

Verve Energy Collie Community Fund

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COLLIE COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Western Australian Community Foundation's *Verve Energy Collie Community Fund* is pleased to announce that their 2010 grant round has opened to local community and interest groups needing support today. The opportunity to apply for funding will remain open until Friday 23 April, 2010.

A local initiative, *Verve Energy Collie Community Fund* was established in 2008 by Verve Energy to directly benefit local people and local projects.

The *Verve Energy Collie Community Fund* is one of many regional funds established under the trusteeship of Western Australian Community Foundation (Foundation). The Foundation is an independent organisation set up to strengthen Western Australian (WA) communities by promoting philanthropic community-business partnerships.

Verve Energy's Muja Power Station Manager Hans Dopheide says there were many small community groups that needed a financial boost but their projects usually fly under the radar of corporate support because of their size.

"The Collie Senior Citizens Meal on Wheels is a perfect example," said Mr Dopheide. "This community group was one of seven that were awarded a \$1,000 grant last year through the Fund and they bought several new dining tables as their old ones were falling apart."

He said the *Verve Energy Collie Community Fund* was focused on grass roots projects that despite being small, often affect the community in a meaningful way.

Consideration will be given to a broad range of projects; as long as they are of a general charitable or benevolent purpose and support one or more of the following areas:

- Environmental initiatives or activities;
- Youth education, training or mentoring;
- Innovative projects that benefit the local community; and
- Arts, cultural and other events / activities that benefit the local community.

Projects requiring funding should commence or occur in 2010. Grant applications of up to \$1,000 are invited for consideration.

Applicants must complete the application form and address the grant guidelines, which are available from [www.wacf.org.au/Verve Energy Collie Community Fund.asp](http://www.wacf.org.au/Verve_Energy_Collie_Community_Fund.asp), or by contacting the Foundation on Tel: (08) 9224 6060 or via email: info@wacf.org.au.

Applications close 5:00 pm WST on Friday 23 April, 2010.

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