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**Denmark Community
Foundation** (WA) inc.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

This year saw major changes in the governance of the Denmark Community Foundation, with a number of new Board members joining our committee. 2022 was my first year as Chairperson, taking up the reins from our Founding Chairperson, Gill Sellar.

The year commenced with the urgent need to support local community members impacted by the Bushfire. Heather Moyle, our Deputy Chairperson, led the working party and has written a special report about the incredible response of our local community. This response goes to the heart of the Foundation's purpose, which is to generate, manage and distribute funds that strengthen the Denmark community. Ultimately, the Foundation's vision is to create a community that is a welcoming, resilient, inclusive and connected. In the months that followed the bushfire crisis we witnessed first-hand the collective strength of the individuals that call Denmark home.

"I am overwhelmed by the kindness and support of the Denmark community as shown by the Foundation's generous assistance in repairing the fire damage to my farm"

Community Grants

In 2022 the Foundation implemented a change to our Community Grants program. Rather than an annual funding round, the program now provides grants to community groups through a rolling assessment process over the entire year. Applications can be made through our website, www.dcfwa.org.au and are assessed on a quarterly basis by our Board of Management.

In 2022, grants were awarded to:

Denmark Arts Council Inc., to support the participation of young people in need in their Bounce Back program. - \$600

Denmark Community Resource Centre to support the participation of seniors with dementia in creative activities - \$800

Denmark Men's Shed - contribution towards the costs of improving dust extraction, subject to additional funding from Lotterywest - \$1000



Denmark Arts - Bounce Back circus program, Photo by Nic Duncan

Working in Partnership

Securing and managing grants for the benefit of the Denmark community is a key activity of the Foundation.

In 2022 we continued our partnership with the Denmark Community Resource Centre to support people facing hardship in Denmark. Through the management of Lotterywest funds, the Foundation supported the provision of the Food Pantry and access to food vouchers, and supply of gas and firewood to people in need.



Our Safety Net was a program that aimed to increase the awareness of suicide prevention strategies within the community, supported by SeaCorp and Hallowell Stud. This program came to an end during the year. The Foundation continues to meet with service providers and the Shire of Denmark to look at alternative models for early intervention and prevention of suicide in our community.

Sub-fund Activity

Denmark Community Foundation holds in trust a number of funds held for specific activity.

Denmark Hardship Sub-Fund

This fund helps those in the community who are living rough or going through a very difficult time, and is delivered in partnership with local community groups.

Youth Sub-Fund

The Youth Fund provides assistance to eligible Denmark residents aged 17-25 to:

- Access local support
- Undertake training courses to improve their job prospects
- Overcome financial barriers that prevent them from participating in training

Radiation Machine Project Sub-Fund

These monies will assist Denmark people with transport, accommodation and other related expenses in accessing the facility in Albany, once it is completed.

Leech - Partington Botanical Art Prize Sub-Fund

Is a fund that supports the annual exhibition of botanical artists to celebrate the memory of acclaimed artist, Penny Leech.

Full details of donations received to our sub-funds are detailed in the attached Financial Statements.

Governance

The Denmark Community Foundation (WA) Inc. was first created in 2009 under the leadership of founding Chairperson, Dr. Gill Sellar. Our Founding Patron is Professor Fiona Stanley.

Dr. Sellar resigned as Chairperson in 2021 with her final act being the securing of funding for a Governance Review and Strategic Planning Process, to guide the future development of the Foundation. In 2022, the Board undertook this process, facilitated by Consultant, Christine Grogan that has resulted in the creation of our Strategic Plan 2023 - 2025 supported by improvements in our governance and operational planning.

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 2021 Annual General Meeting, the Board has had 11 Ordinary meetings and two additional meetings to undertake a governance review and strategic planning.

Board Members 2022:

Chairperson:	Annette Carmichael
Deputy Chairperson:	Heather Moyle
Treasurer:	Karen Burford (from May 2022) Amber Launay (Nov 2021 - May 2022)
Secretary:	Matthew Sivyer
Committee Members:	Lesley Murphy AO (joined May 2022) Jennifer Partington Victoria Wilson Simone Woolhouse (Nov 2021 - May 2022)
Youth representative:	Luka Milbourne

Contract Staff 2022:

Accountant:	Ed Groom (contract ended 30 June 2022)
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Thank you

The Denmark Community Foundation is an exceptional asset for the Denmark Community and its establishment took the commitment and hard work of many people, but especially three people who have now handed over the Foundation to a new group of people. I wish to especially acknowledge Dr Gill Sellar for her leadership as inaugural chair, Ed Groom for his work as Treasurer and then Accountant, and finally, Secretary, Matt Sivyer, who has been a font of knowledge and wisdom during this transitional year.

I also wish to thank our many donors, partners, members and community supporters who make small and large contributions to the work of the Foundation.

And finally, my deepest gratitude to Board Members, current and past, who volunteer many hours and provide the skills and knowledge necessary to maintain and grow this Foundation.

Annette Carmichael
Chairperson
23 November 2022

SPECIAL REPORT

Bushfire Emergency Response

The Denmark Bushfire of February 2022, was a period of high winds and temperatures that culminated in catastrophic fire danger. The fire burnt through 2500 hectares of forest and farmland, destroyed four homes, numerous outbuildings, vehicles, farming infrastructure, and fencing. It burned for several days, despite the efforts of more than 150 firefighters and 16 water-bombing aircraft.



Evacuation centers were established in nearby towns as an emergency warning was declared for homes in and near Denmark. As roads were closed, and 1700 homes were without power, anxious residents under imminent threat, were encouraged to evacuate from the path of an out-of-control bushfire and leave Denmark. Emergency Services and community support agencies commenced immediate, extensive support.

In response to this catastrophic event, the Denmark Community Foundation (DCF) established the “Denmark Response Fund”. A secure on-line donation/receipt and funding application page were added to the DCF website, and flyers directing donors to the website, were distributed at a community meeting, and to CBD businesses who promoted support.

Denmark Shire officially recognised DCF as the preferred organisation for community donations, and directed financial contributions to DCF. Two donation streams provided donors with a choice of non-deductible, or tax-deductible options.

The Denmark Response Fund - provided a non-tax deductible way for people to donate money that was used to address the following immediate needs:

Accommodation
 Food
 Clothing
 Emergency building supplies
 Household goods
 Services

This fund permitted a more flexible approach to meeting community needs. The funds were managed by DCF and delivered in partnership with the Denmark Community Resource Centre.

The Denmark Recovery Fund - provided a tax-deductible way for people to donate money that was used to:

- Meet the urgent needs of people affected by the fire e.g. accommodation, clothing and food (as defined by the ATO guidelines on necessitous circumstances)
- Support non-for-profit (NFP) organisations in the delivery of programs that aid the community's recovery.

This fund was managed by DCF in partnership with the Albany Community Foundation (through their "Necessitous Circumstances Fund") and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal for community programs.

DCF developed a Bushfire Relief database that maintained relevant information regarding all applications for funding, and kept track of donated funds. All applicants were contacted and provided details of their family's loss, their greatest need, level of community support, and directed to NFP's and Denmark Shire for additional support as required.

"I am very grateful for the support of the Foundation and the donors to the bushfire appeal. The ethos, aims and practical support of the Foundation are a credit to the Denmark community."

DCF enabled the distribution of \$125,000 of donated bushfire relief funds to those families affected by the Denmark Bushfires.

The Denmark community, population 6,310 (Denmark Shire- 2021) generously supported DCF's fund raising efforts, and donated \$50,400. Given Denmark's increasing retiree population (2,292 over 60 years old), the employment and other limitations associated with Covid-19, and rising accommodation / homelessness difficulties, the response was heart-warming.

Donations large and small were received from: local businesses, art exhibition sales, NFP's, individual community members, travellers/holiday makers, as well as the proceeds from donated containers-for-change.

DCF also developed relationships with local businesses who in-turn provided additional support by providing special "at-cost" prices (not profiting from sales) thereby increasing the buying-power for the 20 families affected. Businesses established 'special accounts' and provided DCF with Tax Invoice/Quotes for the family's identified needed goods. All 20 families received DCF funding, with funds distributed into their identified preferred business account. Examples include reduced prices for water tanks, tank liners, water

pumps, plumbing supplies, windows, emergency building supplies, fencing supplies, homewares, clothing and tools.

Impressed with DCF's bushfire relief effort, the Rotary Club of Albany Port WA, developed a relationship with DCF. Utilising the DCF application/approval process, a further \$75,000 was distributed to those families affected by the fire.

Heather Moyle
Deputy Chairperson
23 November 2022

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2025

In 2022, with the support of FRRR and facilitated by Christine Grogan, DCF undertook a strategic review of its operations and governance.

Incorporating feedback from stakeholders and members, the Board of DCF has identified 4 goal areas to guide the Foundation over the next three years.

Our Vision:	Our Mission:	Our Values:
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
Goal Areas	Priority Objectives	
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 2021/2022

Denmark Community Foundation (WA) Inc

As at 30 June 2022 the Denmark Community Foundation (WA) Inc, ABN 77 322 574 894 held Net Assets of \$31,431 following an Operational Loss of \$267.

Denmark Community Fund

From 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 the Denmark Community Fund, ABN 13 787 571 065 received donations and fees of \$68,295 and distributed \$41,185 in payments to local suppliers to address need in the community.

As at 30 June 2022, \$72, 210 is currently held in Trust for the benefit of the Denmark Community within the Denmark Community Fund.

Karen Burford
Treasurer
23 November 2022

CONNECT WITH US

Become a Member 2022/23:

Concession: \$40

Individual: \$100

Business / Organisation: \$200

Sign up via our website: www.dcfwa.org.au

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