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Waroona celebrates funding win

Four local community groups are celebrating this week thanks to much needed funding from Alcoa's Wagerup Sustainability Fund in the Shire of Waroona.

Waroona Scout Group, Waroona Community Centre, the *Drakesbrook Despatch* community newsletter and the Shire of Waroona shared in almost \$9,000 of grant funding aimed at supporting community activities that are vital to the region's sustainable development.

Using the grant funding:

- Waroona Scout Group will re-establish itself by undertaking a youth membership drive for people aged six to 26;
- Waroona Community Centre's Family Services, Youth Centre and Community Resource Centre divisions will all benefit. Family Services will purchase Christmas hampers for locals experiencing financial hardship, the Youth Centre will continue to provide activities for 12 to 17 year olds and the Community Resource Centre will produce a community and business directory;
- The *Drakesbrook Despatch* will purchase a new computer and printer to ensure it can continue to be published; and
- The Shire of Waroona will finance a youth officer who is supporting one of its pilot programs.

Commenting on how the new grants will affect the community, Wagerup Sustainability Fund spokesperson, Tom Busher said, "Each of these grants supports an important service for the town of Waroona"

"Assisting community groups like the Scouts and the *Drakesbrook Despatch* will help their long-term sustainability. Likewise, supporting the continuation and expansion of services offered by the Community Centre and Shire of Waroona's Youth Programs aids in creating a well-resourced community."

The Wagerup Sustainability Fund in the Shire of Waroona 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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