PEEL Community FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Chair: Investing in Peel's Future

As we move into the middle of the year, it's a time for both celebration and momentum at Peel Community Foundation.

Last week, we had the joy of gathering at Café Chérie Pinjarra to announce the first recipients of our Together for Tomorrow Pinjarra Giving program.

Hearing directly from the grant recipients about the difference these programs make for young people in Pinjarra was a powerful reminder of why local giving matters so deeply.

I am also thrilled to share that the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation has approved a $100,000 contribution to support the next stage of Together for Tomorrow - Capability Giving. This is a significant investment in the future of our region and a wonderful vote of confidence in what we are building together.

This edition also shares the story of Two Girls and a Grandad, a beautiful example of how everyday generosity can strengthen our community and inspire others to give.

Finally, our Professional Adviser Roundtable Series launches in July - a practical forum for trusted advisers to explore how local giving can create lasting legacy for our community, we would love to see you there!

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

Kristie Tonkin

Together for Tomorrow: Celebrating Pinjarra's First Giving Round

On 10 June, Peel Community Foundation gathered at Café Chérie Pinjarra to announce the first recipients of the Together for Tomorrow Pinjarra Giving program, a community-led initiative made possible through the generous support of donor Pinjarra Junction Shopping Centre, in partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal.

Three local initiatives have been supported through this first giving round:

Pinjarra Power with Hoops $4,000
A free basketball and mentoring initiative designed to strengthen youth participation, confidence, friendships and community connection through accessible sport and leadership activities.

Choyces Wellbeing Program $24,332
A trauma-informed wellbeing initiative supporting young people aged 14-19 through strengths-based programs that build emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships, coping skills and social connection.

Brighter Futures Youth Program $4,480
A practical after-school program delivered at the Pinjarra Community Garden focusing on life skills, confidence building, self-defence, safety awareness and healthy relationships for teenagers.

We acknowledge the generous support of donor Pinjarra Junction Shopping Centre and the partnership of the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal in making this initiative possible.

Caris McClements, speaking on behalf of the Pinjarra Junction Shopping Centre, said supporting local young people was an investment in the future strength of the community.

"We believe strong communities are built when young people feel connected, supported and optimistic about their future. Together for Tomorrow is about backing local ideas and local people who are creating opportunities for the next generation right here in Pinjarra."

Upcoming Events

Professional Advisers Roundtable: Trusted Conversations, Lasting Legacy

Peel Community Foundation invites trusted advisers to join a practical, roundtable discussion and presentation on the role trusted advisers have in supporting clients who want to give meaningfully and create lasting local impact.

Wed, 5 Aug, 5pm - 7pm AWST

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Stan Perron Charitable Foundation backs next stage of Together for Tomorrow

$100,000 towards Together for Tomorrow - Capability Giving

Peel Community Foundation is proud to announce a $100,000 partnership with the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation to support the next stage of Together for Tomorrow - Capability Giving.

This investment will enable PCF to hold a second grant round supporting local organisations working to strengthen education, capability and opportunity across the Peel region, alongside a community sensing event bringing together local leaders, educators and community organisations to explore what our region needs most.

"*This partnership enables us to continue investing in local organisations and initiatives that are helping local people build confidence, capability, aspiration and access to opportunity.*"

Kristie Tonkin, Chair, Peel Community Foundation

Every Act of Generosity Counts: Two Girls and a Grandad

At PCF, we believe everyone has something to give, whether that's time, money, a skill or simply a smile. Stories like this one show what's possible when communities come together.

Two Girls and a Grandad began with a simple goal, to challenge themselves while raising funds for the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

Along the way, they discovered that fundraising isn't just about donations; it's about creating opportunities for people to contribute in ways that suit them.

Since December 2025, highlights have included a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, a community Money Board raising more than $3,000, and Mandurah Walks for Research - 104 participants covering 432 kilometres along the Mandurah foreshore.

More than 20 local businesses donated over 40 prizes, from vouchers and merchandise to fitness memberships, while volunteers gave their time, local businesses provided refreshments and services, and community members turned up to participate, donate and cheer them on.

To keep the momentum going, the team launched a community Strava challenge where participants log their kilometres as they symbolically travel across Australia toward the Sydney Marathon. Thousands of kilometres have already been contributed by people of all ages and abilities.

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"Our fundraising journey has shown us that everyone has something to give. Whether it's time, skills, products, services, encouragement or a donation, every contribution has helped strengthen our community."

Empowering Future Nurses: Ella Munut, 2025 PCF Scholarship Recipient

Ella's journey to university has been one of resilience, determination and service. Balancing full-time study with her role as a manager at Hungry Jacks, and having overcome a serious car accident during Year 12, Ella graduated from Byford Secondary College with a 4.5 GPA and a Certificate IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing.

"The Peel Community Fund Scholarship has lifted a huge burden for me. I carried a lot of stress about needing to work so much during my studies. This financial support means I can focus more on my education and future."

Beyond her studies, Ella recently led a donation drive through her workplace, collecting 12 boxes of goods for a local homeless shelter. Her dream is to work in either the cardiology or as an emergency care nurse, helping those in crisis with the same compassion and support she has received.

We are honoured to play a part in Ella's journey. Her story is a powerful reminder of how community support can create lasting ripple effects.

Watch Ella's Story Here

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We acknowledge the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the lands in which we operate and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

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