

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

**ALINTA CHALLENGE GRANT SPARKS COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP**

Mr Jim Hennessy, General Manager of Alinta Power Services, today announced a \$30 000 Challenge Grant for the community of Pinjarra. Pinjarra are delighted to have been selected as this grant arrives in good timing for a special community project which is about to commence.

“We’re very proud to be part of the Pinjarra community, through our cogeneration units and are very pleased that the **‘Communities that care’** project has been identified as the first project to benefit from the community’s own Donations Account that we are kick starting here today” said Mr Hennessy.

Cr Paddy Creevey, Chair of the Peel Community Development group explained, “Since our formation we have worked towards supporting sustainable development processes for the Peel Community. We consider Alinta’s commitment to strengthen the Pinjarra community as a significant regional partnership. We look forward to working with other members of the community in building both a stronger Pinjarra and a stronger region through the development of our local donations account.”

“The **‘Communities that care’** project, promotes the healthy development of children and young people by addressing the factors that increase the likelihood of positive development and decrease the likelihood of adverse outcomes for children and young people.”

“Already very successful in Bunbury this project involves young people in developing a profile of the future needs and potential gaps their community may face. From these learning’s long-range plans can be crafted to strengthen and promote healthy community development,” said Councillor Paddy Creevy.

This Challenge Grant is the first of its kind delivered here in West Australia. Western Australian Community Foundation (WACF) worked hard with Alinta and the Peel Community Development Group to secure the Challenge Grant and more significantly to ensure a portion of the donated funds would be preserved to meet emerging needs in the future. This reflects a sustainable and visionary approach to community business partnerships “Working with Western Australian Community Foundation has provided an effective and sustainable way through which we can direct our support to Pinjarra for projects that the community actually wants ” said Mr Hennessy

Mr Frank Cooper, Chairman of Western Australian Community Foundation (WACF) today congratulated Alinta for their innovative approach to contributing to the momentum shown in the Pinjarra community.

“Communities across our state are working hard to not only secure resources that will help meet their current needs, but more importantly they are starting to build and grow funds that can be used over time to address changing community needs.”

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"Today's partnership demonstrates the role Western Australian Community Foundation plays in helping communities work to become more self reliant and to improve their access to local funds into the future," said Mr Frank Cooper, Chairman of the Western Australian Community Foundation.

The Western Australian Community Foundation is an independent not for profit organisation. The first of its kind here in WA, it has been established to assist communities of all shapes and sizes work to attract, build and grow donated funds. These funds are collectively pooled and invested with communities benefiting over time from shared resources, expertise and investment power of both the Foundation and the communities it supports. Contact details: [www.wacf.org.au](http://www.wacf.org.au)

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### **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April Alinta Challenge Grant Launch – Pinjarra**

Cantwell Park, George Street, Pinjarra, 2:00pm for a 2:15pm start

Parking: Take first right at Henry Street, and parking is available around Edenvale Homestead

Photo Opportunities will be available on the day

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