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Woodside COVID-19 Fund supports the Kimberley community

Five organisations in the Shire of Broome will share more than \$150,000 from the Woodside COVID-19 Community Fund as part of the first round of grants announced today. The grants support initiatives helping the Kimberley community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Ltd (KAMS) is one of the first local organisations to receive funding from Woodside. KAMS will receive a donation of \$100,000 for the purchase of telehealth equipment necessary to maintain remote Aboriginal communities' access to critical health services across the West Kimberley.

KAMS CEO Vicki O'Donnell acknowledged the significant contribution from Woodside.

"The support from Woodside will enable us to purchase telehealth equipment for our Aboriginal Health Practitioners, Doctors and Nurses in our remote clinics, giving them the ability to collaborate in real time with any major hospital in the country on the best medical treatment for our patients.

"This state-of-the-art technology gives us the capability to continue to provide critical health services to remote Aboriginal communities both during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the future," she said.

Other local organisations to receive funding are:

- **Feed the Little Children** to support families to maintain household food security during COVID-19 through the provision of food hampers;
- **Marnja Jarndu Women's Refuge** to provide access to vital accommodation facilities;
- **Yawuru Jarndu Aboriginal Corporation** to deliver a soap making initiative that educates vulnerable people about consistent and recurring hygiene practices during COVID-19 and beyond and;
- **Broome Community Resource Centre** to purchase a multi-function printer to further support the Broome community with essential document services required during COVID-19.

Woodside's Broome Corporate Affairs Representative Michael Roe said local not-for-profit organisations were delivering invaluable support to the community during COVID-19.

"We recognise that the region is facing tough times in response to COVID-19. Woodside has been part of the Broome community for almost 50 years. We can play our role in this unprecedented time by supporting local organisations who are going above and beyond to help the community get through it.

"We continue to work actively with our stakeholders, industry peers and local authorities to identify ways to respond to areas of need.

"If your organisation is helping people in our community, let us help you through the COVID-19 Community Fund," he said.

Not-for-profit organisations in the Shire of Broome including the Dampier Peninsula are encouraged to apply for funding through Woodside's \$10 million COVID-19 Community Fund. For more information, or to apply, visit woodside.com.au

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