Community Investment Report

2026

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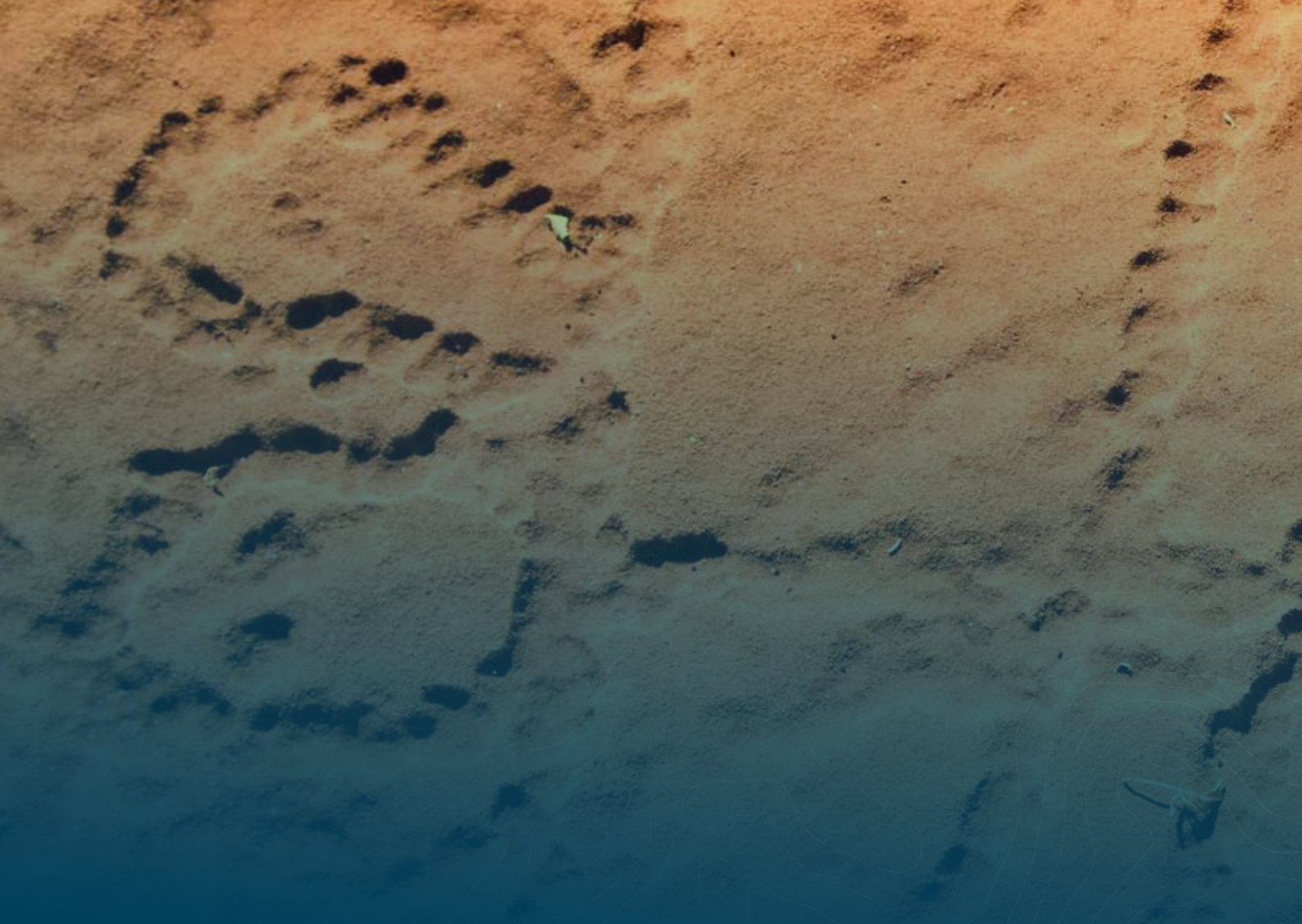

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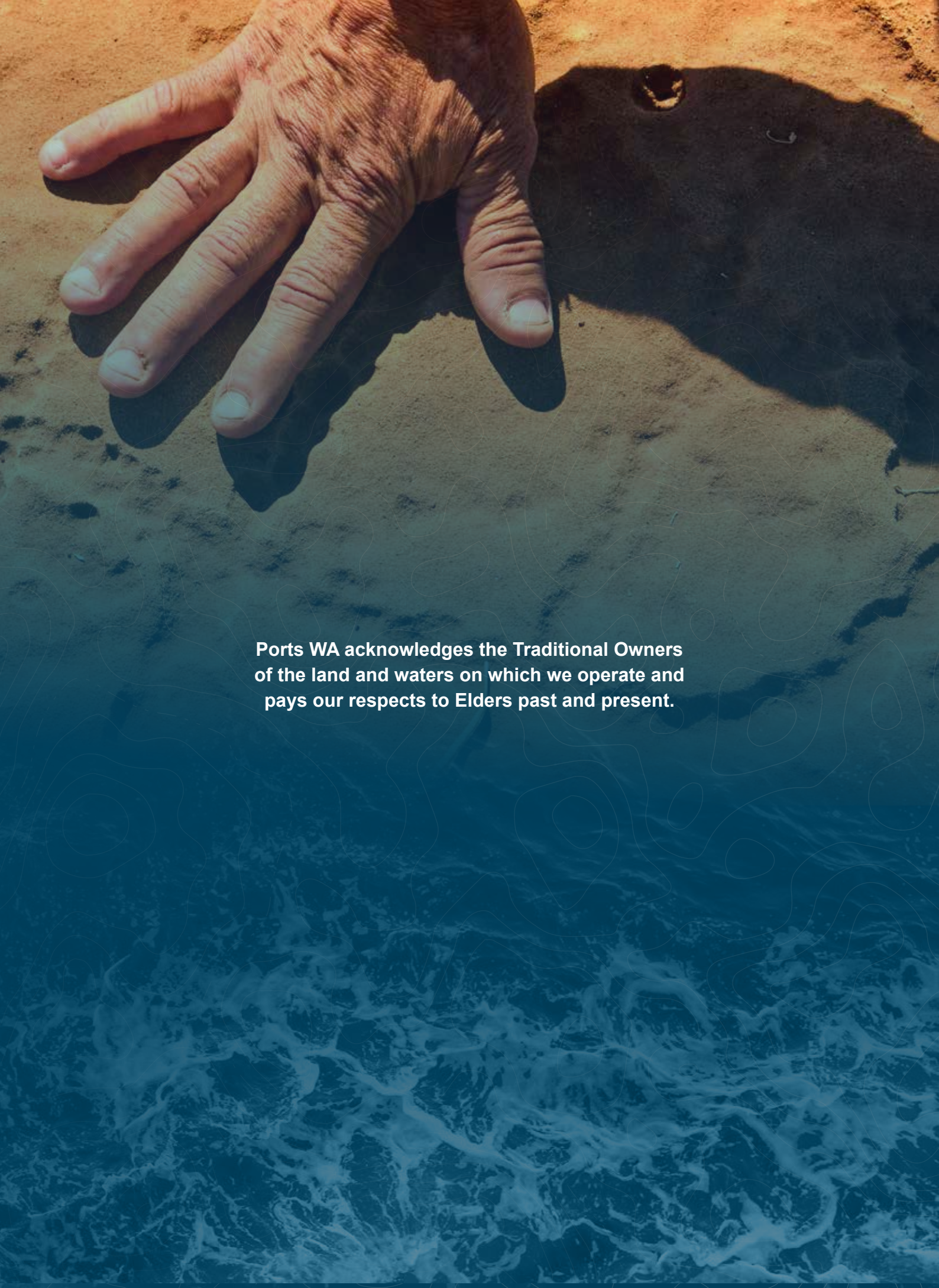


Ports WA acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land and waters on which we operate and pays our respects to Elders past and present.

Introduction

This report provides an overview of community investment, engagement and partnerships delivered by Western Australia's port authorities. It brings together a snapshot of how each port supports the communities in which it operates through grants, sponsorships, partnerships and consultation activities that create meaningful local impact.

Developed by the Corporate Affairs Working Group on behalf of Ports WA, the report highlights the diverse ways ports contribute beyond their core operations, including strengthening community connection, supporting economic participation, enhancing environmental stewardship and building regional resilience. It also outlines how each port works collaboratively with stakeholders, Traditional Owners and local organisations to deliver initiatives that reflect community priorities.

By showcasing these efforts, the report aims to improve transparency, share best practice approaches and demonstrate the collective value ports create for communities across Western Australia.

About Ports Western Australia

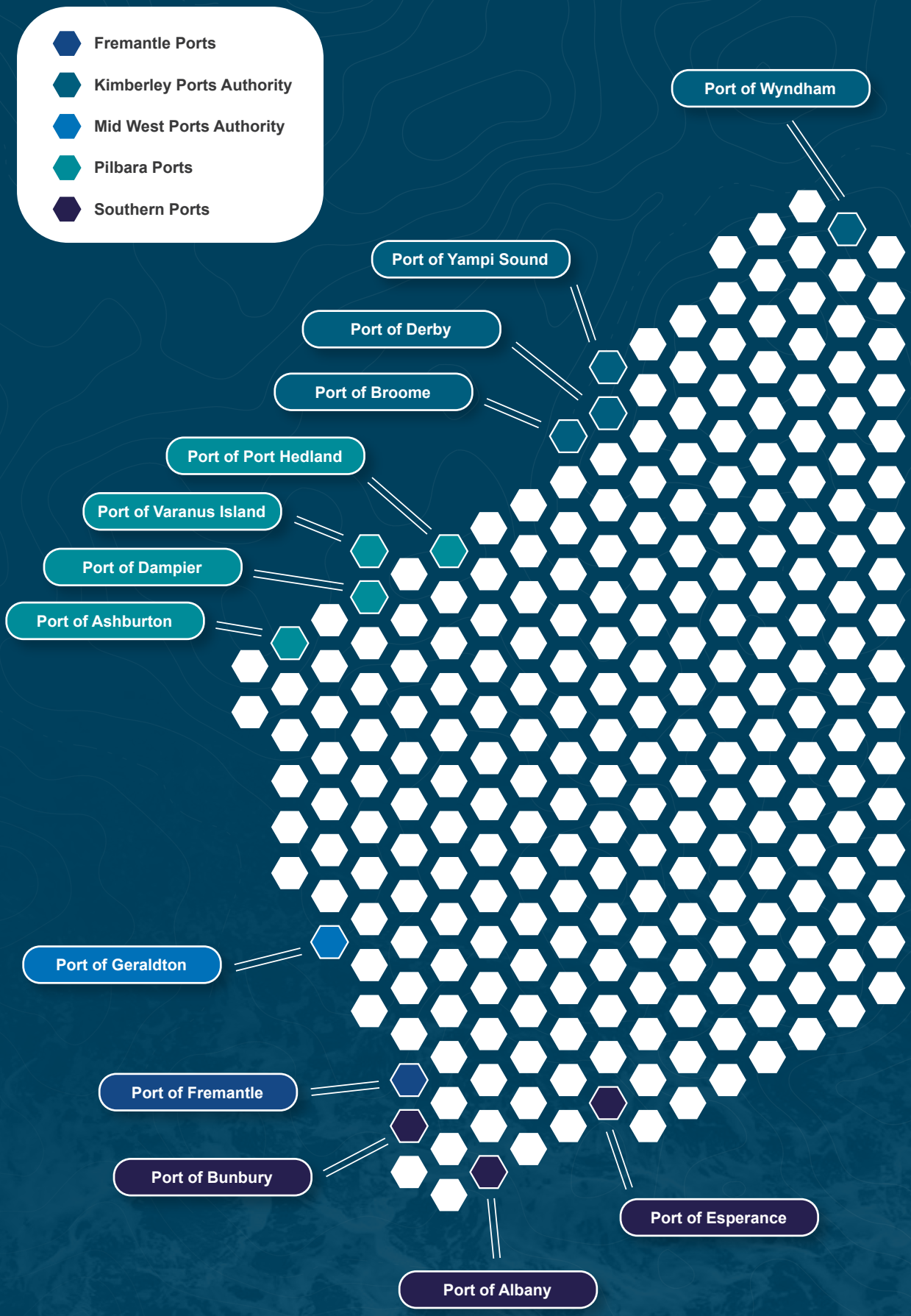
Ports WA (often referred to as WA Ports) is the collective network of Western Australia's five port authorities, working together to support the State's trade, economy and community outcomes.

It includes:

- Fremantle Ports
- Kimberley Ports Authority
- Mid West Ports Authority
- Pilbara Ports
- Southern Ports

While each port operates independently, Ports WA provides a coordinated, whole-of-sector approach, bringing the port authorities together to collaborate on shared priorities such as trade facilitation, sustainability, safety, policy alignment and community outcomes.

The Corporate Affairs Working Group sits under this structure, helping align and showcase community engagement and investment across all WA ports.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Port of Broome
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Port of Varanus Island
Port of Dampier
Port of Ashburton
Port of Geraldton
Port of Fremantle
Port of Bunbury
Port of Esperance
Port of Albany

Fremantle Ports

Fremantle Ports manages WA's largest general cargo port and a major container port. Operating from Fremantle's Inner and Outer Harbours, the organisation supports the import and export of goods, connects WA to global markets, and plays a significant role in the state's economy and supply chain network.

Overview

Fremantle Ports' Community Investment Program takes a strategic approach to supporting communities across Fremantle, Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham. Through partnerships, sponsorships and community engagement, the program creates positive social, cultural and environmental outcomes while strengthening connections between the port and the communities it serves.

Focus areas

Community investment initiatives are generally aligned to four key pillars:

- **Community enrichment:** Supporting local events, festivals and initiatives that strengthen community connection and wellbeing.
- **Education:** Programs that build understanding of the maritime industry and create pathways for future careers.
- **Environmental leadership:** Projects that protect and enhance the marine and coastal environment.
- **Arts and culture:** Initiatives that contribute to local identity, cultural expression and connection to place, including Aboriginal cultural initiatives.

Photo: Fremantle Ports
10 kilometre Christmas
Ocean Swim Coogee, 2025.

Photo: Fremantle Ports people's choice awards - Castaways Sculpture Awards, 2026.

Community consultation

Fremantle Ports facilitates engagement through Fremantle Port and Kwinana Port Community Liaison Groups, providing a forum for information sharing and discussion on port-related matters.

These groups meet three times per year and include representatives from local organisations and stakeholder groups.

Community engagement in action

Fremantle Ports delivers a range of initiatives aimed at increasing community understanding of port operations and maritime careers, including:

- Friends of Fremantle Ports volunteer program offering Port Walks and educational tours to public.
- Harbour Tours each year.
- Maritime Day open day which is bi-annually promoting maritime careers and industry awareness.
- Arts and cultural activations within port precincts.
- Partnerships supporting community events and initiatives.

Fremantle Ports also supports cruise tourism through the Fremantle Passenger Terminal, contributing to the local visitor economy.

Impact snapshot

Fremantle Ports' Community Investment Program supports more than 40 organisations annually across Fremantle, Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham. The program focuses on creating meaningful local impact through education, community enrichment, environmental leadership and arts and culture initiatives.

A major focus in 2025–26 has been expanding long-term partnerships that deliver lasting community benefit. This includes new partnerships with Aboriginal organisations in the Kwinana region, supporting initiatives in education, leadership development, culture, community wellbeing and environmental stewardship. As Fremantle Ports continues to invest in the future of its port facilities, it is equally committed to investing in the communities that support them. These partnerships help create opportunities, strengthen connections and deliver positive social, cultural and environmental outcomes across the region.

Photo: Fremantle Ports Harbour Master Classic fun run, 2025.

How to apply for support

Fremantle Ports supports opportunities that benefit Fremantle, Cockburn, Kwinana, Rockingham and surrounding communities; align with Fremantle Ports' values and focus areas; address community need and create meaningful local impact and provide opportunities for recognition, engagement or in-kind support.

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Kimberley Ports Authority

Kimberley Ports Authority (KPA) manages the ports of Broome, Wyndham, Derby and Yampi Sound. The authority supports regional trade, tourism, cruise shipping, fishing, pearling and offshore industries while facilitating economic development and essential supply chains throughout the Kimberley region.

Overview

Kimberley Ports Authority focuses on building strong relationships with communities and has three Community Consultation Committees across Broome, Wyndham, and Derby including Yampi Sound; enabling local government and community stakeholders to raise matters with KPA and stay informed of development projects at various ports.

Focus areas

KPA contributes to community development across the Kimberley region through sponsorships, partnerships and consultation initiatives that support local priorities and is reflected through its memberships with the three Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) in Broome, Derby and Kununurra. KPA has ongoing interaction with the CCI's through supporting and speaking at events such as the Kimberley Economic Forums.

Photo: KPA employees (and family) engaged in seagrass monitoring, 2025.

Community support

The Ports of Broome and Derby support community service organisations such as the Broome Volunteer Sea Rescue Group, Broome Fishing Club and Derby Volunteer Marine Rescue through providing non-commercial lease agreements to support their facilities.

Along with commercial aspects of the Ports of Broome and Derby, KPA and the Shire of Derby West Kimberley self-funds recreational and small craft activities within the ports.

Sponsorship program

KPA's well patronised sponsorship program supports initiatives across the Kimberley region with focus on delivering positive community outcomes while aligning to organisational priorities. The program is designed to enable business, employment and social opportunities for the community.

KPA's sponsorship program is focused on marine base projects and will consider applications that meet at least one of the following areas:

- **Maritime:** Projects that have a focus on the marine environment, being a marine based activity, infrastructure or educational program.
- **Sustainable Environment:** Projects that demonstrate sustainable solutions for the protection, management and enhancement of the marine environment.
- **Education:** Educational based projects and initiatives for local youth.
- **Community Infrastructure:** Projects that provide long term benefits to the local community with the development of infrastructure and improvement of resources
- **Community Events:** Community events, sporting programs and art projects that encourage community involvement.

Community consultation and engagement

In addition to its Community Consultation Committees, KPA delivers updates via social media and a community newsletter informing on port activities and projects and operates port tours for key stakeholders to provide development briefings on current and future projects. KPA undertakes stakeholder surveys every two to three years to gain insight into community expectations and any lifestyle impacts.

Photo: KPA winner of the Kimberley Careers Expo most engaging stall award, 2025

Community engagement in action

KPA actively engages with local communities through partnerships, education and regional events. This includes working with schools and programs such as the Clontarf Football Academy, Yiramalay School and others to provide port tours, career insights and learning opportunities for students.

KPA also supports a wide range of community initiatives from major events like Shinju Matsuri, Ord Valley Muster and the Derby Art Prize, to educational outreach, cultural partnerships with Traditional Owners, and participation in regional business and tourism forums. Through collaboration with local organisations and businesses, these efforts help strengthen community connection, build skills and create economic and employment opportunities across the Kimberley.

Photo: KPA sponsorship during Shinju Matsuri, Pet's in the Park award presentation, 2025.

Impact snapshot

KPA's 2025-26 sponsorship program, with a budget of $60,000, supported a diverse mix of initiatives that contribute to vibrant, connected and sustainable communities. Key partnerships included Environs Kimberley, backing its long-standing seagrass monitoring program in Roebuck Bay, which delivers important environmental and community science outcomes, and the Derby Chamber of Commerce and Industry, supporting delivery of the 2026 Kimberley Economic Forum.

A range of smaller sponsorships also played an important role in supporting local events, programs and activities from the Broome Chamber of Commerce Business Awards to school-based music and sports initiatives at Broome Senior High School. Community sporting groups across triathlon, netball, floorball, soccer and Broome Speedway were also supported, helping to encourage participation, wellbeing and community connection across the region.

How to apply for support

KPA's sponsorship program supports a wide range of local activities and events, reflecting its commitment to Kimberley communities.

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Mid West Ports Authority

Mid West Ports Authority manages the Port of Geraldton, a key regional port servicing mining, agriculture and industrial sectors. The authority facilitates the export of commodities such as grain, mineral sands and iron ore, while supporting trade, community engagement and regional economic growth across the Mid West.

Overview

Mid West Ports Authority delivers a range of community investment initiatives focused on supporting regional development and strengthening relationships with local communities across the Mid West region.

Programs are designed to support community-led initiatives that align with the organisation's values and contribute to social, environmental and economic outcomes.

Focus areas

Community investment initiatives commonly support:

- environmental sustainability and coastal initiatives;
- maritime education and awareness activities;
- community wellbeing programs;
- youth development initiatives;
- Aboriginal engagement initiatives; and
- community events and local activation opportunities.

Photo: Mid West Ports Staff Consultative Committee Charity Partner, with $15,000 being donated to the organisation, 2026.

Community Grants Program

Mid West Ports supports local communities through its annual Community Grants Program, providing up to $10,000 per project or event and distributing around $100,000 each year.

The program focuses on volunteer-led and community-driven initiatives that build participation and strengthen social connections across the Mid West, particularly in and around the Geraldton Port.

To further support applicants, Mid West Ports introduced free grant writing workshops in 2023-24, helping local groups, clubs and organisations develop strong, successful funding applications.

Photo: NFP Partnerships - Geraldton Tree Canopy Advocates (GTCA).

Not-for-Profit Partnership Program

Mid West Ports offers a structured three-year partnership program that provides stability and long-term support for local not-for-profit organisations. Through these partnerships, the Port works closely with smaller groups, offering not only funding but access to a wide range of services from maintenance and fabrication to business and administrative support.

Partnerships may include financial contributions, in-kind support, communications assistance, opportunities to collaborate on events and initiatives, and staff volunteering. By building strong, ongoing relationships, the program creates lasting value for both the community and the Port, often extending well beyond the formal partnership period.

Community consultation

Mid West Ports' Community Consultation Committee brings together local stakeholders to help shape strategic planning and community priorities.

The Committee provides a regular forum for engagement, enabling community members and representatives from key regional organisations to discuss port operations, upcoming projects and broader industry trends. Insights from these discussions play an important role in informing the Port's strategic and operational decisions.

Meeting quarterly, the Committee includes representatives from the community, port users, businesses, interest groups and government. Meeting minutes are published on the Mid West Ports website, supporting transparency and accessibility.

Community engagement in action

Recent engagement activities by Mid West Ports include community consultation on major projects such as the Geraldton Port Maximisation Project, support for regional tourism initiatives like cruise ship visits and the Shore Leave Festival, and coastal environmental and infrastructure programs that enhance community access and resilience.

The Port also maintains regular communication through project updates and newsletters, while engaging with the business community via events such as the Mid West Economic Summit and Business After Hours networking sessions.

Educational and community outreach

Mid West Ports supports education and community outreach through school career days, port presentations and tours that promote awareness of port operations and maritime careers. Initiatives such as annual on-water tours and monthly bus tours give the community a behind-the-scenes look at the port's operations, history and future plans.

These activities help build understanding of the port's role, foster community pride, and highlight career opportunities in the maritime and logistics sectors.

Photo: Community Grant recipients, 2026.

Impact snapshot

Mid West Ports continues to invest in local communities through grants, partnerships and infrastructure, supporting a wide range of initiatives that enhance regional liveability and connection.

In 2024-25, more than $117,000 was awarded to 18 organisations, with around $100,000 distributed annually through the Community Grants Program and $17,500 through the Not-for-Profit Partnership Program.

Ongoing investment in community and tourism infrastructure further supports regional activation.

Mid West Ports partners with a diverse group of organisations including Mission to Seafarers, Geraldton Yacht Club, Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and local education and cultural groups, demonstrating a strong commitment to community development, engagement and vibrant local events across the Mid West.

How to apply

Mid West Ports welcomes proposals from organisations connected to the Mid West that align with its values and deliver positive community outcomes. Funding is focused on initiatives that reflect Mid West Ports' values, and cannot support activities such as private profit, political or religious purposes, retrospective costs, wages or incomplete applications.

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Pilbara Ports

Pilbara Ports is the world's largest bulk export port authority, responsible for managing the ports of Port Hedland, Dampier, Ashburton and Varanus Island. The organisation facilitates the export of key commodities, including iron ore, salt and liquid natural gas (LNG), while supporting trade, marine services, environmental stewardship and community development across the Pilbara.

Overview

Pilbara Ports delivers a broad community investment program focused on improving livability, social outcomes and community resilience across the Pilbara. Through a combination of community grants, partnerships, sponsorships and in-kind support, Pilbara Ports aims to create meaningful regional impact while supporting long-term community wellbeing.

The organisation's approach aligns with its Community Investment Framework (CIF), which focuses on strategic investment into initiatives that create measurable benefits for Pilbara communities. Community investment initiatives support projects and organisations across Dampier, Karratha, Onslow, Port Hedland and surrounding coastal Pilbara communities.

Focus areas

Pilbara Ports Community Investment Framework is centred around four key pillars:

- **People:** Supporting initiatives that bring communities together and improve wellbeing through arts, culture, sport, recreation and social connection.
- **Social capacity:** Supporting projects that address disadvantage, increase inclusion and strengthen community participation and capability.
- **Resilience and prosperity:** Supporting vibrant, sustainable and thriving communities through economic participation, skills development, regional activation and long-term community resilience.
- **Planet:** Supporting environmental awareness, sustainability and initiatives that protect and care for the environment.

Photo: Community Grants recipient Dampier Junior Art Awards, 2026.

Photo: Spinifex Shield Carnival as part of the Clontarf Foundation partnership, 2026.

Programs

Pilbara Ports CIF supports positive social, cultural and economic outcomes across the Pilbara through three streams of investment: Community Grants, Partnerships and Sponsorships.

Community Grants Program

Pilbara Ports delivers a Community Grants Program that supports local, community-led initiatives across the Pilbara. Not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of up to $25,000 (depending on category), with larger requests considered where strong alignment, legacy outcomes and value for money are demonstrated.

Partnerships

Pilbara Ports maintains long-term partnerships with organisations that deliver ongoing community benefits, including:

- Local governments (Town of Port Hedland, City of Karratha, Shire of Ashburton)
- First Nations organisations (Clontarf, Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation, Shooting Stars, Stars Foundation)
- Maritime and seafarer welfare services (Port Hedland Seafarers Centre)

Sponsorships

Pilbara Ports sponsors the delivery of regional and industry collaborations where there is a clear mutual benefit that supports the broader business objectives of Pilbara Ports.

Community consultation and engagement

Pilbara Ports engages with communities, industry and stakeholders across the Pilbara through consultation, partnerships, forums and public engagement.

Community Consultation Committees in Ashburton, Dampier and Port Hedland meet three times a year, providing a forum for local input on port operations, projects, environmental and safety initiatives, and regional priorities.

Engagement also includes community events, public sessions, school programs, site tours, presentations and participation in regional and industry forums, alongside collaboration with local governments, First Nations and community groups.

Photo: Older Wiser Library Seniors harbour tour, 2026.

Community engagement in action

Pilbara Ports works closely with local governments, First Nations, community organisations, schools and regional partners to deliver initiatives that strengthen connection, wellbeing and local participation across the Pilbara.

Highlighted initiatives include:

- Town of Port Hedland partnerships supporting community activation programs such as Ship to Shore, Good Nights and SLAM.
- City of Karratha initiatives including Halloween at The Quarter, street tree planting and the Cossack Art Awards.
- Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation's Ranger Shed project.
- Youth development partnerships with Clontarf, Shooting Stars and Stars Foundation.
- Seafarers Centre welfare and support initiatives.
- Recreational Vessel Safety community campaigns.
- Community grants supporting grassroots sport, arts and youth programs.
- Site visits and harbour tours.

Impact snapshot

Since launching in 2024, Pilbara Ports community investment has expanded significantly, supporting 70 organisations and contributing over $1.17 million in 2025-26. Funding has reached a wide range of initiatives through community grants and long-term partnerships, helping enable locally led projects, build strong regional collaborations, and support sustainable outcomes across the Pilbara.

Together, these investments improving liveability, inclusion and long-term community resilience across the region.

How to apply

Pilbara Ports is looking for initiatives that make a meaningful difference in Pilbara communities.

To be considered, applications should align with one or more of the CIF pillars, demonstrate clear outcomes, and reflect strong governance.

We also value opportunities that encourage community participation and showcase Pilbara Ports involvement.

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Southern Ports

Southern Ports manages the ports of Albany, Bunbury and Esperance. As WA's largest regional ports authority by geographic reach, Southern Ports supports the export of agricultural products, minerals, timber and other commodities, while maintaining safe, efficient and sustainable port operations across the state's south coast.

Overview

Southern Ports recognises the important role it plays in fostering strong, sustainable regional communities. Its approach to sponsorship creates long-term benefits across the Goldfields–Esperance, Great Southern and South West regions.

Through a tiered sponsorship model that includes corporate and regional partnerships, in addition to its Community Investment Program, Southern Ports provides a strategic approach to funding and maximising impact across the regions.

Focus areas

Southern Ports has established a funding framework aligned with its strategic plan to guide sponsorship decisions, particularly for its Community Investment Program.

The framework has three key funding pillars that support investment in areas intended to deliver a range of objectives that improve regional capacity, resilience, environmental stewardship and educational opportunities.

Funding pillars:

- **Environment:** Supporting initiatives that protect local marine and land environments, build environmental awareness and encourage community participation.
- **Education:** Investing in education and research that builds local skills, access and regional capacity across our regions.
- **Community:** Supporting initiatives that strengthen connection, inclusion, wellbeing and regional resilience.

Photo: Free event in Albany with Ocean Heroes - Surfing the Spectrum, 2025.

Corporate partnerships

Corporate partnerships are delivered at an organisational level, involve higher value investments and are strongly aligned with Southern Ports' strategy and brand. These partnerships provide lasting and significant support for people living in our regions.

Foodbank WA is currently Southern Ports primary corporate partner receiving an annual investment of $50,000 to provide food relief across the three regions, in addition to discrete projects or emergency assistance.

In 2025-26 Southern Ports also invested an additional $150,000 to support Foodbank across the South West region, including capital funding for its new regional branch and mobile service.

Regional partnerships

These partnerships are delivered at a regional level with key partners to deliver shared value across our regions or the broader sector. Southern Ports currently has partnerships with the primary local government authorities in Albany, Bunbury and Esperance. These partnerships, valued up to $20,000 per annum, supports events or bespoke initiatives that align with Southern Ports' strategic plan.

Southern Ports has also established partnerships with Agricultural Associations in each region to maximise regional investment and community engagement at these events. These partnerships are valued up to $10,000 annually.

Community Investment Program

Southern Ports' Community Investment Program is designed to have a positive impact at a grassroots level. An annual budget of more than $100,000 is allocated to each region, supporting more than 130 initiatives every year across the Goldfields-Esperance, Great Southern and South West regions.

Community engagement in practice

Southern Ports supports a range of local initiatives that strengthen community connection, wellbeing and environmental awareness.

Highlights include:

- hosting annual port open days
- partnering with the Dolphin Discovery Centre to run regular harbour tours at the Port of Bunbury
- new massage chairs for seafarer welfare centres as part of our ongoing support for seafarers
- upgrades to the St John Ambulance Jerramungup Sub Centre
- support for Earbus Foundation WA mobile clinics, improving access to ear health screening for Aboriginal children
- surf programs supporting young people with autism
- support for student-led crab monitoring programs
- purchase of native plants for community tree-planting days

These partnerships reflect Southern Ports' commitment to initiatives that align with local priorities and deliver positive community outcomes.

Photo: Manea Senior College, Blue Swimmer Crab Monitoring Project, 2024.

Photo: Support for Allanson Primary School for the Karak Trail Community Planting Project, which involved students from planting shrubs and trees on the Karak Trail.

Impact snapshot

In 2025-26, $363,000 was invested across 134 community projects in the Goldfields-Esperance, Great Southern and South West regions, supporting a wide range of local initiatives.

Our partnership with Foodbank WA helped deliver more than 41,000 meals to regional families in need.

How to apply

Southern Ports supports not-for-profit organisations, community groups, educational institutions and local governments that deliver positive outcomes across its regions. Projects should align with key focus areas, such as education, sustainability, maritime, community events, infrastructure and support for Traditional Custodians, and demonstrate clear community benefit.

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Across WA, our ports are making a significant and coordinated contribution to the communities they serve. Through collective investment in grants, sponsorships, partnerships and engagement initiatives, Ports WA are supporting hundreds of organisations and projects that strengthen local economies, enhance liveability and create lasting social, cultural and environmental benefits.

Together, these efforts represent more than funding, they reflect a shared commitment to building resilient, connected and sustainable regions. By working collaboratively through Ports WA, the sector is able to align its approach, share best practice and maximise impact across diverse communities, from metropolitan areas to some of the most remote parts of the State.

This collective investment highlights the important role ports play beyond trade and logistics, demonstrating their value as trusted community partners and contributors to the long-term prosperity of WA.

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