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CROSSLANDS IS AT THE HEART OF THE MID-WEST

Several local community organisations in Western Australia's mid-west region are set to benefit from Crosslands Resources' @Heart Community Support Program.

The @Heart program will initially help five not-for-profit community groups to establish a broad range of projects designed to provide ongoing cultural, educational and health and well-being benefits across several communities.

- @Heart will assist The Mid-west Family Support Association to set up the "Aidan's Place" program, which is focused on the establishment and development of a network for families affected by autism or other developmental disabilities. The "Aidan's Place" initiative will offer support to families across the mid-west region through newsletters, a dedicated website and network meetings.
- With the support of Crosslands' @Heart program, the Yamiji Languages Aboriginal Corporation (YLAC) will promote the importance of recording and publishing stories from local elders in Indigenous languages. The YLAC will publish new stories and re-print existing publications, including *Warnygu Bayalgu (Digging for Food)*.
- @Heart is contributing to the Meekatharra School of the Air's travel trust, enabling isolated mid-west students and their families to attend networking events where they can build and strengthen relationships with similar families across Western Australia.
- Crosslands will support the Geraldton Grammar School's Artist in Residence program. This initiative will give senior art students the opportunity to learn from recognised mid-west artists, culminating in a student exhibition to be held in Geraldton each October.
- Crosslands' @Heart program will sponsor the Mid-west Junior Tennis Open to be hosted by the Geraldton Tennis Club, 2 – 5 January, 2009. The tournament has attracted Australian Ranking Points status and participants are expected to attend from across Western Australia.

Crosslands Chief Executive Officer Stuart Hall said the company was committed to the communities in which it operated and to establishing lasting and mutually beneficial relationships.

"We were proud to launch the @Heart community program just four months ago and are pleased to be able to assist as many as five mid-west initiatives in this, the first funding round," he said.

"Crosslands has benefited from the backing of all communities in which it undertakes business and looks forward to reinforcing this foundation assistance by establishing further rewarding relationships in future rounds of the @Heart program."

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The next round of @Heart Community Support Program applications closes 15 March, 2009. For more information, including selection criteria and how to apply, visit www.crosslands.com.au or call Claire Blatchford on (08) 9483 0500.

Crosslands Resources owns and operates the Jack Hills iron ore mine in Western Australia's mid-west, 380km north-east of Geraldton and is the second largest exporter of iron ore from the region.

The company is jointly owned (50/50) by Murchison Metals Ltd and Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd a subsidiary of Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan's largest general trading company.

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Comment	Contact
Yamiji Languages Aboriginal Association	Publishing Local Languages Project	Local elders will record their stories, and other practices such as land management, in local Indigenous languages. The broader mid-west community will benefit by having access to these stories and the local Indigenous culture.	Paul Ihanimo 9964 3550
The Mid-West Family Support Association	Aidan's Place Project	To assist mid-west families with members who have autism or other developmental learning disabilities. This will establish an ongoing support network, based in Geraldton, but servicing the entire mid-west region.	Robert Mosel 9964 8181
Geraldton Grammar School	Local Arts Residency and Exhibition Project	Students will benefit by learning from established local artists across all media (eg sculpture, paint, print). Participants will organise an exhibition to be held in Geraldton, and opened to the public, at the end the program.	Jenni Winterbottom 9965 7800
Meekatharra School of the Air	Isolated Children's Parent's Association Travel Trust	Networking events and meetings are an important component in the educational program. Assisting isolated families to connect with other similar families will help support their continued contribution to rural regions.	Carolyn Halleen 9963 7987
Geraldton Tennis Club	Crosslands' Mid-west Junior Open	The tournament will attract Australian Ranking Points as recognised by governing bodies Tennis West and Tennis Australia. As such, it will be promoted to attract competitors from across WA, benefiting the broader local community.	Rick Arthur 9921 2741

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