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Funding win ensures Harvey's heritage is preserved

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

The Harvey Visitors Centre and the Harvey Christian Youth Centre (Binningup Camp) shared in more than \$14,000 of grant funding aimed at supporting community initiatives that are vital to the region.

Using the grant funding:

- Harvey Visitors Centre will erect a new ceiling on the memorial camp shrine to preserve and shelter historical artefacts that have strong links to the town's heritage; and
- Harvey Christian Youth Centre (Binningup Camp) will instigate their Binningup Youth Centre Solar Community project by purchasing a new solar-powered system.

"Assisting the Visitors Centre to preserve and shelter historical artefacts that are linked to the town's heritage is in the interest of current and future generations of Harvey, the internment camp and its shrine holds a lot of significance for many local families who had relatives resided there during the second World War" said Wagerup Sustainability Fund spokesman Tom Busher

"The Binningup Youth Camp has hosted many children and families over the decades, helping them replace the old wood fired hot water system with a modern solar set up is a great way to kick start their overall planned upgrades for the site" Mr Busher said.

The Wagerup Sustainability Fund in the Shire of Harvey 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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