



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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## Acknowledgement of Country

Denmark Community Foundation acknowledges the traditional custodians around Kwoorabup, the Bibulmun & Menang peoples of the Nyoongar nation. We pay our deepest respect to Elders past & present, and honour their continuing connection to land, sea and community.

# CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

**WOW** - what a year it was! I would like to personally thank my fellow board members for their contribution and commitment to DCF during the year. Unfortunately, we lost Annette Carmicheal as Deputy Chair due to her relocation to Albany, together with her increased work commitments. Thank you, Annette for all your hard work and service to our community.

This year was the second of the three-year strategic plan for the Denmark Community Foundation. This document provides a framework for planning and decision making for the Board of Management who volunteer their time and act as trustees of community funds on behalf of the Denmark community. We continue to review this living breathing document and will extend its use beyond 2025.

The Foundation's vision is to create a community that is a welcoming, resilient, inclusive and connected, and we do this by generating, managing and distributing funds that strengthen the Denmark community.

The Foundation's main focus area for 2023 – 2025 is the reduction of social isolation within our community. Making effective decisions relies on access to high-quality information, and with this in mind, we engaged Consultant Juliet Grist from Rural and Regional Economic Solutions to undertake a desktop analysis of publicly available information supplemented with local interviews. This report covers risk and protective factors for social isolation in Denmark.

This data analysis was made possible through the support of the Minderoo Foundation and Community Foundations Australia.

The Board would like to thank the Anglican Church in Denmark for their contribution of \$500 which was contributed to the General Operations Account.

The support from the community in nominating DCF as recipients of their Containers for Change reimbursement is also heartwarming. A total of \$1,951 was received for the 2023/2024 financial year.

In January 2024 the Denmark Community Foundation received a total of \$10,000 in vouchers from Foundation of Rural and Regional Renewal – 2024 Back to School Grant to help students with the purchase of items required for schooling. These vouchers consisted of \$5,000 in \$50 vouchers to be spent at Denmark Coop and \$5,000 in \$100 vouchers for IT items purchased from Officeworks and Harvey Norman. Although as at the time of the preparation of this report only 2 x \$100 IT vouchers remain not all vouchers claimed have been spent.

Denmark Community Foundation was the recipient of a \$100,000 gift from the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation. The funds arrived in mid June and were disbursed in early July in line with the discussions and decisions of the DCF Board and after seeking support from the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation.

## Community Grants

The Board felt strongly about trying to tackle social isolation and resolved to contribute to the following community projects:

\$40,000 to Denmark CRC for the purchase of a community transport bus and running costs.

\$20,000 to the Denmark Primary School P&C to assist with the upgrade of the playground to an ALL abilities playground.

\$10,000 to Albany Youth Support Association to work with our vulnerable and at-risk young people.

\$5,000 to Denmark CRC to assist with patient transport for those who are financially unable to access patient transport with St John Community Transport or The Care Shuttle Program transport to the radiation machine in Albany.

\$5,000 to Denmark CRC for emergency relief for members of the Denmark community.

\$2,000 to Denmark CRC for the Coder Dojo project – this is a safe space for 7 to 17 years, to explore technology, learn how to create apps and make their own games and more.

The balance was to be used to appoint a support officer and for emergency use.

It was decided by the Board that due to the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation gift no official “Grants Round” would be advertised for this financial year. However, having said that, the Board has disbursed funds to assist the following needs in our community:

### July 2023

\$1,100 to Denmark Men’s Shed to assist with the purchase of an extraction fan from the Foundation’s General Account.

### November 2023

\$400 for a music scholarship from the Youth Fund.

### March 2024

\$1,000 to the Denmark CRC from our Homeless/Hardship Sub Fund to top up their Homeless and Hardship Account.

### May 2024

\$2,000 to the Denmark Homeless Project from our Homeless/Hardship Sub Fund for assistance in purchasing caravans etc.

\$1,250 from the Leach Partington Art Prize Sub Fund for Fine Art Prizes.

\$1,250 in total from the Youth Sub Fund to assist young people with driving lessons offered by Umbrella Group Great Southern, emergency assistance for a young person escaping domestic violence and assisting a student with travel for a sporting scholarship. These funds came from the Youth Sub Fund.

In April we also transferred \$40,644.62 to Umbrella Group Great Southern for the purchase of a vehicle to use as part of the Shuttle Care Project. Well done Mary Williams, you said that the funds you raised were to be used to purchase a vehicle and you did it!

## Working in Partnership

Securing and managing donations for the benefit of the Denmark community is a key activity of the Foundation. In partnership with the Foundation of Rural and Regional Renewal, DCF is able to accept tax deductible donations for specific projects and causes.

We would like to acknowledge the support of Community Foundations Australia for their ongoing support, encouragement and education in ensuring that DCF continues to grow and strengthen.



### **Scope**

The Board of DCF WA oversees the governance of two entities:

Denmark Community Foundation (WA) Inc. 77 322 574 894 a registered charity established 14 February 2011.

Denmark Community Fund, ABN: 13 787 571 065 a registered charity established 24 March 2014, and is a Public Ancillary Fund.

### **Meetings**

Since the 2023 Annual General Meeting, the Board has had nine (9) Ordinary meetings and (1) one Planning meeting.

### **Board Members**

December 2023 – November 2024:

Chairperson:	Karen Burford
Deputy Chairperson:	Annette Carmichael (resigned February 2024) Adrian Baer (appointed February 2024)
Treasurer:	Karen Burford (replaced October 2024) Abbe Rorrison (appointed October 2024)
Secretary:	Victoria Wilson
Committee Members:	Adrian Baer (moved to Deputy Chairperson February 2024) Jennifer Partington Jo Tighe Julia Rainbird Abbe Rorrison (from July 2024)
Youth representative:	vacant

### **Deductible Gift Recipient Status**

The Denmark Community Foundation currently holds DGR2 status. This status presents some limitations to the operation of the Foundation. We continue to participate in the efforts of Community Foundations Australia to expand our tax deductibility status to include DGR1. Progress on this has been slow however legislation has now been passed by the Australian Federal Parliament with commentary now open.

## Thank you

The Denmark Community Foundation is an exceptional asset for the Denmark community.

We would like to thank our regular donors who make monthly donations to our sub-funds with a generosity and commitment that ensures the longevity of the Foundation.

### **Denmark Community Fund DGR 2 Account**

Harley Lane  
Stockdale Building

### **Denmark Hardship Fund**

Jennie Partington  
Ruth Halbert

### **Denmark Youth Fund**

Matt Sivyer

I would like to thank each and every one of the Board Members of the Denmark Community Foundation (WA) Inc for their dedication to our foundation and their additional support to me as a new incoming Chairperson. I have learned a lot over the last 12 months and will continue to grow and foster this fantastic foundation which is imperative to the long-term support of our local community.

**Karen Burford**

**FIPA, FFA**

**8 November 2024**

# STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2025

<b>Our Vision:</b>	<b>Our Mission:</b>	<b>Our Values:</b>
Denmark is a welcoming, resilient, inclusive and connected community	We generate, manage and distribute funds that strengthen the Denmark community	Inclusion Responsiveness Integrity Cooperation Care
<b>Goal Areas</b>	<b>Priority Objectives</b>	
1. Strengthen our Community	1.1 Support initiatives that reduce social isolation	
	1.2 Provide emergency relief in times of crisis	
	1.3 Encourage local economic activity	
2. Strengthen our Relationships	2.1 Develop effective stakeholder relations	
3. Strengthen our Foundation	3.1 Grow the fund	
	3.2 Grow the membership	
	3.3 Expand our charitable status to DGR1	
	3.4 Enhance marketing and promotion	
4. Strengthen our Governance	4.1 Enhance board capacity	
	4.2 Sustain sound governance practices	
	4.3 Develop a robust grants management framework	

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2023/2024

As of 30th June 2024, Denmark Community Foundation (WA) Inc, ABN 77 322 574 894 including Denmark Community Fund, ABN 13 787 570 065 held funds totalling \$156,877, of which \$31,292 were specifically held for the benefit of the Denmark Community.

The Sub Fund balances at 30 June 2024 were

DGR2	\$11,077
Leech Partington Art Prize	\$ 3,405
Denmark Homeless/Hardship Project	\$ 1,081
Denmark Youth Fund	\$ 1,858
Denmark Disaster Fund	\$ 1,453
Denmark Response Fund	\$ 4,418
Denmark Fire Day Fund	\$ 8,000

During the 2023/2024 financial year DCF was gifted \$100,000 from The Stan Perron Charitable Foundation which has been held over for disbursement in the following year.

The Board is very proud of the recognition given by the Perron Group for the work we do within our local community. The funds have been used in the current financial year to tackle social isolation within our community in line with the report prepared on our behalf by Rural & Regional Economic Solutions Pty Ltd.

Funds totalling \$40,645 held within the Community Fund were transferred to the Umbrella Group Great Southern for operation of the Care Shuttle Service which provides transport to the radiation machine located in Albany. The funds were raised by Mary Williams over a number of years and DCF is proud of our custodial service over that period.

**Karen Burford**  
**FIPA, FFA**  
**Treasurer**  
**8 November 2024**



# CONNECT WITH US

## Become a Community Contributor

Donations upwards from \$100 welcome

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