

Media Release

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KCGM's Community Investment Program contributed more than \$450,000 to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community in 2018.

The funds have been distributed through a variety of different avenues, supporting sustainable long-term community initiatives and one-off donations to help charitable organisations, sporting associations, and community events.

KCGM General Manager Cecile Thaxter said the purpose of the investment program is to enhance the development of the community in which KCGM operates, and its employees live and work.

"KCGM's workforce is passionate about harnessing collaborative, sustainable partnerships in our community that create value and improve lives for all of our stakeholders," Ms. Thaxter said.

"We not only provide support from a monetary perspective, but we also have a committed workforce that actively volunteers in our community. We have a dedicated Community Reference Group that meets monthly to discuss KCGM's present operations and future developments, and the potential impacts these may have on the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community. We have a Safety Innovation Award initiative that sees our people recognised for safety innovation on site and they are then able to choose a not-for-profit that receives a donation. We also provide in-kind support that can range from giving wooden pallets to local community hub projects to new media equipment for local schools."

2018 also saw KCGM recognised as a finalist in the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety's Community Partnership Resources Sector Awards for their partnership with East Kalgoorlie Primary School. In 2017, KCGM finished ahead of eight other finalists to win the Community Partnership Award for its long-standing relationship with Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group (KBULG). KBULG's CEO Kim Eckert said, "Without KCGM's core sponsorship since 2005, KBULG would not be able to exist or operate as the community Landcare group Kalgoorlie-Boulder residents know and love, providing far-reaching community projects and initiatives including clean-up days, community nurseries, park management of Karlkurla Bushland Park and Tree Planting Days".

Other key community partnership highlights for 2018 include Diamond Sponsorship for Heartwalk, Gold Sponsorship for Goldfield's Girl, and continued support of several initiatives: Life Without Barriers Aboriginal Driving Program, Kalgoorlie Women in Mining, East Kalgoorlie Primary's School's Health and Well-Being Program, Loopline Tourism Tram, Goldfields Childcare Centre, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Railway Project, NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week, Sounds Of The Salt Lake, The Salvation Army, and Hannans North Tourist Mine.

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