

## Media Release

### Community partnerships to support Esperance events and organisations

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- More than \$465,000 to regional WA community organisations through Horizon Power's Community Partnerships Program
- Partnerships to support 57 initiatives and events
- Esperance Golf Club, Esperance Soccer Association, and Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation among the recipients

Horizon Power's Community Partnerships Program has awarded \$468,888 in funding to support 57 community organisations and events throughout regional and remote Western Australia.

The program has awarded almost \$4.5 million to more than 450 initiatives in regional WA since 2020.

Local recipients of the latest round include the Esperance Golf Club, who will use the funding to introduce newcomers to the sport, and Esperance Soccer Association, with funding to support upgrading their club facilities to better serve their members.

Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation have also received funding for the 2024 Kepa Kurl Youth NAIDOC Ball.

The State Government, through Horizon Power, provides \$1.1 million each financial year to regional community initiatives and events, with \$542,575 awarded to 66 regional organisations in October 2023.

Applications for the program's next round will open in mid-July, with further details available at: [www.horizonpower.com.au/community](http://www.horizonpower.com.au/community)

#### **Comments Attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC:**

"Congratulations to Esperance Golf Club, Esperance Soccer Association, and Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation, deserving recipients of Horizon Power's Community Partnerships Program grants.

"These organisations play an integral role in building a sense of community, connecting our residents, and making Esperance a great place to live.

"I thank them for the work they do in helping Esperance to thrive, and I look forward to seeing their initiatives and events come to life."

#### **Comments attributed to Energy Minister Reece Whitby:**

"The Cook Government is committed to growing regional Western Australia and fostering vibrant communities throughout our State.

"I'm pleased to see such enthusiasm for Horizon Power's community partnerships program, which has contributed approximately \$4.5 million and supported more than 450 different initiatives across regional and remote WA.

"This is a fantastic achievement, and I am pleased to see the program's latest round supporting 57 programs and events in our regions."

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