability Fund, please donate online today at <https://wacf.org.au/DonationGateway.asp> or call (08) 9224 6000.

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