

SOUTH WEST NEWSLETTER

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Geographe Bay Swim Club



Iluka lends a hand across the South West

Iluka has been a part of the state's South West for more than 60 years - it's where we work, and where we call home. And it is important to us that we give back to the community in which we operate.

One of the ways in which we give back is through our community investment program – Iluka Lends a Hand (ILAH) – which was launched in April this year.

We were overwhelmed by the number of applications we received in our inaugural funding round. We were also impressed by the calibre of the applications.

Iluka is proud to have been able to provide grants to more than a dozen community organisations, events and initiatives in April, and we are in the middle of assessing applications received during our recent November funding round.

One of the very worthy recipients of an April ILAH grant was the Bunbury Regional Athletics Club, which used its grant to fund the purchase of a Billy Goat Vacuum that is used to keep the track clean and ready to use the whole year 'round.

Another recipient – the Geographe Bay Swimming Club – used its funds to acquire two gazebos that will provide shade and shelter to its members during local swim meets.

They will also be a welcome addition at regional competitions and community events throughout the year.

If you would like to be considered for funding in 2025, please head to our website for more information.



Bunbury Regional Athletics Club using the Billy Goat Vacuum



South West Apprenticeship Program

Iluka is committed to supporting apprenticeship opportunities within the communities in which we operate. The South West hosts a number of apprentices each year through programs offered by the Traineeship Company (ATC), which is part of the Australian Employment Network (AEN).

The AEN hosts an annual Excellence Awards Night to recognise those individuals who have demonstrated excellence throughout their apprenticeship, while also acknowledging the host and group training employers who support them.

This year, seven of our apprentices submitted applications for Apprentice of the Year, with Thomas King, one of our third year Electrical Apprentices, selected as a finalist for Apprentice of the Year.



AustralianSuper WA Education Manager, Michael Kallis, and Minister for Training and Development Simone McGurk MLA, presenting the Special Recognition Award to Thomas King



Attendees at the AEN Excellence Awards Night

While he may not have taken out the title, he received a Special Recognition award, and is also now employed as an Electrical Technician by Iluka, having completed his apprenticeship in October.

We are also proud to announce that Iluka was awarded Host Employer of the Year which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all involved.



R U OK? Day

As part of this year's North Capel R U OK? Day activities, team members came together for an annual BBQ lunch to check in on each other and ask the important question – R U OK?

This year we were again fortunate enough to be joined by Peter and Judy Milton from the Conversations with Clementine Project, which raises awareness about mental wellbeing in the South West.

We were also joined by Clementine the Mental Health Cow who is always a hit at events in the region.

Since 2015, Peter and Judy have raised more than \$100,000 for Black Dog Ride, with funds put towards mental health programs in the community.



Three generations with Clementine



Iluka Visions 2024

Iluka has been supporting Iluka Visions for 33 years now, since its inception in 1991.

The exhibition is a great opportunity for students in the South West to showcase their talents to the local community.

This year 270 people attended the opening event on Sunday 18 August. Aida Blackley from Eaton Community College was presented the Best Overall Award for her work *Everything but a Sundial*.

Congratulations to all the award winners and all the students who had their art pieces on show during the exhibition.



South West Operations Manager, Garry Green, presenting the Best Overall Award to Aida Blackley from Eaton Community College.



Service Anniversaries



Rod and Linda Loud

The Iluka South West Operations team hosts a service anniversary dinner each year to celebrate team members who have achieved significant milestones with the company.

This year we celebrated Rod Loud's 45-year anniversary, his last with Iluka before he retires in early 2025.

We thank Rod and his wife Linda for their support and commitment to Iluka over the years.



Past winners catapult to success

Iluka Visions has been a springboard to bigger and better things for a handful of young artists.

Alumni Gemma Weston is now the curator of the UWA Art Collection, Glenn Iseger-Pilkington is a successful independent curator and Mark Parfitt is the Major Lead for the Bachelor of Creative Arts Fine Art major in the Faculty of Humanities at Curtin University.

In previous years artists were awarded an internship at the Perth Institute of Contemporary Art to bolster their art experience.



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