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Pilbara celebrates funding win

Two local community groups are celebrating this week thanks to much needed funding from the Pilbara Community Foundation.

Pilbara Wildlife Carers Association and Pilbara Mesquite Management Committee shared in almost \$2,400 of grant funding aimed at supporting community activities that are vital to the region's sustainable development.

Using the grant funding:

- Pilbara Wildlife Carers Association will purchase specialised 'hotboxes' to transport injured wildlife; and
- Pilbara Mesquite Management Committee will design, print and distribute pamphlets to create awareness and, ultimately, eradicate local problems associated with the non-native Mesquite weed.

Commenting on how the new grants would affect the community, CEO of the Pilbara Development Commission and spokesperson for the Pilbara Community Foundation, Stephen Webster, said "The impact of these grants is far-reaching."

"A protected and healthy eco-system is critical to the long-term sustainability of the Pilbara Region. Caring for injured or at-risk animals and protecting our natural environment from non-native weeds are both significant steps toward a more sustainable, happy future for our whole community."

The Pilbara 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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