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Woodside COVID-19 Community Fund supports Karratha

Nine organisations in the City of Karratha will share \$438,000 from the Woodside COVID-19 Community Fund to support initiatives that are helping our community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding for local organisations follows support for WA organisations such as Financial Toolbox, Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry of WA, Foodbank WA, Lifeline WA, Breast Cancer Care WA and Solaris Care Foundation, which will provide vital services to communities across the State.

The Salvation Army's Karratha Women's Refuge was the first local organisation to receive support for families in crisis. Refuge Acting Program Manager Christine MacDonald said that during the COVID-19 pandemic the refuge had continued its commitment to caring for and supporting women and children experiencing family and domestic violence.

"Social distancing, self-isolation requirements and home schooling have proven challenging for women and children seeking the support of The Salvation Army during these unprecedented times," she said.

"Woodside's timely response and provision of financial support will greatly contribute to easing the burden by providing much needed online education, food and clothing provisions, and quality recreational equipment."

Other local organisations to receive funding are:

- Mawarnkarra Health Service to support Elders and vulnerable people with health and wellbeing information, outreach programs and telehealth consultations;
- Yaandina Community Services to support outreach to children and young people at risk;
- Pilbara Legal Service to assist people at risk of homelessness through financial counselling, housing support and tenant advocacy services;
- Move Your Body Studio to support people with disabilities and their families with education, movement and play to inspire overall mental, emotional and physical wellbeing;
- Reach Us – Pilbara Inc to assist vulnerable cancer patients who are immunocompromised;
- Welcome Lottery House Karratha for teleconferencing equipment to support counsellor engagement;
- Department of Communities for the coordination of COVID-19 emergency welfare assistance to people in crisis situations in City of Karratha; and
- Salvation Army Karratha for community outreach support.

Woodside Karratha Corporate Affairs Manager Kate Gauntlett said local not-for-profit organisations were vital in supporting the ongoing wellbeing of the local community in response to COVID-19.

"Woodside's priority is the health and safety of our people and the Karratha and Roebourne communities where we are fortunate to live and work. One of the important ways we can achieve this is by supporting the grassroots organisations that are assisting us all pull together to get through this challenging period.

"If your organisation is helping people in our community, let us help you through Woodside's COVID-19 Community Fund," she said.

Not for profit organisations in the City of Karratha are encouraged to apply for funding through Woodside's \$10M COVID-19 Community Fund. For more information please phone 1800 634 988 or email karrathacommunityrelations@woodside.com.au.

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