

## Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

### Youth Engagement Grant Recipients Announced

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- Recipients of the 2023 Youth Engagement Grants Program announced.
- 26 organisations awarded grants of up to \$10,000 to engage young people in ways that benefit their community.
- Organisations include Shire of Wagin, West Arthur Community Resource Centre, and Katanning Karen Community Hub.

Local governments and community service organisations have been awarded a total of \$200,000 in funding under the Youth Engagement Grants Program 2023.

The Youth Engagement Grants Program supports initiatives and projects that promote and empower young people.

The grants will be used to launch projects that enable young people aged between 10 to 25 years to achieve positive outcomes in the community.

The Youth Engagement Grants provide up to \$10,000 per grant to support local government and community service organisations across the State who work to positively engage young Western Australians.

Some of the organisations to receive funding include the:

- Shire of Wagin to commence phase one of a Youth Engagement project.
- West Arthur Community Resource Centre to deliver the Walking the track together project.
- Katanning Karen Community Hub who will hold the Katanning Karen School connection to cultural heritage project.

A full list of grant recipients can be found here:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/wa-youth-engagement-grants-program>

#### Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC

“Engagement opportunities for young people are an important way to positively support our youth”, she said.

“This is particularly relevant for the youth who live in our regional communities.

“I am thrilled to hear that there will be youth engagement activities in West Arthur, Wagin and Katanning.”

#### Comments attributed to Youth Minister Simone McGurk:

"These programs funded under The Youth Engagement Grants Program are thoughtful and creative. They reflect the capacity of young people to drive change in their community.

"It is so important that young people are given the opportunity for leadership and capacity building, and I look forward to seeing young people reach their full potential under these programs".

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