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KCGM Sponsorships top \$900,000 for 2017

KCGM's contribution to Kalgoorlie-Boulder community groups, initiatives and events totalled more than \$900,000 for 2017.

The funds were distributed through a variety of different avenues and KCGM's General Manager Cecile Thaxter said the sponsorships were a reflection of KCGM's strong commitment to the local community.

"The total funds are made up of recipients of KCGM's Community Investment Program, our quarterly safety bonus donations, scholarship programs, Hannans North contributions and volunteering; all of which support local initiatives and benefit the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community," Ms Thaxter said.

Some of KCGM's major sponsorships in 2017 included:

Ray Finlayson Sporting Complex

In 2015 KCGM committed to contributing \$1 million to the state of the art community sporting facility and naming rights to the club house "KCGM Sporting Pavilion." The contribution was divided into four yearly payments, with 2017 seeing \$250,000 being donated to the complex.

East Kalgoorlie Primary School

In June 2017 KCGM committed to donating \$80,000 to East Kalgoorlie Primary School over four years, for support towards the delivery of their "Health and Well-being Program." The primary focus of the program is to improve the school's health based education program, by reaching out to students and parents that are in crisis.

East Kalgoorlie Primary School Principal Judith King said, "The Community Centre and classroom will provide a safe and nurturing environment, allowing all students at the school to develop, improve and learn, especially helping those students from dis-advantaged communities and backgrounds."

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group (KBULG)

KCGM has a long-standing community partnership with KBLUG, and in 2017 was awarded the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) Community Partnership Resource Sector Award. Committed to donating \$60,000 over a three year period, KCGM funded KBLUG with \$20,000 in 2017.

Life Without Barriers Aboriginal Driving School

In 2016 KCGM committed to contributing \$36,000 over three years to the Aboriginal Driving Program. The program provides driver training and support through the testing process to allow people to gain their licence, opening opportunities for employment and allowing them to support their families.

Following on from previous years KCGM's safety bonuses were also donated in 2017, with four separate donations being made throughout the year. To celebrate reaching safety milestones on site, KCGM staff and contractors voted to select a local initiative or charity to donate their bonus. The selected initiatives were the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Accommodation Service, a local youth program, Kalgoorlie Health Campus for the purchase of camera for gynaecological procedures and the annual Kalgoorlie Children in Care Christmas party.

KCGM's annual contribution of over \$400,000 in operating costs to Hannans North Tourist Mine ensures that it remains one of the most popular tourist attractions in the Goldfields. 2017 saw over 24,500 people visit the tourist mine, with a huge attendance of 5,000 people at the free Community Open Day held in June, celebrating the pouring of the 60 millionth ounce of gold for the Golden Mile.

In addition to community based sponsorship and support, KCGM also provided two scholarship opportunities in 2017. An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Pre-Apprenticeship Scholarship – inclusive of \$3,000 for course fees and paid work placement at KCGM was awarded. Also awarded was a Tertiary Scholarship of \$8,000 per annum and up to eight weeks paid vacation work at KCGM's operations.

Employees of KCGM are proud to be local members of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, which is evident in volunteer numbers and the work that is carried out within the community. In 2017, 89 KCGM employees volunteered their time, totalling over 650 hours of work. This was inclusive of Boulder Market Days, Goldfield's Education Mining Industry Alliance (GEMIA) Girls and Guys Exploring Mining (GGEM) events, KBULG Tree Planting and the St Barbara's Festival.

KCGM and its employees are proud to operate within the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community, with planning and work already underway for sponsorships and community involvement in 2018.

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