



Community Partnerships Program Impact Report 2023/24

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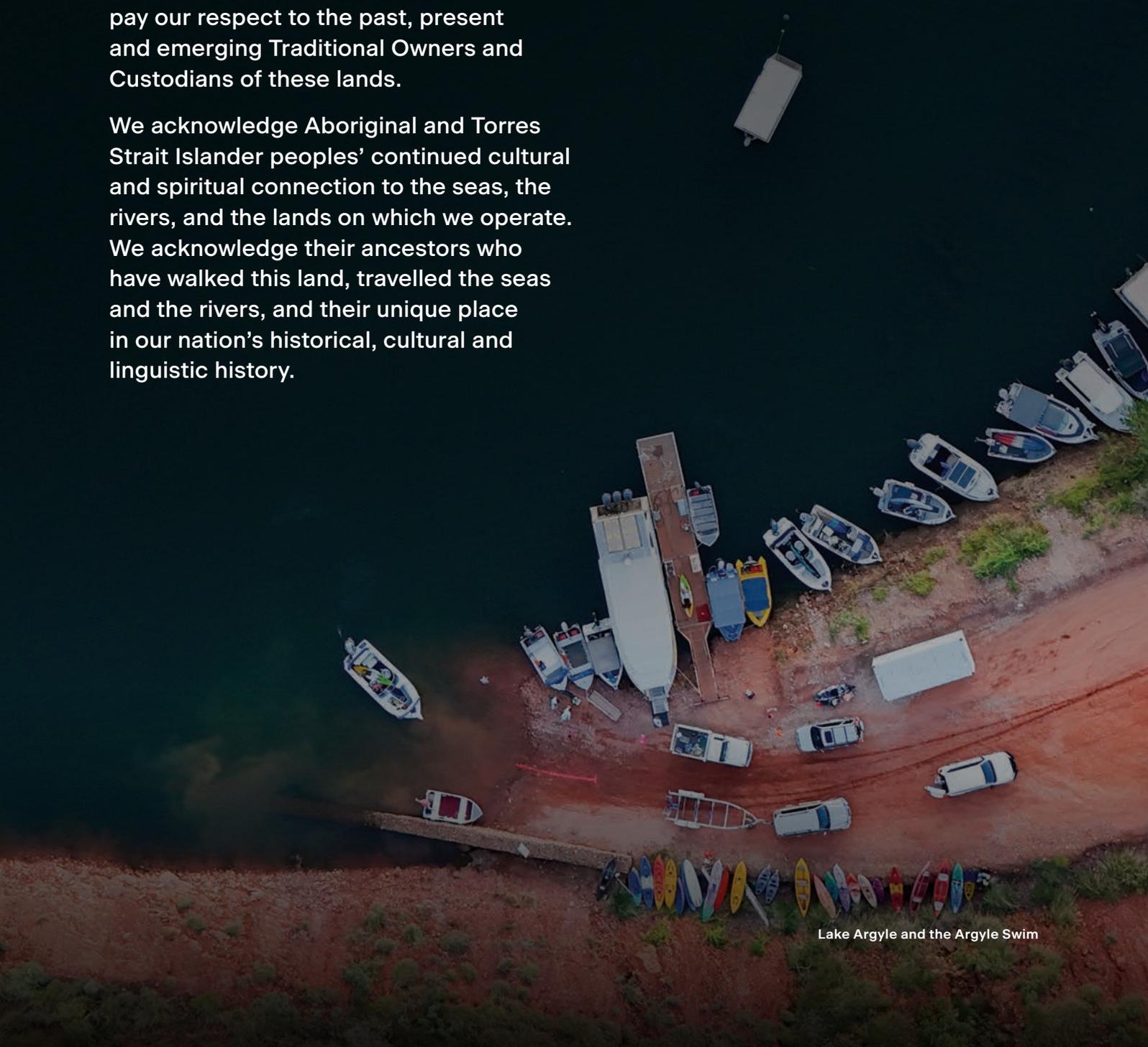
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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia.

We are privileged to share their lands, throughout 2.3 million square kilometres of regional and remote Western Australia (WA) and Perth, where our corporate office is based, and we honour and pay our respect to the past, present and emerging Traditional Owners and Custodians of these lands.

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' continued cultural and spiritual connection to the seas, the rivers, and the lands on which we operate. We acknowledge their ancestors who have walked this land, travelled the seas and the rivers, and their unique place in our nation's historical, cultural and linguistic history.



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Key words

Funding round	applications for funding are open for one month in February-March and July-August every year.
Partnership	is an agreement between Horizon Power and an organisation that successfully applied for initiative funding.
Initiative	is what a successful partner does with funding they receive from the Community Partnership Program. E.g. hosting an event or upgrading facilities.
Strategic partnership	is \$100,000 of the \$1.1 Million in the Community Partnership Program that focuses on initiatives aimed at regional economic development.

CEO endorsement

At Horizon Power, we believe in the value of partnerships to create a lasting positive impact. Through our inaugural Community Partnerships Program Impact Report, we celebrate the incredible outcomes achieved in regional and remote Western Australian communities – supporting local initiatives, strengthening resilience, and enabling sustainable futures.

The passion and commitment we share are at the heart of this success, and we continue to be inspired by what we can achieve with our communities across regional and remote WA.

"Our Community Partnerships Program is not just about investment; it's about connection. It means so much to our Horizon Power team, who take great pride in seeing the real-world difference we make together with our partners."

Stephanie Unwin
Chief Executive Officer



Stephanie Unwin, Horizon Power CEO and Scadden Primary School student

About us and our Program

Horizon Power is Western Australia's regional and remote energy provider, driven by a dedicated local workforce committed to delivering safe and reliable power. Horizon Power's purpose is to deliver clean energy solutions for regional growth and vibrant communities.

We serve 47,000 customer accounts across 38 microgrids and 170 remote communities, covering 2.3 million square kilometres.

The Horizon Power Community Partnerships Program supports community organisations in regional Western Australia with funding for events, equipment, and initiatives that enhance community health and well-being.

We publish a quarterly Social Impact Index, detailing the business's social impact, including that of the Program

This Community Partnerships Impact Report further details the Program's impact for the 23/24 financial year (FY), emphasising its qualitative and quantitative impacts while identifying key learnings to help improve the Program.

Horizon Power values respectful and transparent community engagement to align decisions with community aspirations, to support vibrant communities and regional growth. The Program is integral to building trust and strong relationships within our communities.



Our Community Partnerships Program

The Horizon Power Community Partnerships Program is designed to support community organisations and initiatives that make a difference in regional Western Australia.

The Program has two social development aimed funding rounds each financial year and a further \$100,000 support for strategic initiatives aimed at regional economic development.

Since 2020

23/24 financial year



\$4.4m

of funding was provided



\$1.15m

of funding was provided



\$3.6m

in funding requests



450

initiatives supported



140

partnerships supported



227

applications received

The Gascoyne Mid West region received a record 48 applications seeking \$487,000 in support

Measuring impact is important

Measuring impact is essential as it allows us to evaluate the Program and make informed decisions to enhance community health and wellbeing outcomes.

Program impact is assessed against:

- ✔ Alignment with our purpose and guiding principles
- ✔ Geographic reach across our service area
- ✔ Diversity of partners and initiatives
- ✔ Ensuring low barriers to participate

These criteria help us celebrate success and understand the effectiveness of our partnerships by identifying areas for improvement, setting targets, and driving innovation in future rounds.

It ensures that the Program aligns with the businesses purpose of regional growth and vibrant communities.



Carnar-FIN Fishing Event 2024, Carnarvon

Partner initiatives need to align with one or more of our guiding principles



Community involvement

Listening, creating and delivering together.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commitment

Positive impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers, suppliers, employees and communities.



Cleaner, greener

Improving our shared environment.



Regions first

Preference towards local people, goods and services.

\$133.5k
Regional
Growth

\$1.02M
Vibrant
Communities



100
initiatives



aligned to
Community Involvement

56
initiatives



aligned to
Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
commitment

21
initiatives



aligned to
Cleaner & Greener

69
initiatives



aligned to
Regions First

Partnership initiatives must be delivered in our service area

Community Partnerships initiatives delivered across the regions

51

East Kimberley

48

West Kimberley

41

East Pilbara

32

West Pilbara

60

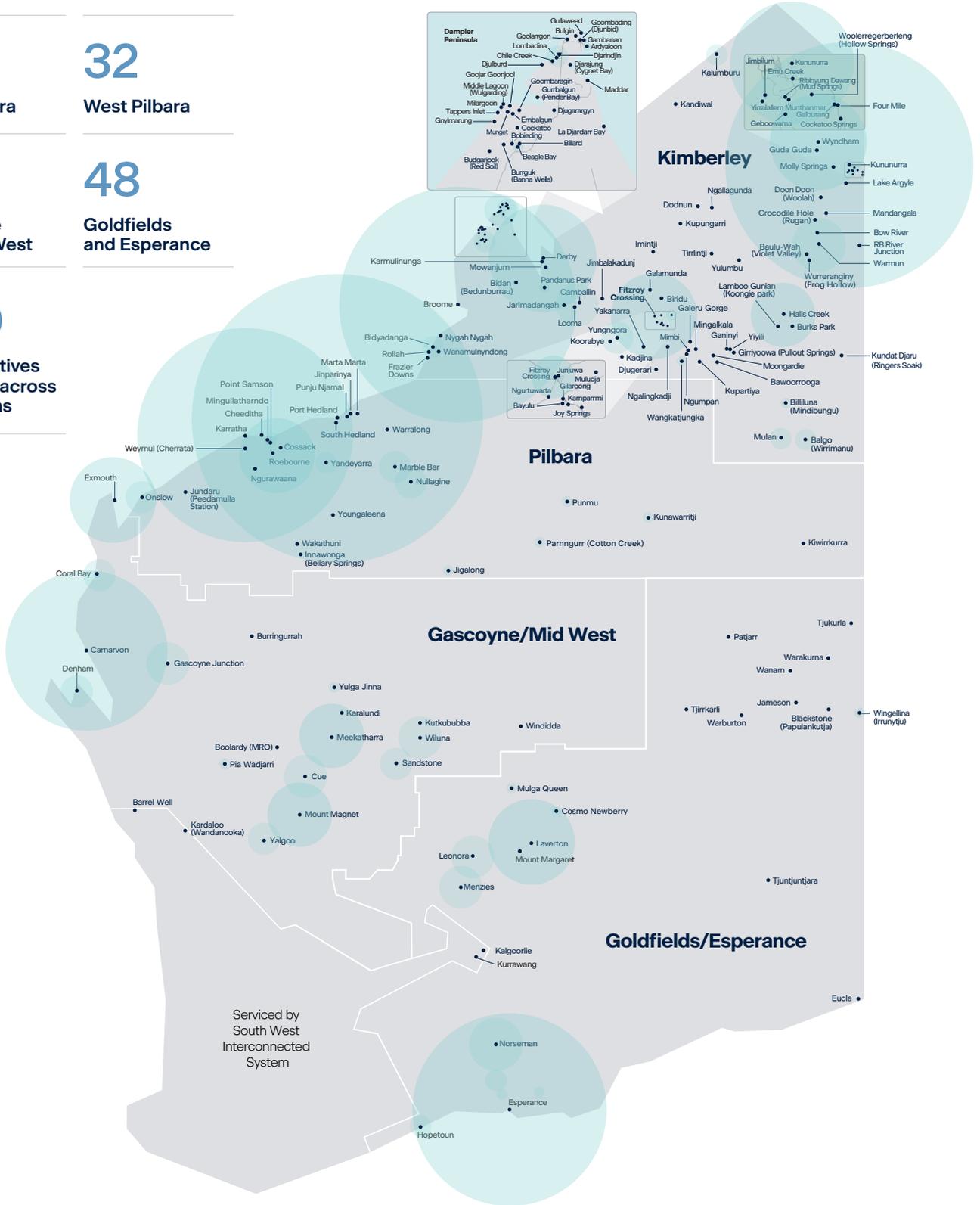
Gascoyne and Mid West

48

Goldfields and Esperance

280

total initiatives delivered across the regions



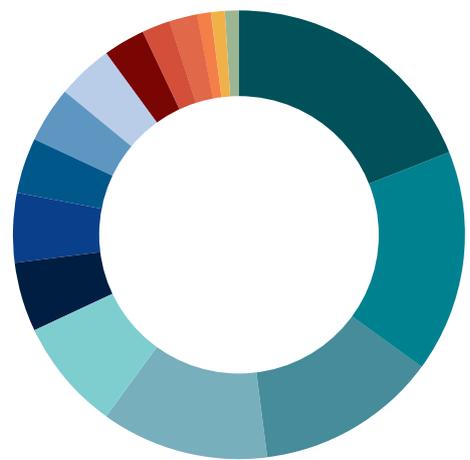
How we decide who to partner with

Not for profits (NFP), Local Government Authorities (LGA), Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO) and Body Prescribed Corporates (PBC) are all eligible to apply for a Community Partnership.

Partner organisations span multiple sectors and address diverse societal needs, from emergency services and sports to the arts and environmental conservation.

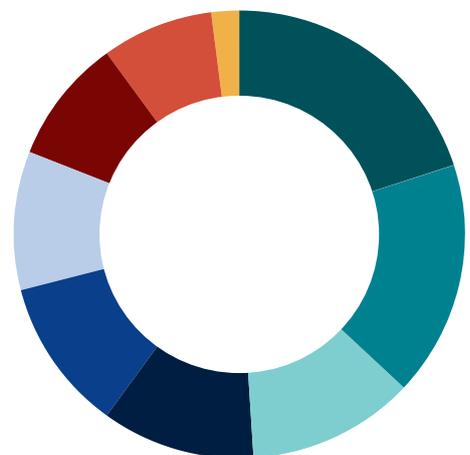
Type of organisation	No. of partners	% funding
● Sport/recreation	26	18.3
● Community (volunteer-run locally based organisation)	24	16.4
● Art/entertainment	10	13.4
● Local Government Area (LGA)	21	12.2
● Education/youth	4	8.2
● Event company	4	4.7
● Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI)	6	4.5
● Healthcare/advocacy	9	4.3
● Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO)	7	4.2
● Volunteer emergency services	7	3.5
● Community development	7	3.4
● Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC)	4	1.7
● Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)	3	1.7
● Environmental	4	1.4
● Childcare/early learning	3	1.3
● Industry group	1	0.7

% of funding for partners by type of organisation



Type of initiative	No. of initiatives	% funding
● Festival/event	27	20.0
● Education/youth	11	17.0
● Economic development	13	12.0
● Equipment	25	11.0
● Refurbishment/upgrade	21	11.0
● Inclusion/community	21	10.0
● Art/culture	10	9.0
● Health/wellbeing	6	8.0
● Environmental/sustainability	6	2.0

% of funding by type of initiative



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What we can support

-  Initiatives that will contribute to the community and have clear community outcomes
-  Initiatives that are aligned to Horizon Power's guiding principles
-  Equipment / fit out for organisations delivering projects in the regions
-  Initiatives that are regionally based in Horizon Power's area of operation
-  Events that are accessible for all and are free or very low cost to attend
-  Activities that support good health and well-being in community
-  Projects that are time limited (not ongoing)

What we can't support

-  Cash prizes
-  Catering or consumables
-  Commercial activities
-  Community fundraising e.g. fetes, corporate golf days, charity dinners
-  Federal or State Government-led initiatives
-  Individuals
-  Individual sporting teams
-  Intra-regional travel and accomodation expenses
-  Initiatives based outside of our service area
-  Ongoing operational costs
-  Organisations associated with / or promoting gambling, alcohol, smoking or drug use
-  Political activities
-  Prizes, trophies for sporting events
-  Religious activities
-  Schools or universities
-  Vehicles

What applicants can apply for

\$1,000 - \$10,000

Initiative must include and be within one of our regions

up to \$50,000

Initiative must include at least two of our regions

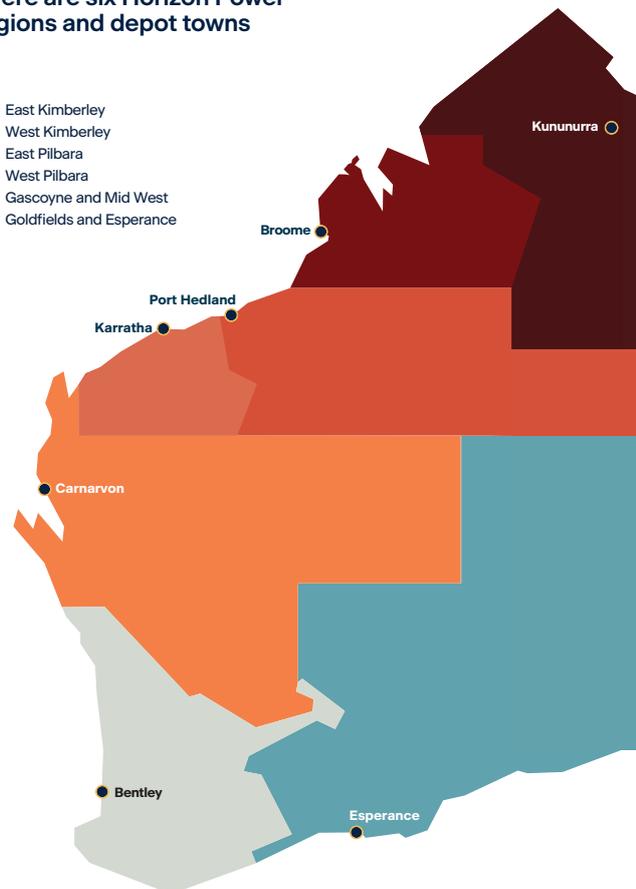
up to \$50,000

Major event in a town*

*Please reach out for more information before applying for this type of partnership

There are six Horizon Power regions and depot towns

-  East Kimberley
-  West Kimberley
-  East Pilbara
-  West Pilbara
-  Gascoyne and Mid West
-  Goldfields and Esperance



Successful Partnerships 2023/24

Name of organisation	Initiative	Round	Amount
Cross regional			
Anglicare WA	'Threads for Community'	8	\$20,000
Barking Gecko Theatre Company Ltd.	Empowering Imaginations: Creative Development and Regional Touring Program	8	\$50,000
*Broome Aboriginal Media Association	2024 Young Indigenous Women's Pathways Program (YIWPP) - Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields Girl	8	\$40,000
Country Football WA	Thriving Communities	8	\$20,000
Epilepsy Action Australia	'Equip' Epilepsy Education	8	\$3,100
Fair Game Australia	Game On and Healthy Communities Program for Regional WA	7	\$50,000
Glass Jar Australia - Shooting Stars	Training and Employment Pathway Program for Aboriginal girls and young women	7	\$50,000
Kidsafe WA	Community Safety Education Program	8	\$15,000
Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre	Yiriman Project: Strengthening Women's engagement and participation	8	\$25,000
Ord Valley Events	2024 Ord Valley Muster - Horizon Power Party in the Park	7	\$35,000
*Shinju Matsuri Inc	2024 Shinju Matsuri - Horizon Power Floating Lantern Matsuri	7	\$20,000
Shire of Esperance	Winter Wonderland 2024	7	\$25,000
*Spare Parts Puppet Theatre	2 Year Regional and Remote Schools Touring Program	7	\$20,000
*Teach Learn Grown	Teach Learn Grow Regional Program	7	\$24,500
The Innovators' Tea Party Inc	Girls in Science & Engineering Career Program	8	\$5,000
Town of Port Hedland	Spinifex Spree Carnival	8	\$30,000
Total			\$320,000
Strategic partnerships			
Broome & Derby CCI's	Kimberley Economic Forum 2023	7	\$15,000
Informaconnect	Pilbara Summit 2023	7	\$13,500
Informaconnect	Goldfields - Esperance Major Projects 2023	7	\$13,500
Informaconnect	Pilbara Summit 2024	8	\$13,500
Informaconnect	Mid West & Gascoyne Major Projects 2024	8	\$13,500
Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corporation	Kimberley Remote Aboriginal Communities Leadership Forum 2023	7	\$10,000
Port Hedland CCI	Hedland Economic Franchise Forum 2023	7	\$10,000
RCCIWA	2024 WA Regional Business Excellence Awards	8	\$5,000
Women in Energy	Gold Partnership 2023-24	8	\$8,000
Total			\$102,000

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Name of organisation	Initiative	Round	Amount
East Kimberley			
Apex Club of Kununurra	"APEX Kununurra Barra Bash 2024"	8	\$5,000
East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry	East Kimberley Business Excellence Awards 2024	8	\$7,000
Ewin Early Learning Centre Inc	Growing in the garden	7	\$5,000
*Far North Community Services Ltd.	On Country Therapy and Community Inclusion - multi region proposal	8	\$8,636
Gawooleng Yawoodeng Aboriginal Corporation	Badayijeng Ninggoowoong-Woor (Strong families) Family Festival	8	\$5,000
Kununurra Agricultural Society	Excite and Unite	7	\$5,000
Kununurra Gymnastics Club	Equipment upgrade	7	\$2,500
Kununurra Playgroup INC	Energetic explores	7	\$2,000
Kununurra Toy and Puzzle Library	Community outreach and event hire project	7	\$2,000
*Kununurra Visitor Centre	KVC - WIFI and IT upgrade	7	\$4,000
Kununurra Water Ski Club	Kununurra Water Ski Club reticulation upgrade - Stage 1	8	\$5,000
Lake Argyle Swim Inc.	2024 Lake Argyle Swim	7	\$9,000
Mulan Aboriginal Corporation	Mulan community kitchen upgrade initiative	8	\$7,000
Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation	Munumburra Festival	8	\$5,000
Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service Aboriginal Corporation	OVAHS 40 years of service to the community	8	\$5,000
Ord Valley Events	2024 Taste of the Kimberley	7	\$10,000
Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Christmas Light Competition	7	\$3,000
Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Community Art Project	8	\$5,000
St John Ambulance WA	Defibrillator Project	7	\$3,000
Warmun Aboriginal Community	Warmun gym	7	\$4,500
Total			\$102,636

West Kimberley			
AACHWA	Our Business Aboriginal Art Centre Forum 2023	7	\$5,000
Boab Festival Derby	Get ya bounce on & Horizon Power Float Parade	8	\$10,000
Broome Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Broome Business Excellence Awards 2024	8	\$7,500
*Broome Lotteries House	Broome's Senior community members program	7	\$4,500
Broome Performing Arts Co-Op	Studio 34 - Studio 3 renovation	8	\$5,500
Broome Senior High School P&C	Laptops for the Arts	7	\$7,000

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Name of organisation	Initiative	Round	Amount
Broome Soccer Association	The Broome Matilda's Soccer Project - Let's get girls moving!	8	\$2,100
Broome Sports Association	2023 Broome Sports Awards	7	\$5,000
Broome Town Band	Creating a community space for participation in music	8	\$2,863
*Bunuba Dawangarri Aboriginal Corporation	Connecting with our mob		\$5,000
CWA Derby West Kimberley Air Branch	Upgrade to CWA Cottage	8	\$3,300
Derby Media Aboriginal Corporation	Larrkardi sounds studio upgrade	8	\$2,239
Derby Speedway	Canteen upgrades	7	\$5,000
Djugun Flames Netball Club Inc	Coaching support	7	\$1,278
Feed the Little Children	Food Security in Broome	7	\$1,222
Horizon House Broome St John	On Country Cultural Camp	8	\$3,550
Nagula Jarndu	Nagula Jarndu (Saltwater Women) Ceramics workshop	8	\$8,400
Nagula Jarndu Designs (Yawuru Jarndu Aboriginal Corporation)	SKUTTA Kimberley Fashion and Creative Industries Events Program	7	\$8,000
Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Christmas lights	7	\$3,500
Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Kimberley Art & Photographic Prize 2024	8	\$10,000
Society of Kimberley Indigenous Plants and Animals (SKIPA)	Home for SKIPA	8	\$4,500
St John of God Social Outreach	Healthy Horizon House	7	\$4,500
Total			\$109,952

East Pilbara			
Care for Hedland Environmental Association Inc.	Great gardens competition	8	\$5,000
Care for Hedland Environmental Association Inc.	Keeping Containers for Change depot, staff and customers secure and safe	7	\$4,000
Dementia Australia	Support for Dementia Australia Brain Hubs in Pilbara WA	8	\$2,000
Hedland Amateur Theatre	2024 Production - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	8	\$5,000
Hedland Well Women's Centre	Women on Wellness (WoW) Week	7	\$6,000
Julyardi Aboriginal Corporation	Hedland Aboriginal Strong Leaders - Their Stories	7	\$6,000
*Marble Bar Community Resource Centre	Christmas in July family activities	8	\$8,000
Pilbara Community Legal Service Inc.	Harmony Week 2024 - Dances from Around the World	7	\$1,335
*Port Hedland Horse and Pony Club	Pony Club Australia monthly rallies	7	\$7,000
Port Hedland Lesbian, Allies, Gays Society Inc. (PHLAGS+ Inc.)	Pilbara Pride Festival 2024	8	\$10,000
SAFE Hedland	Sterilisation Drive	7	\$5,000

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Name of organisation	Initiative	Round	Amount
The Junction Co.	Portside Twilight Christmas Festival	7	\$5,500
Town of Port Hedland	Festive Lights Competition	8	\$2,000
Town of Port Hedland	Teddy Bear's Picnic	8	\$500
Town of Port Hedland	Youth Week	8	\$5,000
Town of Port Hedland	Odyssea Hedland	8	\$5,000
Town of Port Hedland	Welcome to Hedland Community Expo	8	\$5,000
Town of Port Hedland	Hedland Community Sports Awards	8	\$2,500
Treloar Child Care	Shade sails	7	\$5,000
Volunteer Marine Rescue Service Port Hedland	Facility replacement	7	\$10,000
Total			\$99,835

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West Pilbara			
Big hART Inc	Songs for Freedom: Next Generation	8	\$10,000
City of Karratha	Christmas Light Competition 2023	7	\$5,000
Karratha & Districts Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KDCCI)	KDCCI Business Excellence Awards 2023	7	\$7,500
Karratha Community Garden Inc.	Fruit trees	7	\$2,500
Karratha Community House	Halloween disco	8	\$3,700
*Karratha Gymnastics Club	Gymnastic equipment replacement	7	\$10,000
Karratha Squash Club	Training equipment for juniors	7	\$4,800
Karratha Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service	2023 Christmas Lolly Run & Santa photos	7	\$3,250
Millars Well Primary School P & C Association Inc	Nature Playground	7	\$8,000
Ngarliyarndu Bindirri (NBAC)	Roebourne Post Office Relocation Project	8	\$10,000
*St John WA Onslow	Communication equipment	7	\$10,000
The Scout Association of WA	Personal floatation device replacement	7	\$3,690
Total			\$78,4405

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Gascoyne Mid West			
Carnarvon Fishing Club Inc.	Carnar-FIN Fishing Event 2024	7	\$5,000
*Carnarvon Golf Club	Refurbishment of dated clubhouse	8	\$5,000
Carnarvon Heritage Group Inc	Preservation & refurbishment of rail carriage	8	\$5,000
Carnarvon Race Club	Facility development	7	\$7,000
Carnarvon Speedway Club	Pit wall safety upgrade	7	\$5,000

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Name of organisation	Initiative	Round	Amount
Carnarvon State Emergency Services	Search & rescue mobility	8	\$5,000
Events Carnarvon	Carnarvon Main Street Christmas Party	7	\$3,500
Exmouth Community Garden	Growing Together "Fruit and Natives Garden/Bush tucker foods"	8	\$2,500
Exmouth Horseman's Club	Shade it Over	7	\$5,000
Gascoyne Gymnastics Club	Empowering excellence	8	\$10,000
Gascoyne Off Road Racing Club	Fund towards new track	7	\$5,000
Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation (GSAC)	Skate Skills - Yalgoo, Mt Magnet, Meekatharra & Wiluna	7	\$7,000
Ngala Community Services	Carnarvon community college garden	8	\$5,000
Shark Bay Community Resource Centre	Photo identification equipment for ID photos	7	\$3,500
Shire of Cue	NAIDOC community celebration	8	\$5,000
Shire of Exmouth	Exmouth Christmas light competition	7	\$2,500
Shire of Meekatharra	Meeka Outback Festival 2024	8	\$5,000
Shire of Sandstone	Community Canvas Sandstone	8	\$5,000
Shire of Shark Bay	Beats in the Bay Festival 2024	8	\$5,000
*Shire of Upper Gascoyne	National Tidy Town Sustainable Communities Conference 2024	7	\$9,500
St John Ambulance, Exmouth Subcentre	Communications equipment upgrade	8	\$5,000
Total			\$110,500

Goldfields Esperance

20talk	60Rural activation package	8	\$10,000
Asthma WA	Activ8 for Asthma Program	8	\$5,000
Cycling Development Foundation Inc	Laverton Cycling + Mulga Queen & Cosmo Newbury	8	\$7,000
*Cycling Development Organisation	Laverton Cycling Project	7	\$5,000
Dieback Working Group Inc	Community Dieback Busting Day	8	\$5,000
Esperance District Recreation Association Inc.	Horizon Power Sports Star of the Year 2023	7	\$5,000
Esperance Golf Club	An introduction to golf. Golf is for everyone	8	\$5,000
Esperance Men in Sheds Inc.	Equipping new metalworking workshop	7	\$4,000
*Esperance Soccer Association	More soccer for more people	7	\$2,000
*Esperance Soccer Association	Canopy Roof / Patio Kitchen Upgrades	8	\$5,000
Esperance Sonshine Broadcasters inc. (Hope FM)	Replacement of computers	7	\$5,000
Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation	Kepa Kurl Youth NAIDOC Ball	8	\$5,000

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Name of organisation	Initiative	Round	Amount
Irrunytju Community Inc.	Youth Diversion Camp	7	\$6,000
Laverton Cross Cultural Association Inc.	Safety upgrade - Laverton Art Gallery and Community Space	7	\$8,000
Mother's Day Classic	Mother's Day Classic Esperance	7	\$1,000
Norseman District High School P&C inc	Community art & garden show	8	\$5,000
Pakaanu Aboriginal Corporation	Capacity building	8	\$5,000
Saving Animals From Euthanasia Inc.	Box trailer & cover	7	\$5,000
Shire of Esperance	Edge of the Bay	7	\$5,000
Shire of Menzies	Menzies Discovery Day 2023	7	\$2,000
Total			\$100,000
Total			\$1,169,463

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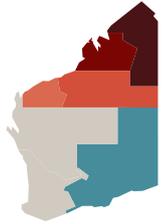
Menzies Discovery Day 2023, Shire of Menzies



Case studies

The Young Indigenous Women's Pathway Program

Cross regional



Education/Youth

- Broome Aboriginal Media Association (Art/Entertainment)
- Kununurra, Warmun, Broome, Port Hedland, Karratha, Laverton, Leonora, Esperance, Norseman
- Community involvement, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commitment
- \$40,000

Overview

In late 2023, the Young Indigenous Women's Pathway Program celebrated its 20th anniversary. It is a personal development, confidence building, community engagement, leadership and pathways program for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women aged 16-25. It concludes with a gala event in Broome where participants compete for the title of Kimberley, Pilbara or Goldfields Girl.

It aims to produce both short and long-term positive outcomes for participants by providing them with the confidence, tools, knowledge, ambition, and opportunities to pursue education, employment, and active community life.



Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields Girl is an innovative approach to providing lasting benefits for young Indigenous women with opportunities provided on an ongoing basis to each cohort of participants for their future development.

Kira Fong
Chief Operations Manager

Key highlights

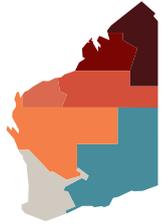
- Employment opportunities**
Creates direct employment opportunities for participants, increasing their future career prospects and enhances their image as role models among peers and the next generation.
- Long-standing and far-reaching**
The program is supported by staff, alumni and volunteers who are all dedicated to creating positive change for these young women and empowering them to bring about change in themselves and their communities.

Impact

The program significantly enhances the social, emotional, and personal development of participants. It helps in building identity, self-esteem, confidence, and various personal and professional attributes. These benefits are transferred into daily life within their respective communities, creating role models for youth and encouraging positive attitudes towards First Nations people.

Regional & Remote Schools Touring Program

Cross regional



Education/Youth

- Spare Parts Puppet Theatre (Art/Entertainment)
- Kununurra, Derby, Hedland, Marble Bar, Nullagine, Karratha, Carnarvon, Denham, Mount Magnet, Menzies, Scaddan, Esperance, Condingup, Norseman
- Community involvement, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commitment, Regions first
- \$50,000

Overview

The Spare Parts Puppet Theatre offers live performance experiences and creative workshops to regional and remote school communities in WA. Two tours included performances of "Blueback," a theatre adaptation by Peta Murray based on Tim Winton's book and the production of Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge, a heart-warming and enchanting story adapted from the beloved picture book by Mem Fox.

Performances were supported by workshops that align with the aims of the program by focusing on emotional literacy, community engagement, and connection. The program encourages curiosity and provides a holistic view of curricular learning through innovative and unique performances.

Key highlights

- Memories**
In Mount Magnet, two older community members shared stories about the old trainline's last journey through Mt Magnet Railway Station, adding a personal touch to the performance.

1,000+

people of all ages attended the performances or workshops



This was a wonderful performance - from our Kindergarten to Year 12 students they all took something away from this. It was evocative and provided impetus for them to use their imaginations and make links to the story. It was a great way for them to see how different emotions can be expressed through a creative forum.

Program participant

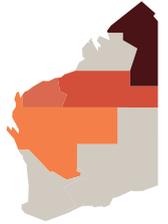
Impact

The tour offered students an alternative way to engage with the arts, developing skills such as critical thinking and creative writing. The performances and workshops provide a memorable experience that can be built upon for continued engagement with the arts.

Rural Program

Education/Youth

Cross regional



- Teach Learn Grow (Education/Youth)
- Kununurra, Wyndham, Carnarvon, Yulga Jinna, Cue, Mount Magnet,
- Regions first
- \$50,000

Overview

Teach Learn Grow (TLG) offers free one-on-one STEM tutoring to school students in rural to remote WA and NSW helping equalise educational opportunities. University and TAFE students volunteer as tutors, traveling to schools including those in our service area.

Key highlights

- Education gap**
The program works to ensure equal educational opportunities for students in regional and remote WA, bridging the gap with metro WA.
- Regional exposure**
Tutors, who are mainly from Perth, get to briefly experience life in the regions opening their eyes to the potential of living and working there.

Impact

In 2023, 363 students across 5 schools received tutoring. Of these, 96% felt more confident in maths, and 99% showed increased interest in learning maths. Additionally, 89% of the 78 volunteers expressed interest in teaching in rural and remote communities. The program also offers volunteers leadership opportunities and skill development.



It is always so genuinely heartwarming to see a kid light up when someone tells them that a dream they have could be a possibility, or they get to meet a young person studying in a field that they hope to enter.

Program volunteer

31

Volunteer mentors in our service area

150

Students supported

2024 Horizon Power Floating Lantern Matsuri

Major event



Festival/Event

- 👤 Shinju Matsuri (Community)
- 📍 Broome
- ✅ Regions first
- 💰 \$20,000

Overview

Shinju Matsuri (Festival of the Pearl) is an iconic annual event that is run and organised locally, with up to 4,000 locals and visitors enjoying the festivities. Shinju Matsuri is an event that has been running since 1970, it is a high-profile large economic and cultural event for Broome.

Key highlights

- **One of a kind**
The Horizon Power Floating Lantern Matsuri is a **free** event in the Shinju Matsuri that highlights the unique culture of Broome and the Japanese influence and role in the pearling town.
- **16 days**
There was 16 full days of various unique events from art exhibitions and comedy to night markets for visitors to attend

Impact

The Horizon Power Floating Lantern Matsuri is an event that brought families, even the Japanese Consul General, down to Gantheaume Point. People were able to decorate and personalise their own lanterns before everyone walked down to release them into the water together. The lanterns are later collected to prevent them ending up in the environment.

~4,000	47	\$6.2M
festival attendance	local businesses involved	contributed to the local economy



The event celebrates the rich and intertwined multicultural and pearling history of Broome. The event worked with 47 local business and brought \$6.2 million to the local economy.

Linsey Millard
Customer and Community Manager, Horizon Power



2023 Kimberley Economic Forum

Strategic



Economic development

-  Broome and Derby Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Strategic Partnerships)
-  Kimberley
-  Community involvement, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commitment, Regions first
-  \$15,000

Overview

Hosted by the Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the 2-day Forum was staged across Broome and Derby. It provided an opportunity for business leader from across the Kimberley to come together.

Key highlights

-  **Future of the region**
Enable delegates to connect with trade organisations, government agencies, investors, industry, and media.

Impact

Delegates received updates on industry trends, major developments, and discussed opportunities for expanding agriculture, aquaculture, construction, mining, tourism, and logistics.

The Forum kept delegates informed about domestic and international trends in their own and neighbouring industries.

150
attendees



The forum was a comprehensive program which also allowed the opportunity for Horizon Power, as a regional stakeholder, to present on energy initiatives.

Evette Smeathers
EGM Customer and Community, Horizon Power



IT Upgrade and Free WiFi

Refurbishment/Upgrade

East Kimberley



-  Kununurra Visitor Centre (Community)
-  Kununurra
-  Community involvement, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commitment, Cleaner greener, Regions first
-  \$4,000

Overview

The Kununurra Visitor Centre has upgraded its IT services to continue offering free Wi-Fi for visitors.

Key highlights

-  **Internet**
Free WiFi makes it easier to access online services, documents, bus tickets and make crucial calls.
-  **Local suppliers**
Local suppliers were used for the upgrade which helps to keep the partnership funding in the local economy.

Impact

This initiative reduces internet access barriers, enabling more community members to make calls, access important emails, and use online bus tickets. It is especially beneficial for those who cannot afford data or lack other free Wi-Fi options, this is especially helpful for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are travelling through the region and between communities.

The upgrade was completed with the help of local suppliers, including East Kimberley Computers, DSC Contracting, and Office National Kununurra.



We have many community members who don't have the financial ability to get data on their mobile devices. This initiative has given everyone access to a valuable need.

Vivienne McEvoy
General Manager, Kununurra Visitor Centre

On Country Therapy and Community Inclusion

East Kimberley



Refurbishment/Upgrade

-  Far North Community Services (Healthcare/Advocacy)
-  Halls Creek, Balgo, Bililuna, Mulan
-  Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commitment
-  \$8,636

Overview

Far North Community Services is enhancing its facilities and equipment in Halls Creek to be more culturally safe and supportive as well as provide an overall higher quality of care.

Key highlights

-  **On Country**
Participants can have mobility needs met to more easily engage with their culture and On Country activities.
-  **Superior care**
Upgraded facilities and new equipment allows Halls Creek to better act as a hub for disability services and meet community needs.

Impact

Specialist Mobi mats, nurses beds and shower equipment has allowed Far North Community Services to offer more local respite for participants who are largely First Nations people. This meets cultural needs and improves capacity.



This initiative helps people with disabilities in Halls Creek, and surrounding areas engage with culture and receive a higher standard of care.



Broome's Senior Community Members Program

West Kimberley



Inclusion/Community

- Broome Lotteries House (Community Development)
- Broome
- Community involvement
- \$4,500

Overview

Broome Lotteries House ran a 12-month program to bring senior residents, affectionately known as 'goldies', together every Thursday for group activities.

Key highlights

- Active**
This program offered ongoing engaging activities for seniors in the community.
- Bonds**
It has created enduring friendships among the goldies that continues beyond the program.

Impact

It has reduced loneliness among seniors by fostering regular social interactions. Participants have built strong connections with each other through the weekly activities.



This program enriches the lives of older West Australians by providing regular activities that foster and strengthen friendships.



Connecting with our Mob

Equipment

West Kimberley



-  Bunuba Dawangarri Aboriginal Corporation (Prescribed Body Corporate)
-  Fitzroy Crossing and the area covered by the Bunuba Dawangarri Aboriginal Corporation
-  Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commitment
-  \$5,000

Overview

The Bunuba Dawangarri Aboriginal Corporation’s “Connecting Our Mob” equipped the PBC with new equipment for teleconferencing.

Key highlights

Community use

The PBC is allowing local businesses and organisations to use the teleconferencing equipment helping give them more options and flexibility for meetings.

Impact

The PBC represents approximately 250 members across a large and remote area across the Fitzroy Valley. The new equipment is helping to keep them engage and up to date. The equipment is also used for training and other meetings by the executive.

250

members better engaged through technology



This initiative is supporting a community that was recovering after the 2023 Kimberley Floods and is helping to build capacity for the PBC and meeting options for member engagement.

Monthly rallies

Inclusion/Community

East Pilbara



- Port Hedland Horse and Pony Club (Sport/Recreation)
- Hedland
- Community involvement
- \$7,000

Overview

The Horse and Pony Club re-established in 2023, is teaching and deepening horsemanship skills and holding public events. They have begun running monthly rallies attracting people of all ages from across the Pilbara region. Horizon Power supported two coaches for eight months plus judges at hosted open days and shows.

Key highlights

- Skilling up**
The Pony Club provides opportunities for horse owners to learn from specialists and for newcomers or people who don't own a horse to learn horse riding.
- Values**
The Pony Club fosters fellowship, citizenship, loyalty, and character strength through horsemanship.

Impact

These rallies allow horse owners to learn from a specialist to deepen their horsemanship skills and newcomers to begin learning. The Club also hold shows and open days for the community including its first show in six years.

25
new members of all ages joined the club



Horse riding offers numerous psychological benefits for children, including improved social skills, mood and a sense of accomplishment and responsibility. We have already observed positive changes in the children actively involved.

Ms Del Carmen
Pilbara News, 3 January 2025



Christmas in July family activities

East Pilbara



Inclusion/Community

- Marble Bar Community Resource Centre (Community)
- Marble Bar
- Regions first
- \$8,000

Overview

The Marble Bar Resource Centre leveraged the increased tourism from the Marble Bar Races by hosting a two-day Christmas in July event in Australia's hottest town.

Key highlights

Profile

The Christmas in July event, following the Marble Bar Races, helps boost the town's profile and local economy by attracting more visitors and retaining them for longer.

Ice and snow

The resource centre installed an ice rink and snow machine allowing people in the hottest town in Australia to experience winter climate phenomena.

Impact

The event attracted up to 300 people, almost doubling the town's population. Both local community members and visitors came together to enjoy the activities.

300

people in attendance



This was a great success!! It was wonderful seeing the kids happy and laughing. Parents were really involved and cheered them while racing. Many commented on the old fashioned races and how good they were.

Pam Townshead/Barry Harris
Coordinators



New gymnastics equipment

West Pilbara



Equipment

- Karratha Gymnastics Club (Sport/Recreation)
- Karratha
- Community involvement
- \$10,000

Overview

The gymnastics club purchased a state-of-the-art vault from Europe. The specialist item represented a significant equipment upgrade for the club.

Key highlights

- Belonging**
The club attracts people who may not enjoy traditional sports, and it gives the community a variety of sports options.
- Athletic excellence**
This equipment addresses the challenge of limited access to advanced facilities often faced by people living in regional Western Australia.

Impact

The new equipment has improved the experience for the 400 children, aged from 2 years, enrolled at the club, offering better quality training and skills development. Gymnastics provides an alternative to traditional sports in Karratha, especially for teenage boys, Aboriginal children, and people with disabilities. This upgrade supports the Clubs commitment to developing young gymnasts and enhancing the community's opportunities.



Community is a value the Karratha Gymnastics Club is committed to and it's wonderful to be able to provide more specialised equipment to our gymnasts to level up their skills. Together, we're able to provide something special to the Karratha community and make us the leading gymnastics club of the North West.

Mellisa Durkin
Club President

400

children gain better quality training

Communication equipment upgrades

West Pilbara



Equipment

- St John WA Onslow (Volunteer Emergency Service)
- Onslow
- Community involvement
- \$9,796

Overview

The team of 15 volunteers and one paramedic from St John WA Onslow cover a geographical area of 38,000 km². As first-line responders, they drive up to two hours in any direction for emergencies. The nearest hospitals in Karratha and Exmouth are 3 to 4 hours away. Upgrading key communication equipment is critical to saving lives.

Key highlights

- Reliability**
St John Onslow's new communication equipment enhances their coordination during emergencies, ensuring efficient responses.

Impact

Covering a large remote area, St John requires advanced technology such as operational and satellite phones to ensure clear and reliable communication during emergencies. Mainly accessed by road, the Pilbara mining economy of Onslow hosts both FIFO and residential workers, as well as the local and visiting population who rely on St John services every day of the year.



The phone upgrades allow St John Onslow to continue to service the Onslow community whilst allowing volunteers access to specific phone numbers and duress alarms.

Hayley Brett
Vice Chairperson

15

volunteer personnel

38,000km²

area coverage

2024 Keep Australia Beautiful National Tidy Towns Awards

Gascoyne and Mid West



Equipment

- Shire of Upper Gascoyne (LGA)
- Gascoyne Junction
- Community involvement, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Cleaner greener, Regions first
- \$9,000

Overview

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne extended a warm welcome to State winners and delegates from across Australia to attend the 2024 National Tidy Town Awards in Gascoyne Junction after being crowned the overall Australian Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards 2023 winner.

Key highlights

- Community pride**
The entire town participated in organising the event, with local businesses, sports clubs, and community groups collaborating to deliver a high-quality experience.

Impact

The four-day event attracted delegates from across Australia, doubling the remote Gascoyne town's population of 70 people. The event leveraged national attention and provided an economic boost to the town.

150
attendants

\$100,000
injected into the local economy



The four day event highlighted what our community can achieve bringing everyone together to celebrate and show outback hospitality.

Ainsley Hardie
Tourism and Community Development Officer



Refurbish clubhouse

Refurbishment/Upgrade

Gascoyne and Mid West



Carnarvon Golf Club (Sports/Recreation)

Carnarvon

Regions first

\$5,000

Overview

Carnarvon Golf Club refurbished its clubhouse to modernise the space. Prior to the refurbishment, parts of the club were 30 years old.

Key highlights

Competitions

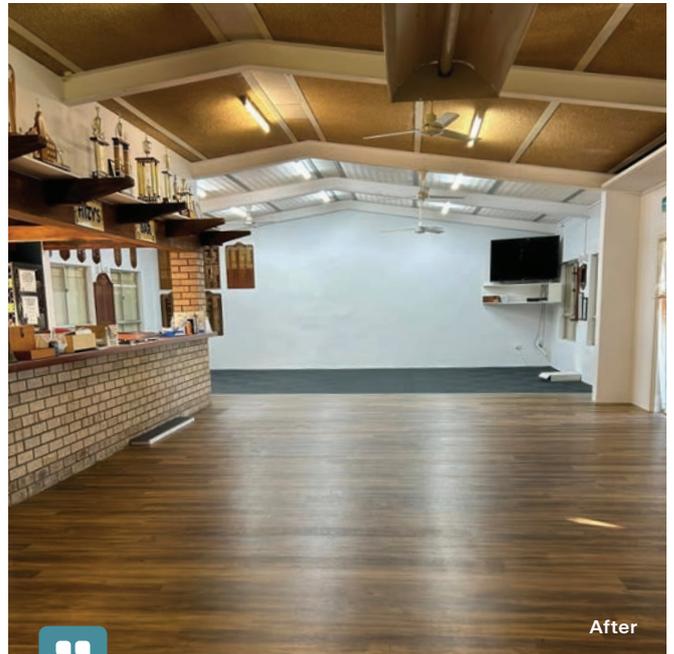
The updated clubhouse will help towards making the Coral Coast competition and Carnarvon Open competitions 'must do' events alongside those held in Perth and Geraldton.

Economic sustainability

The clubhouse provides much needed venue hire in Carnarvon. The upgrades will help generate additional revenue through venue hire and increase the clubs economic sustainability.

Impact

The refurbishment of the clubhouse was a high priority for the club. The Carnarvon Golf Club wanted a more welcoming and modern space to welcome visiting players, encourage new membership and increase venue hire.

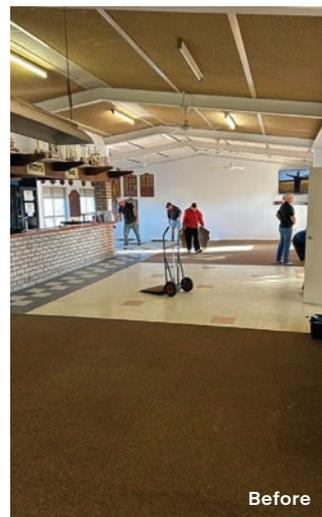


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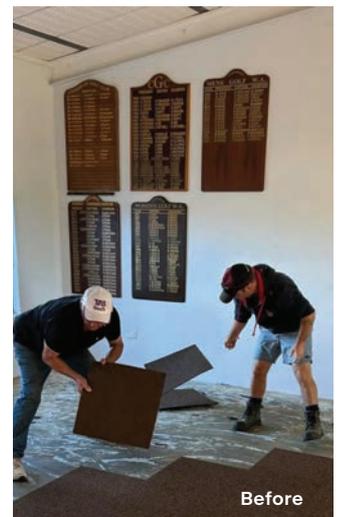


We refurbished our clubhouse in time for our annual Open competition as a way to impress and attract visitors as well as showcase our venue to locals as a function venue. It was a huge success - the clubhouse is finally out of the dark ages and looks so modern.

Liana Frzop
Committee Member



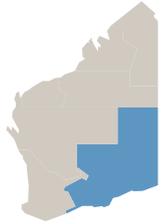
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Before

New soccer kits and upgraded canteen

Goldfields and Esperance



Refurbishment/Upgrade

- Esperance Soccer Association (Sports/Recreation)
- Esperance
- Community involvement, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commitment, Regions first
- \$7,000 (over two partnerships)

Overview

We partnered with Esperance Soccer Association twice throughout the year helping them purchase new kit to support a girl only league and to upgrade the kitchen in the canteen.

Key highlights

- New league**
The high growth of the girl's league will help keep girls in structured sports and engaged in soccer for a longer time.
- Ongoing engagement**
The new canteen has already earned the association at least \$14,000 which has been invested in new equipment and kit.

Impact

The new dedicated girls league has seen an increase in girls to about 44, with 3 female coaches. There has also been several open days and free events run to raise interest. The canteen was upgraded using local business and encourages people to stay and watch the games. The space is also used by other groups including the Esperance Rugby and Dog clubs.

44

girls in the new league

3

new female coaches



We have provided a new opportunity for girls that is not usually available in a small regional town. We have engaged wider demographics of the community in our club.

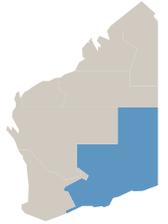
Louise Pearn
Vice President



Laverton cycling project

Inclusion/Community

Goldfields and Esperance



-  **Cycling Development Foundation (Sports/Recreation)**
-  **Laverton, Mulga Queen and Cosmo Newbury**
-  **Community involvement, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commitment, Regions first**
-  **\$7,000**

Overview

The Cycling Development Foundation provides ongoing support in Laverton through their cycling project. This initiative uses cycling to promote fitness among at-risk youth and adults and increase school attendance.

Key highlights

-  **School**
The program has contributed to increased school attendance while helping participants create a positive pathway for personal growth.
-  **Ongoing engagement**
Commencing in 2018, the program has delivered results, and earned support and trust from the local community.

Impact

On average 15 youth regularly engaged with the program, increasing to 30 youth during NAIDOC Week events. It has helped youth engage in school, learn road safety, keep them active and provide them a safe environment with peers and encouraged good behaviour. Encouraged by the Shire of Laverton the program has expanded into the nearby remote Aboriginal communities of Mulga Queen and Cosmo Newbury.



We provided education and activities normally difficult to obtain in the regions. Whilst our activities focus on the youths of this remote town, we are fully engaged with the whole community during our time there. We are trying to collaborate, have discussions, help educate and provide opportunity for everyone in Laverton

Sabine Bird
Project Coordinator, Laverton Cycling Project

5

consecutive funding rounds of support

April 2021

we have been working with this partner

Youth Diversion Camp

Inclusion/Community

Remote Communities



- Irrunytju Community Incorporated (Community)
- Wingellina (Irrunytju)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commitment, Regions first
- \$6,000

Overview

Irrunytju Community Inc. successfully organised and conducted a youth camp in Esperance for twelve at-risk young men, aged 18-25. The camp aimed to foster positive relationships among peers, youth workers, and elders.

Key highlights

- First**
This marks our inaugural partnership with one of the 117 remote Aboriginal communities where we now provide power services.
- Personal development**
The camp provided a structured and supported environment to participate in an intra-regional experience for personal growth and reflection.

Impact

The camp was transformative. Many of the men visited the beach for the first time, experiencing a new environment. It also enabled cultural exchange with Esperance-based Aboriginal organisations and people. They also did a tour of Horizon Powers' Esperance Depot and were able to learn from staff about their roles in the energy industry.



The event was a great success. The young people came back talking about the trip for weeks and want to expose themselves to similar trips in the future.

Jessica Harrison
Youth Worker

12

people attended the camp



Growing Together, Exmouth Community Gardens

Raising awareness about the program

Maintaining and increasing public awareness and knowledge of the Program is important as it attracts new applications and potential partners for the Program. We also share back with our communities updates about partnerships in their region.

Our owned media

Owned media platforms are those we control such as our social media pages and the website.

Social media

22

posts featuring partnership content

35,000

views from people in our service area

Community Partnerships website

10,000

people engaged with our webpage



Horizon Power Instagram post

Our earned media

Our communications team ensured the program received extra reach across print, online and radio media.

Newspaper and ministerial media

36

positive media stories

5

Ministerial media releases

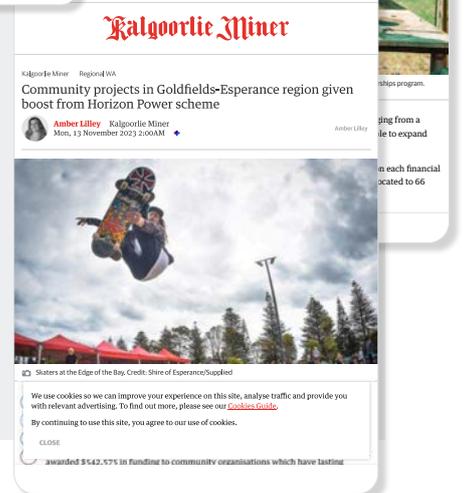
175

online media clicked links to Partnerships webpage

Program and information sessions

108

people registered for online information sessions



Examples of print and online media stories

Our paid media

Our dedicated program campaign activities drive action and awareness.

4,000

people sent to Community Partnerships webpage through paid campaigns

450,000

people were reached through digital advertising

2,800,000

views from advertised content

Campaign artwork on social media



Derby Boab Festival 2024, Boab Festival at Derby inc

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Apply online at horizonpower.com.au/partnerships

You'll find the dates on when you need to apply by, along with other useful information to help your application.



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