

## **Kimberley Development Commission**

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### **Kimberley awarded \$2.62 million in Regional Grants**

Kimberley Development Commission Chair Professor Patrick Dodson today announced the successful projects in the second round of the State Government's Royalties for Regions Regional Grants Scheme.

Professor Dodson said the Kimberley region would receive \$2.62 million for 26 projects. Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said that Royalties for Regions funding would contribute more than \$27 million across regional Western Australia with additional funding provided by hundreds of organisations – both big and small – supporting our regional communities.

"The wide range of the projects receiving funding this year reflects the diversity of the needs of people in the Kimberley region," Mr Grylls said. A total of 233 new projects, with a total project value of more than \$140 million, have received approval by the nine regional development commissions across the State.

Projects that received Regional Grants Scheme funding for the 2009 -10 financial year include:

☐ \$209,536 to the Jarlmadangah Community in the Fitzroy Valley for the construction of an Eco Retreat including 4 safari units and associated works on a site near the Community.

☐ \$137,576 to the Kapululangu Aboriginal Women's Association in Balgo for the upgrade of the Kapululangu Women's Law and Culture Centre to enable that building to become disabled compliant.

☐ \$134,500 to the Kununurra Visitor Centre / Tourism WA for the renovation of the Argyle Downs Homestead Museum.

☐ \$250,000 to the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley for the construction of a new Tourist Information Centre in Derby.

☐ \$136,000 to the Rural Clinical School of Western Australia to fit out office space in the Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service building and fund a house for senior medical student accommodation.

"I would like to congratulate all those organisations for their inspiring and practical project proposals," Professor Dodson said.

For more information please contact the Kimberley Development Commission on (08) 9193 6795 or go to [www.kimberley.wa.gov.au](http://www.kimberley.wa.gov.au) to download a list of successful 2009-10 Regional Grants Scheme projects.

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