

WATER CORPORATION — KIMBERLEY COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

Statement by Minister for Water

MR D.J. KELLY (Bassendean — Minister for Water) [9.23 am]: Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the annual Water Corporation Kimberley community grants scheme presentations along with the member for Kimberley. Recipients were announced at two ceremonies—one in Kununurra on Wednesday, 8 June and the other in Broome on Thursday, 9 June. The Kimberley community grants scheme supports not-for-profits to kickstart projects across the Kimberley. This is the eighth round of the grants scheme, which is delivered by Water Corporation in partnership with the Lions Club of Broome.

This year, Water Corporation is providing more than \$70 000 in funding to 11 worthy grassroots projects that build an appreciation of nature, foster community wellbeing and make a positive difference to the lives of Kimberley residents. Schools and community groups in Kununurra and Broome will benefit from the newly funded projects, which include art exhibitions, play equipment, youth events, mental health programs and cultural education materials. The scheme is funded by proceeds of the sale of Rhodes grass hay produced at Water Corporation's Broome North wastewater treatment plant as an environmentally sustainable way of recycling wastewater. With the impacts of climate change felt widely across Western Australia, it is more important than ever to continue pursuing innovative water-recycling practices that help prolong the life cycle of water.

The member for Kimberley and I had the privilege of visiting a few of the completed projects in Kununurra and Broome and were blown away by the wonderful outcomes achieved. I extend my congratulations to all recipients of the grants.