

2023 SOCIAL INVESTMENT REPORT





Mineral Resources (MinRes) is committed to reconciliation and respects the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures and histories.

MinRes is proud to work on Aboriginal country and alongside Traditional Owners throughout Western Australia.

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and in doing so pay our respect to Elders past and present.

Rainbow at Parker Range on Marlinyu Ghoorlie country.

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Cover image: MinRes and the Healthy Strides team supporting walkers at the inaugural Healthy Strides Foundation Move-A-Thon fundraiser for Telethon.

SOCIAL INVESTMENT AT MINRES

Each year, we contribute financial and in-kind support through our social investment program. We define social investment as our voluntary contribution of financial and in-kind support to organisations and projects that deliver benefits to the communities in which we operate.

We provide support across the following three focus areas:

INVESTMENT PILLAR	HEALTH AND WELLBEING	STRENGTHEN LOCAL COMMUNITIES	ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
	We partner with organisations that are improving health outcomes, raising awareness of mental wellbeing and providing accessible support services.	Through our partners, we support programs and initiatives that help create vibrant and resilient communities.	We work with our partners to drive economic empowerment by equipping people with the skills and opportunities they need to succeed today and into the future.
FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental and physical wellbeing. An emphasis on programs and initiatives that support youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiatives that support vibrant and inclusive communities. Community health and welfare. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills development and employment pathways. Indigenous Australian employment and business opportunities.
SDG GOAL	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
MINRES COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM	Through the MinRes Community Grants program, grants of up to \$10,000 are provided to support programs and events that help to create strong, happy and healthy communities. Organisations operating in the Pilbara and Goldfields-Esperance regions or within the Shire of Yilgarn are eligible to apply quarterly. Focus Areas: Health and Wellbeing; Employment; Education; Aboriginal Engagement; Environment Initiatives.		

FY23 SOCIAL INVESTMENT SNAPSHOT



Contributed

\$7.5 million

through our social investment program



123 charitable organisations supported



\$300,000

donated to **37 organisations** through our Christmas Giving Program



Provided Community Grants to **43 organisations**, totalling more than

\$237,000

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Youth Focus Chief Development Officer Heiko Plange-Korndorfer (left),
MinRes Head of Mental Health and in-house psychologist, Chris Harris (middle)
and Youth Focus Ambassador, Alex Pearce (right).

Youth Focus

Youth Focus is a leading not-for-profit organisation that supports young Western Australians who experience mental health challenges. In 2023, MinRes and Youth Focus celebrated 10 years of partnership that has helped thousands of young people across WA to access mental health services and programs, at no cost to them or their families.

We continue to work in partnership with Youth Focus to promote the mental health message with our workforce and in the broader WA community. Earlier this year, MinRes and Youth Focus welcomed more than 120 employees and their families to our headquarters to hear from Youth Focus ambassador and Fremantle Dockers Captain, Alex Pearce. Alex shared his experience with mental health challenges and provided tips on his coping strategies.



3,577

young people aged 12-25 were supported by Youth Focus in the last year, with vital funding contributed by MinRes.



\$2 million

contributed by MinRes over the last decade, helping Youth Focus to provide youth counselling services, education, support for communities impacted by suicide and crises, and employment programs.



Youth Focus ambassador, Alex Pearce (right) in conversation with MinRes Head of Mental Health and in-house psychologist, Chris Harris (left).



Our vision is a world where a young person's mental health does not get in the way of them being who they want to be. We are so grateful to MinRes for their passion and commitment in working with us to achieve this."



Derry Simpson
CEO, Youth Focus



Lifeline WA

Lifeline is a 24-hour suicide prevention provider, available to all Australians experiencing a personal crisis. MinRes is one of Lifeline WA's largest corporate partners and funding supports the delivery of their essential 13 11 14 service, a nationally routed crisis support number.

Our partnership with Lifeline WA is deeply entrenched with the 13 11 14 crisis support number emblazoned on our NextGen 2 crusher at the Mount Whaleback iron ore mine, on a crane in the Pilbara and on PPE shirts. These serve as important reminders for those working or visiting sites to talk openly about mental health and seek help when they need it.

We continue to work collaboratively with Lifeline WA to promote positive mental wellbeing among our workforce, through internal events at our headquarters, visits to our regional operations and training. To date, more than 260 MinRes employees have completed a two-day Mental Health First Aid training course delivered by Lifeline WA qualified trainers, equipping them with the tools to provide initial help to family, friends or colleagues who are experiencing a mental health challenge.



25

volunteer crisis supporters were trained by Lifeline WA in the past year with the financial support provided by MinRes. The volunteers collectively answered more than 6,200 calls for help.



MinRes Head of Mental Health and in-house psychologist, Chris Harris (far right); Lifeline WA CEO, Lorna MacGregor (centre); Lifeline WA ambassador, Brad Hogg (far left) and MinRes employees in front of the NextGen 2 crushing plant at Mount Whaleback.



Lifeline WA is very proud of our longstanding partnership with MinRes. Through this partnership we have not only worked together to build the resilience and psychological safety for the MinRes team through mental health and wellbeing training, but also increased the access to crisis support services for the broader community. MinRes is a passionate and innovative partner whose commitment to both their community of employees but also the broader WA community is an inspiration to us."



Lorna MacGregor
CEO, Lifeline WA



The Y

Global youth empowerment organisation, The Y, operates in more than 650 communities across Australia. The organisation offers programs and services that provide opportunities for children and young people to grow in body, mind and spirit.

This year, we continued our support of The Y's *Inside our Minds* video series which shines a light on mental wellbeing and encourages young people to seek assistance to support their mental health.

The 2022 *Inside Our Minds* video series was released over Mental Health Week and shared the lived experiences of seven young LGBTQIA+ Australians who have experienced mental health challenges because of their struggle with inclusivity.

In addition to financial support, MinRes provided the media studio and a technician at our headquarters to help film the series.



More than
2 million people

were reached through The Y's *Inside Our Minds* video campaign in 2022, helping to spread the word about positive mental health.



The 2022 *Inside Our Minds* video series was launched during Mental Health week at a public event held at Yagan Square in the heart of the Perth CBD.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

MinRes is proud to be a long-term partner of Ronald McDonald House Charities WA which helps sick kids and their families stay together and close to the medical care they need in Perth.

For almost eight years, we've employed two chefs who cook dinner for families staying in the Nedlands House and Perth Children's Hospital House every night of the year. Our chefs, Tommy and Zi, also support the *Home for Dinner* volunteering program which invites groups from the community to help prepare the evening meal.

This year we extended our support, with two MinRes gym instructors volunteering their time to lead fitness classes. Aimed at fostering an environment of joy, these classes provided children with the opportunity to participate in physical activity while allowing their caregivers to take a break to recharge.

We continue to sponsor a room at the Nedlands House, so WA families can stay together when they need it most.



30,000 meals

prepared by the MinRes chefs in the past year.



17 families

stayed in the MinRes sponsored room over the past year while their child received medical treatment in Perth.



MinRes employees joining Chef Tommy in the kitchen at Ronald McDonald House.



I can't tell you what a difference the MinRes chefs make to the families. After a day in the hospital dealing with all the news, whether it be positive or negative, and all the stresses, the last thing they want to think about is what they are going to cook for dinner. To have that meal on a plate is just the most practical form of care that you can give somebody."



Peter King
CEO, RMHC WA



Starlight Children's Foundation

Starlight Children's Foundation aims to brighten the lives of seriously ill and hospitalised children and young people. This year, we celebrated 10 years of partnership which has helped grant more than 230 Starlight Wishes to sick kids across WA.

MinRes also helps to support the mental health and wellbeing of Starlight's superhero performers who bring happiness to kids in hospital and at home – each known as Captain Starlight. Each quarter, MinRes hosts Starlight's *Captain Connection Training* program at our headquarters.



230

Starlight wishes granted with MinRes' support.



16

Starlight Captains trained at MinRes' offices.



Scarlett has been sick a lot and she's never smiled as much as she did on her Starlight Wish. You can see she was so happy; you can see in her smile. Thank you so much for giving us a lifetime opportunity we will always remember."

Scarlett's Mother



Scarlett's Starlight Wish was fulfilled with a family holiday on the Gold Coast.

Scarlett's Wish

Six-year-old Scarlett lives with a medical condition so rare it doesn't even have a name, which means she has had to endure frequent hospital admissions, surgeries and procedures, and is sometimes isolated in the ICU away from her beloved little sisters.

Recently, Scarlett and her family returned from a special holiday on the Gold Coast which they chose as Scarlett's Starlight Wish. Scarlett had a ball playing in the water and checking out the amusement parks. With Scarlett's love of dolphins, Seaworld was a real highlight and sister Sophie was beside herself to meet her heroes Paw Patrol! For her parents, one of the greatest outcomes of their trip was the strengthening of bonds between their girls. While they already adore each other, Scarlett's wish gave the sisters the opportunity to sleep in the same room for the first time ever and to get outside and enjoy the world together as a family.

Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

MinRes is a long-term supporter of the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, a leading WA medical research centre dedicated to tackling some of the world's biggest health issues.

In September 2022, we extended our partnership for a further three years, taking our total contribution to cardiovascular research at the Harry Perkins Institute to \$2.25 million.

MinRes funding is supporting Dr Elena de Juan Pardo to develop 3D printed heart valves. Cardiovascular disease affects millions of people worldwide, including around one in eight older Australians. The 3D-printed heart valves that Dr Juan Pardo has developed do not require invasive surgery, replicate the body's cells and will never need replacing. In a recent milestone, this technology is set to be commercialised in Australia to help millions of people globally.



Our 3D-printed solution will be cheaper to manufacture and require less ongoing medical intervention for the rest of the patient's life. Most importantly, we are designing a valve to remain functional for the rest of the patient's life, negating the need for repeat surgeries."

Dr Elena de Juan Pardo

Biomedical Engineer, Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research



With MinRes' support, Dr Elena de Juan Pardo is developing 3D printed heart valves.

Shooting Stars

Shooting Stars is an education engagement program for Aboriginal girls and young women, working within schools across metro, regional and remote WA and SA. The program supports participants to strengthen their confidence and cultural identity while promoting health and wellbeing and cultivating positive attitudes towards school.

In 2022, MinRes and Shooting Stars strengthened their longstanding partnership to support the rollout of the *Deadly Minds Matter* program at each site. The *Deadly Minds Matter* program provides participants with opportunities to develop positive social and emotional wellbeing skills and preventative mental health strategies, enabling them to respond and adapt to emerging challenges as they progress through life.



1,200+

empowered participants across **22** sites.



I bottled a lot up because I felt there was no one to come to or feel comfortable to talk to and there was not a safe space to come to. I feel now that I have somewhere to come and chill when I need, and I can talk to the staff about any issue I have."

A year six student at Collie Senior High School



Shooting Stars participants enjoying a gym session at the MinRes Next Level gym.



Telethon Speech and Hearing Wembley Head Office.

Telethon Speech and Hearing

Telethon Speech & Hearing (TSH) provides children and families with hearing, speech and/or language difficulties with access to educational-based, diagnostic, therapy and support services, all under one roof. Children are supported through individual and group-based therapy, while caregivers are empowered with necessary skills to support their children at home.

TSH partners with over 30 schools across the state to deliver support to students with permanent hearing loss or with speech and/or language delays. MinRes is funding ten scholarships for children who have speech and/or language-based difficulties to access their early intervention program.

These scholarships will provide a pathway for at-risk children to receive support in a timely manner, greatly reducing the time a family would typically wait when accessing similar services via the public system.



A child having their ears checked by the Ear Science team.

Ear Science Institute Australia

Ear Science Institute Australia was established in 2001 to improve the lives of people with ear and hearing disorders through patient-driven research, education and treatment. As an international centre of excellence, Ear Science brings together a multi-disciplinary team of the brightest minds from across the globe, all working to develop effective treatment for ear and hearing disorders.

MinRes and Ear Science joined forces in December 2022 to expand the *Lions Healthy Hearing Outback* program in Newman, Jigalong, Punmu, Parnngurr and Kunawarritji. Under the new partnership, Ear Science has employed an Ear Health Coordinator to work with the local Aboriginal medical service and community, delivering an integrated service model combining telehealth with on-the-ground logistical support for patients who need treatment.

Ocean Heroes

Ocean Heroes aims to improve the wellbeing of children with autism and their families through surfing. Since 2016, Ocean Heroes has provided this experience to over 6,500 members of the autism community, enabling them to build self-confidence in a safe, supportive and fun environment.

With funding from MinRes, Ocean Heroes recently purchased eight new specialised stand-up paddleboards (SUP), which means more people can enjoy the thrill of catching a wave at the free community events.



Thanks to MinRes' support, we've now been able to acquire eight new SUPs. Not only does this mean 208 more smiling children on surfboards, it's also 208 more families across Western Australia that have the opportunity to enjoy something completely unique and be included in what can often be an extremely isolating community."



Sam Moyle
Co-Founder, Ocean Heroes



Ocean Heroes participant Jose (left) getting ready to hit the waves with Louis Kelly, Head Coach of Ocean Heroes' Surf Experience program (right).



STRENGTHEN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

MinRes families enjoying a training afternoon
at Mineral Resources Park.

West Coast Eagles

MinRes is a premier partner of the West Coast Eagles Football Club and naming rights sponsor of their headquarters and state-of-the-art training base, Mineral Resources Park.

Our partnership has helped establish Mineral Resources Park as a community facility and provide a home to the Waalitj Foundation and the West Coast Eagles' community outreach program.

Foundation for the WA Museum

MinRes is an inaugural donor to the Foundation for the WA Museum's International Exhibition Fund, supporting the WA Museum to bring world-class exhibitions and programs to our state.

We recognise museums play a key role educating people about our past, present and the world around us. We're pleased to help bring world-class exhibitions and programs to the people of WA.



More than
114,000

visitors attended the *Dinosaurs of Patagonia* exhibition.



Children exploring the *Dinosaurs of Patagonia* exhibition at the WA Museum.



Museums are very special places. They help us understand ourselves and each other. Thanks to the visionary support of exceptional donors like MinRes, the Foundation can continue to ensure a great institution like the WA Museum will be working in the WA community for generations to come."



Coralie Bishop
CEO, Foundation for
the WA Museum



Lucy Saw

MinRes is a long-term supporter of the Lucy Saw Association, which provides emergency accommodation and support services to women and children escaping family and domestic violence.

Since 2014, MinRes has contributed more than:



\$350,000

to support the Organisation's refuges in Rockingham, Kwinana and Fremantle, which assist more than **600** women and children annually.



The funding we have received from MinRes has allowed us to provide safety to women and their children to live a better life. It has also helped us support women to pursue education and employment pathways to assist their long-term recovery."



Anne Moore

CEO, Lucy Saw Centre Association



Karratha Falcons Football Club 2022 Season President Beau Corps (left) Karratha Kats Football Club President Shane Harris (middle) and MinRes Indigenous Engagement Officer Candice Burvill (right).

North Pilbara Football League

The North Pilbara Football League (NPFL) has been coordinating Australian rules football games in the Pilbara since 1977. The NPFL consists of Karratha Kats, Karratha Falcons, Dampier Sharks, Wickham Wolves, Port Hedland Rovers and South Hedland Swans, and hosts League, Reserves and Women's games.

MinRes joined as the League's major sponsor in 2022 and provides vital funding and support to deliver the regular NPFL before an exciting MinRes Finals Series decides which local team comes out on top.

Bloodwood Tree

Bloodwood Tree Association is an Aboriginal organisation based in South Hedland providing services and support for people who might be affected by homelessness, alcohol and other drug use, unemployment or other social issues.

Since 2022, MinRes has partnered with Bloodwood Tree to support their *Mini Mart Delivery Service* which provides grocery pick up and drop off to people in Port and South Hedland, as well as a fortnightly service to Yandeyarra.



987 clients

accessed the *Mini Mart Delivery Service* in the past year.



1,782 family members

supported through the *Mini Mart Delivery Service*.

Youth Involvement Council

The Youth Involvement Council (YIC) works with at-risk young people to bring positivity to their lives, empowering them to make good choices and feel better about the future. YIC offers a youth drop-in centre, crisis accommodation, social enterprises and *Mingle Mob* outreach and patrol. YIC works with young people and their families to support them to engage with life in a positive way.



MinRes Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Dan Barker (middle) attending the Hope Project launch event with Pam from Finlayson House (right) and Kasey Venter, Hope Project Development Manager, from Elite Compliance (left).

Goldfields Women's Refuge

Established in 1979, Goldfields Women's Refuge also known as Finlayson House, provides safe, short-term, 24-hour crisis accommodation and care for women and children facing family domestic violence and/or homelessness in the Goldfields region.

MinRes has contributed funds to a development project, coined the *Hope Project* to increase the refuge's capacity. The *Hope Project* will add to the existing refuge with a new purpose-built 55-bed facility.



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

McGovern Foundation founders Jeremy McGovern (right) and Andrew McGovern (centre) and director Tom Barrass (left).

McGovern Foundation

MinRes is the Founding Partner of the McGovern Foundation's *Wanderer* program which provides young people with support and resources to complete the 50 supervised hours needed to obtain their P plates.

Not having access to a vehicle or the means to pay for driving lessons can make it near-impossible for young people to gain their provisional driver's licence, which can be a major barrier to finding employment. Trained driver mentors work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and disadvantaged youth to help them access safe vehicles, obtain their learner's permit and complete the required supervised driving hours.

In 2023, the program celebrated its second anniversary and has helped 167 people get their P plates, with 86 per cent of graduates going on to secure a job. In late 2022, the program expanded from the Perth-metro area to Northam, Narrogin, Katanning, and Kalgoorlie-Boulder.



112

P plates obtained in past year.



4,351

supervised driving and mentoring hours provided by the McGovern team in the past year.



William Narrier (middle) celebrating success with Foundation board member, Tom Barrass (left) and MinRes Chief Executive Lithium, Josh Thurlow (right).

William's Story

William Narrier was the 100th participant to graduate from the *Wanderer* program. After leaving school at the start of year 11, William was able to secure employment as an apprentice carpenter.

However, with no car in the family he relied heavily on work colleagues and friends to drive him to work. This meant he was missing many days of work when he couldn't arrange a ride.

Getting his provisional licence was a liberating moment for William, and being the third anniversary of his Pop's passing made it even more special. William has since gone on to purchase a four-wheel drive with the money he has saved from his job and getting to work is no longer an issue.



MinRes employees volunteering for Foodbank WA at a West Coast Eagles game.

Foodbank WA

MinRes teamed up with Foodbank WA and the West Coast Eagles (WCE) for a second consecutive year to support the *Million Meal Challenge*, which aims to raise funds to put food on the table for Western Australians struggling to make ends meet.

MinRes pledged to double all donations up to the \$50,000 in the lead up to and on the day of the WCE charity match against Carlton on 29 April.

By shining a spotlight on this critical issue in our community, MinRes' contribution helped drive donations from the WA community. Members of our workforce also volunteered on game day to take donations from the crowd.



More than \$163,000

was raised through the 2023 *Million Meal Challenge*, with \$50,000 contributed from MinRes.

Goldfields Aboriginal Business Chamber

The Goldfields Aboriginal Business Chamber (GABC) is an Aboriginal-led incorporated association comprised of Aboriginal business owners that are based in and represent the Goldfields region. The GABC is a community initiative highlighting the strength of local Aboriginal entities and business owners and supports economic participation of local Aboriginal businesses.

MinRes came on board as Principal Partner of the GABC in 2022, with our funding helping to develop a functioning, professional office environment and employ a full-time Project Officer to support members and strengthen local community connections.



78

opportunities for direct and commercial engagement have been provided to members.

Moorditj Yorga Scholarships

In partnership with Curtin University, MinRes' contribution to the *Moorditj Yorga Scholarship* program funds scholarships to support matured-aged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to enter and succeed at Curtin University so they can be strong leaders and role models.

'Moorditj yorga', meaning 'strong woman' in the Noongar language of WA's South West, captures the intention of the scholarships: women are the bedrock of any community, particularly those that have long faced social and economic inequity.



Susan sharing her story at MinRes headquarters.

Susan's Story

Susan Ford-Young, a Noongar woman currently studying Indigenous mental health, is one of four recipients to receive the MinRes funded scholarships. At 67, Susan has a background in childcare and more recently as a fly-in, fly-out worker. She had never considered completing university-level education until she spotted an advertisement for the scholarships. She is now determined to build a career in Indigenous mental health and hopes to inspire others to consider higher education later in life.



Tracey Corbin-Matchett (front row, centre) with Bus Stop Films participants and staff.

Bus Stop Films

Bus Stop Films is a pioneering film school that uses filmmaking to change community attitudes towards people with disability.

In 2023, MinRes partnered with Bus Stop Films to expand its *Accessible Film Studies* program to WA. The program provides young adults living with an intellectual disability or autism with the opportunity to work with screen industry professionals and get hands-on experience in all aspects of filmmaking, including camera, sound, production design and post-production.

Throughout the year, the students have been putting their skills into practical filmmaking by working together on a project that will be screened at Bus Stop's end of year showcase in December and entered into film festivals around the world.

Beyond film industry exposure, the students have developed their social and communication skills.



12 students

participated in the inaugural *Accessible Film Studies* program in Perth.



We're so grateful to have the generous support of MinRes to bring the bus to Perth. The take up of the program in WA has been phenomenal and I can not wait to see the amazing inclusive films the students produce."



Tracey Corbin-Matchett
CEO, Bus Stop Films





MINRES IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN. IN 2021, **WE ANNOUNCED A \$10 MILLION COMMITMENT TO TELETHON OVER FIVE YEARS.**

From state-of-the-art hospital equipment and critical services for children with disabilities to life changing opportunities for disadvantaged youth, together MinRes is helping Telethon deliver brighter futures for WA kids.

In 2022, MinRes contributed more than \$2.9 million to the Telethon tally and supported the following beneficiaries:

- Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre
- Yawardani Jan-ga
- Hannah's House
- Telethon Kids Institute
- Wheels for Hope
- Perth Children's Hospital Foundation



Juli Coffin (second from right) with Yawardani Jan-ga program participants.

Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre

The Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre helps more than 2,000 WA families face the daily challenge of type 1 diabetes with confidence through education, connection and wrap-around support services.

MinRes' support has enabled the Centre to offer an in-house dedicated specialist psychology service, which has become Western Australia's only full-time, community-based psychological service for people impacted by type 1 diabetes.

MinRes also supports programs like *Kids in the Kitchen*. These popular cooking classes are run during school holidays to help children living with type 1 diabetes learn about the carbohydrates in food that impact their blood glucose levels, which is critical for managing their condition.



470 psychology appointments

facilitated at the Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre in the past year.



Participants enjoying a Kids in the Kitchen cooking class at the Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre.



Life with type 1 diabetes can be tough. Making over 180 health-related decisions a day for the rest of your life with no off-switch, no break, no holiday, can get you down. The challenge is felt across families and without support relationships can break down, and people can feel isolated, alone, disconnected and afraid. That is why we are so incredibly grateful for the support MinRes provides, enabling us to provide a specialist, in-house

psychology service for people with type 1 and their families. With this support, we help families, people with type 1 and their supporters thrive in spite of this challenging condition."



**TYPE 1 DIABETES
FAMILY CENTRE**

Benjamin Jardine
CEO, Type 1 Diabetes
Family Centre



Yawardani Jan-ga

MinRes is the principal donor of *Yawardani Jan-ga* (meaning 'horses helping' in Yawuru language), an equine-assisted learning program where horses are the teachers. Supported by Murdoch University, this innovative program is led by Professor Juli Coffin and is nurturing Aboriginal young people aged 6-26 across the Kimberley region.

Yawardani Jan-ga responds to community concerns over youth social and emotional wellbeing with a strengths-based research program to build healthy coping skills among Aboriginal youth and help them reach their full potential.

More than

88

young Aboriginal people in the Kimberley region have undertaken more than **880** equine assisted learning sessions in the past year.



Professor Juli Coffin from the Yawardani Jan-ga program.

Hannah's House

Hannah's House supports children with life-limiting and complex conditions and their families by offering in-home respite and care, play therapies, education and other complementary services.

With the support of MinRes and other donors, Hannah's House provides a free play therapy program for children in their care as well as their siblings.

This program, which includes fortnightly playgroups and community play events, provides the children with a chance to play and socialise, and work towards their National Disability

Insurance Scheme goals while fostering a supportive atmosphere where parents can come together, build connections and make treasured memories.

Our funding also helps support in-home respite services, which provides families with the opportunity to take a break while their child is cared for.



14 **playgroups and play events** held in the first six months of 2023.

Telethon Kids Institute

MinRes is the Principal Partner of the three-year *Community Strengths in Suicide Prevention* project, led by Dr. Nicole Hill, a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Emerging Leader and a Senior Research Fellow at the Telethon Kids Institute. The project uses hospital and coronial suicide data to identify 'hotspots' of poor mental health in WA, then works with communities to tailor solutions to help improve youth mental health and wellbeing.

The key-findings from the project will support the development and implementation of a new model of service for Western Australians who have experienced a suicidal crisis.

Wheels for Hope

Wheels for Hope enhances the lives of WA kids with disability by providing loan wheelchair accessible vehicles. For many families, the high cost of purchasing and maintaining a wheelchair accessible vehicle means that it is simply unaffordable and means they often struggle to get their kids to medical appointments, school and social activities.

With MinRes' support, Wheels for Hope provides families with a wheelchair accessible vehicle that is insured, licensed and serviced by the organisation.



45 families

provided with a van
in the past year.



40 vans

in the Wheels for
Hope fleet.



If we want to see a real measurable decline in suicide prevention, we need to not only help the individuals that are in distress but also strengthen the communities in which they live. I'm incredibly grateful for the support provided by MinRes that helps us to focus on this complex problem."



Dr Nicole Hill
NHMRC Emerging Leader
and Senior Research Fellow,
Telethon Kids Institute



This is truly life changing - not just for getting Riley to school or his many medical appointments. Now we are able to pop in to see friends and go out together as a family."

Joy, a recipient of a loan
wheelchair accessible vehicle.

Joy (back, centre) and Riley (front,
centre) celebrate their new Wheels for
Hope van with family members.



Perth Children's Hospital Foundation

Since 2013, MinRes has committed almost \$5 million to Perth Children's Hospital Foundation (PCHF).

We support initiatives aimed at ensuring Western Australian children have access to world-class healthcare that comes from ground-breaking medical research and access to the most advanced equipment.

Initiatives we've supported include:

Early Moves

MinRes is the Principal Partner of the Early Moves project, a research project which is investigating whether a baby's early movements can predict learning difficulties later in childhood.

Using smartphone technology, clinicians and researchers assess at-risk babies for developmental delays, comparing their movement patterns to babies of a similar age.

Picking up on any delay within the first 1,000 days of a baby's life allows for earlier diagnosis and intervention, improving outcomes for WA kids. The study is set to be complete by late 2025.

Wal-yan Respiratory Research Centre

MinRes is the Principal Partner of the BREATH team (Building Respiratory Equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health), who lead a research program at the Wal-yan Respiratory Research Centre that aims to reduce the impact of chronic lung disease in Aboriginal communities.

A study of preschool children in the Kimberley found 13 per cent had chronic wet cough, which can lead to permanent life-shortening lung disease. These findings led the BREATH team to partner with Aboriginal families and health services to roll out a health promotion campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of a chronic wet cough.

The campaign resulted in an immediate improvement in the health of the children in the Kimberley and was later expanded to the East Kimberley. It is now being rolled out to communities in Toowoomba and Perth.

The Wal-yan Respiratory Research Centre is a powerhouse partnership between Telethon Kids' Institute, Perth Children's Hospital Foundation and Perth Children's Hospital.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Equipment

This year we provided funding for two ventilators and two temperature management systems for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Perth Children's Hospital and King Edward Memorial Hospital, so more critically ill babies have access to this lifesaving equipment.

Move to Improve

One in five Australian children lives with a chronic disease and they often face barriers to participating in physical activity - which is vital to a child's physical and mental health.

MinRes has contributed \$1 million to support *Move to Improve*, a three-stage multidisciplinary research project that is building evidence to establish Australia's first purpose-built clinical exercise service at Perth Children's Hospital that will prescribe personalised physical exercise as part of routine care. Most recently, a program that teaches kids to surf to boost their physical and mental health has permanently been put in place after a pilot for children with cystic fibrosis found it had positive outcomes for patients.

Mary's Story

Eleven-year-old Mary has cystic fibrosis (CF), a condition that primarily affects her respiratory system.

Whilst she generally has quite a very positive attitude towards her CF, Mary experiences downsides – such as physio twice a day to clear mucus from her lungs – that can be quite challenging.

Mary participated in an initial pilot study exploring the effectiveness of surfing as a form of therapy, allowing her to develop her skills while also having fun.



"When I'm out in the water and I'm surfing, I feel like I'm more free. My body feels stronger and more in control of things. When I have freedom, I feel like I can be myself and when I can be myself, I can be most happy."

Mary

Mary catching some waves as part of her therapy.

The Clinical Centre of Rare Care and Undiagnosed Diseases (Rare Care Centre)

MinRes has committed \$1 million to support a Rare Care Centre at Perth Children's Hospital, a world-first in the provision of a holistic model of care for children with rare and undiagnosed diseases.

Around 63,000 WA children live with a rare or undiagnosed disease, with some children waiting years for a diagnosis. With our support, the centre is improving awareness and early identification of children with these diseases and enhancing referrals to support diagnosis and care coordination.

Lily's Story

Lily was born with Trichohepatoenteric Syndrome (THE), a condition so rare that it only occurs in one person in a million.

Born prematurely at 34 weeks, Lily was a tiny baby and failed to thrive. She had problems feeding and with many of her organs. Slow growth persisted and for the first few years, Lily had to be tube-fed. Her family knew something was wrong. Lily suffered countless infections and sore tummies, but despite relentless testing doctors never knew why.

Lily was the first child recruited into WA's undiagnosed disease program. At age seven Lily and her family finally got some answers, just two weeks after entering the program.

While there is no cure for Lily's condition, getting a diagnosis meant Lily no longer had to endure invasive tests and procedures to determine why she kept falling sick.



Lily and her mum Dorota outside the Rare Care Centre.

At 13 years of age, Lily is still often unwell and regularly misses school due to THE, but her family is appreciative that the support she receives can be tailored to her condition. Doctors are now able to better monitor Lily's health, reducing the number of hospitalisations and improving her quality of life.



I thank my lucky stars; I've still got a lot of friends whose children don't have a diagnosis or are misdiagnosed a lot."

Lily's mum, Dorota

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The MinRes Community Grants program provides up to \$10,000 to local organisations in the Pilbara and Goldfields-Esperance regions or within the Shire of Yilgarn.

The grant help support programs and initiatives that focus on education, Aboriginal engagement, health and wellbeing, and the environment.



Provided Community Grants to
43 organisations, totalling more than

\$237,000



MinRes' Communities team members Tegan Read (left) and Angie Holland (right) with Ellen Slobe (middle) from The Essential Collective.

The Essential Collective

Thanks to a grant from MinRes, The Essential Collective is expanding its *Collecting the Basics* campaign to the Pilbara and Goldfields-Esperance region.

The Essential Collective generates donations of basic items for people in need. The *Collecting the Basics* campaign invites donations of new items such as blankets, jumpers, socks, beanies, ponchos and personal hygiene products to any of the charity's 24 drop-off locations across Perth.

St John WA Onslow

In April 2023, an estimated 55,000 people travelled to Onslow and surrounding towns to experience a total solar eclipse.

To safely accommodate for the influx in tourists over the week, the St John WA Onslow team successfully applied for a MinRes Community Grant to support an additional six volunteer paramedics to travel to Onslow.



The MinRes grant was a great initiative for not only the St John Onslow Sub Centre but also the Onslow community and its incoming visitors for the event. It assisted with providing the best emergency care possible for our community and tourists during the solar eclipse.

The MinRes grant money allowed volunteers to travel without it coming out of their own expenses, and gave us the power of people really, to put it in a nutshell. We are forever grateful to MinRes for the generosity and assisting with the St John Onslow Solar Eclipse Emergency Management."



Onslow

Renae Coates
Chairperson, St John
Onslow Sub Centre



Moorine Rock Primary School students participating in STEM activities.

Moorine Rock Primary School

Moorine Rock Primary School, located in the Shire of Yilgarn, received a grant which enabled students to attend science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) excursions and incursions which otherwise would not be available in the region.

The school's most recent excursion was *The Alphabet of Awesome Science* program. The grant covered travel and admission costs for all students and teachers to attend the excursion in nearby Merredin, where the students had the opportunity to participate in 52 different fun and engaging experiments.

Other initiatives support by MinRes included a workshop facilitated by Scitech, attended by all three schools in the shire region, further supporting pathways for the next generation in STEM.



MinRes Community Grant recipients:

Ashburton Anglers

Auskick Onslow

Bay of Isles Community Outreach

Bloodwood Tree Association

Cannery Arts Centre

CareFlight – Hedland

Coolgardie Day Celebrations

Coolgardie Junior Fire Brigade

Esperance Deep Sea Angling Club

Essentials Collective

Goldfields Netball Association

Hedland Senior High School

Julyardi Aboriginal Corporation

Kalgoorlie School of the Air

Kambalda Club Incorporated

Kambalda Men's Shed

Kariyarra Aboriginal Corporation

Manea Senior College

Marine Rescue Onslow

Merredin Hockey Club

Moorditj Noongar Community College

Moorine Rock Primary School

Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation Ltd

Onslow Gazelles

Onslow Men's Shed

Onslow Occy's Swimming Club

Onslow Primary School

Onslow School P&C Committee

Onslow Tennis Club

Port Hedland Visitors Centre

Port Hedland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services

Red Country Music Festival

Shire of Ashburton

Southern Cross CWA

Southern Cross District High School

St John – Sub Centre Onslow

The Blue Tree Project

V Swans Onslow

Waalitj Foundation

Yandeyarra Remote Community School

Yilgarn Bowling Club

Yilgarn Ladies Darts Association

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Since 2018, MinRes has donated to Western Australian charities, mainly women's refuges and crisis accommodation services, in the lead up to Christmas.

While the festive season is meant to be a time of joy, many people may experience feelings of isolation, financial pressure or family conflict which can make it a challenging time. We're determined to help where we can, that's why we've donated \$1 million through our *Christmas Giving* program over the last five years.



\$300,000

donated to **37 organisations** through our *Christmas Giving* program

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Accommodation Service

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Accommodation Service (KBYS) provides crisis accommodation and support to young people aged 15-24 and has received support through MinRes' *Christmas Giving* program since 2019.

With the support of MinRes, the team at KBYS has been able to make Christmas a special day for the young people in its service by providing Christmas breakfast, dinner with all the trimmings and a gift for each person to open.

St John of God Horizon House

St John of God Horizon House provides safe, stable accommodation and support to vulnerable young people aged 16-22 who are currently experiencing or are at risk of homelessness.

In the lead up to Christmas in 2022, the young people at St John of God's seven Horizon House locations in WA were asked to help choose a shared gift for their house for everyone to enjoy. The Wilson house requested a range of books, arts and crafts, while the young people at the Geraldton house requested a coffee machine which has provided opportunities for social connection over a shared love of coffee.

Rise - Kira House

Kira House supports young women, aged 14-21 and their children, who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing family and domestic violence.



Christmas Day can be hard for young people in our service. It is not always a day they reflect on positively, as they work through a family/relationship breakdown, surviving domestic violence or neglect, addiction and for some, never having a gift to open".



Olive Mereyato
Program Manager, KBYS



Unfortunately, the festive period can lead to increased family pressures that can result in situations of domestic violence. MinRes' donation has enabled the young women in our home to enjoy a safe festive period with their children."



Justine Colyer
CEO, Rise



SUPPORTING THE **WA COMMUNITY**

MinRes has a long history of giving back to the community, especially in times of need. This year, we have provided donations to support the Western Australian community, including:



Foodbank WA

Foodbank WA supports people in need by providing food and groceries to those who are struggling to afford them. Earlier this year, Foodbank WA reported a record-breaking demand for its services, with **more than 1,000 households shopping with the charity on some days**. MinRes provided a **\$100,000 donation** to help put food on the table of WA households doing it tough.



MACA Cancer 200 Ride for Research

The MACA Cancer 200 Ride for Research is a 200 kilometre journey that raises vital funds for cancer research at the Harry Perkins Institute. Last year, 57 MinRes employees took part in the ride and **raised \$412,000**, which included a **\$20,000 donation** from MinRes.



Containers for Change

Our Kwinana Workshop and Wonmunna have **raised more than \$3,500** through the *Containers for Change* initiative.

MinRes employees voted, and the funds were donated to Lifeline WA to support the mental health support and services the organisation provides.



Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund

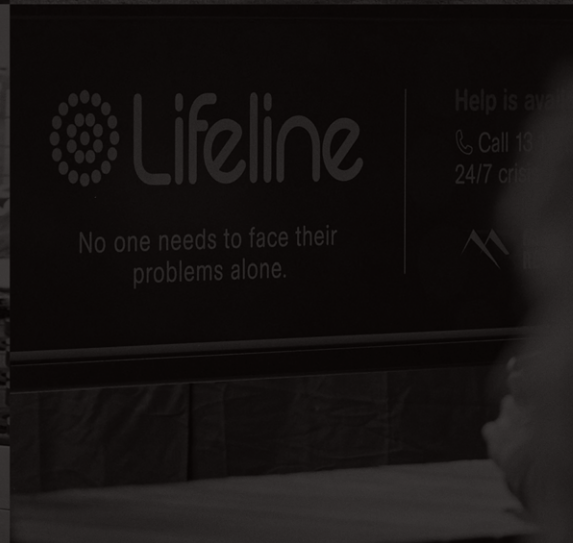
In January 2023, MinRes **donated \$500,000** to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund Appeal (LMDRF) to help Kimberley communities impacted by unprecedented flooding generated by ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie. The LMDRF was activated to coordinate donations in response to Western Australia's worst-ever floods, with all money raised going directly to those who need it most.



Healthy Strides Move-a-Thon for Telethon

Healthy Strides is a not-for-profit organisation that provides intensive therapy for children with neurological conditions and injuries. In 2022, MinRes partnered with Telethon and Healthy Strides to bring a ground-breaking paediatric rehabilitation program to WA. Known as Stride Zero G, the gravity defying technology is helping children and young adults learn to walk without the fear of falling over.

MinRes continues its relationship with Healthy Strides, this year supporting the organisations inaugural *Move-A-Thon* fundraiser for Telethon. In April, more than **160 people gathered at Optus Stadium to take part in the community fundraising event**, which encouraged children and families to join in using whatever equipment they needed – bikes, wheelchairs, walking frames or even rollerblades – to get moving. The event **raised \$2,438, with MinRes matching this dollar for dollar**.





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