

## Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

### Regional communities supported with more than \$400,000 awarded

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- More than \$400,000 awarded to 55 regional WA community organisations.
- Horizon Power's Community Partnerships Program awards more than \$3 million to over 250 regional initiatives since 2020.
- Nine organisations in the Goldfields-Esperance region awarded funding.

The McGowan Government, through Horizon Power's Community Partnerships Program, is proud to award funding of \$425,618 to 55 community organisations across regional and remote Western Australia. This includes nine organisations in the Goldfields-Esperance region.

The Community Partnership's Round 6 funding builds on almost \$600,000 awarded to 59 community organisations in September 2022 and extends the McGowan Government's strong legacy of partnering with regional communities.

Horizon Power's Community Partnerships Program is focused on supporting sustainable and vibrant communities in the regional energy provider's service areas - the Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne/Mid-West and Goldfields-Esperance.

Funding will benefit a range of community organisations and events across regional and remote WA. This includes sporting associations, arts and cultural groups, women's groups, animal welfare organisations, Aboriginal corporations, community resource centres and local governments.

Round 6 partnerships continue to support communities in regional areas. This includes funding for the multicultural "Taste of the World" event hosted by Esperance Community Arts. This event will be held at the Esperance Civic Centre on Monday 5 June 2023.

The Community Partnerships Program provides funding of up to \$50,000 to successful organisations and events. Key evaluation criteria ensure successful applications are strategically aligned, deliver benefits in the Horizon Power service area, demonstrate clear community outcomes, and have a positive impact on a large portion of the community.

Applications for Horizon Power's 2023/24 Community Partnerships Program will open in early August 2023. For more information, visit [www.horizonpower.com.au/community](http://www.horizonpower.com.au/community)

#### Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC

"It is great to see so many local organisations receive funding in this round of Horizon Power's Community Partnership Program", she said.

"This funding is crucial to help build up community capacity to support our regional communities".

#### Comments attributed to Energy Minister Bill Johnston:

"Horizon Power's Community Partnerships Program plays a significant role in fostering vibrant communities in regional and remote Western Australia. This program recognises the changing needs of communities, and we are proud to be able to support organisations which are delivering benefits to these regions, including those impacted by the devastating floods.

"As WA's regional energy provider, Horizon Power values the relationships it has with passionate community members and organisations who are developing grassroots programs which are making a real difference in the regions. This program helps enable these initiatives to deliver positive outcomes and empower our communities."

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***List of Round 6 successful applicants from Goldfields-Esperance region***

<b>Goldfields-Esperance</b>	
Cascade Parents and Citizens Association	"Fort"-ifying Farming Families
Cycling Development Foundation	Laverton Cycling Project
Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Inc)	'ECCI 2023 Celebration Evening' Business Awards
Esperance Community Arts	Taste of the World: A celebration of multiculturalism in Esperance
Hopetoun Bowling Club	Hopetoun Ladies Classic
Hopetoun Community Resource Centre Inc.	Fitz Kids Cook!
Hopetoun Senior Citizens and Associates Inc	Upgrade of kitchen at Mary Ann Haven (Hopetoun Senior Citizens Centre)
Norseman District High School P&C	Norseman Art and Garden Show
The Cannery Arts Centre Inc	For Our Elders' exhibition