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Pilbara community groups benefit from grants program

Community groups in the Pilbara region have received more than \$9,500 through the latest round of community grants from Easternwell, a part of the Broadspectrum Group.

Much needed funds are going to a variety of groups including Fortescue Cricket Association, Karratha Basketball Association, Newman St. John Ambulance, Pilbara Community Legal Service and Port Headland Primary School P&C Association.

Wendy Hagan from Newman St John Ambulance said that the grant will help to purchase weighted adult and toddler dummies for first aid training.

“We will be able to improve our emergency training by providing our volunteer ambulance officers and first aid students with close to real-life manual handling and motor vehicle patient extraction experiences.”

“As a not-for-profit volunteer-staffed emergency services organisation we provide pre-hospital care for people within a 450km radius to Newman. We also provide free Indigenous first aid training.”

Further demonstrating Easternwell’s commitment to the Pilbara region, Elysia Canning from Karratha Basketball Association said the funds will be used for referee development training.

“In order to continue to provide the high quality of competition it is important we train new referees and refresh the training of our current referees so we can ensure sustainability of the game for our 550 members.”

“By providing learning opportunities and community engagement experiences we provide youth and adults the chance to extend their skills while being part of a sporting community.”

Since the launch of the grass-roots initiative in 2011, Easternwell has provided more than \$62,500 to 38 groups in the Pilbara region.

Easternwell’s Executive General Manager, Tim Phelan, said the program was specifically developed to provide much needed support to local organisations that do so much in our communities.

“There are countless community groups in the areas where we operate who provide important services to their communities.”

“Easternwell is passionate about supporting the regions where we conduct business and our grants program is one of the ways we are creating lasting benefits for communities.”

The next round of Easternwell Community Grants opens August 2016. For more information visit www.easternwell.com.au/communitygrants

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