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### **Wunngagutu Patrol back on the road**

The Wunngagutu Patrol is back on the road thanks to a \$3,500 donation by Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines, which paid for a newly re-conditioned engine for one of their two patrol buses.

Wunngagutu (Aboriginal for "One Talk – one language"), provides a bus patrol service and foot patrol which is used to identify "hot spots" and to provide a referral service for people on the street who are noticeably in need of health, family services or other assistance. The service helps alleviate pressure on the local police and court systems, and has been doing so since 1993.

"Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines has been a proud supporter of this excellent service for a number of years through a monthly fuel donation of \$200, so when approached we were more than happy to help the bus get back on the road as soon as possible," said General Manager of KCGM John Shipp.

It just so happened that the perfect re-conditioned engine was immediately available, and not a moment before time for these hardworking vehicles (and volunteers)! Since 1993 the two Toyota Hi-ace buses have clocked up more than 560,000kms.

The Patrol operates six nights a week Monday to Saturday, 5pm until 1am. In addition every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights the organisation operates a foot patrol in Adeline, Burt Street, and Hannan Street, largely targeting children and youth at risk.

The Patrol provides a transportation service after specific functions such as the Community Fair, NAIDOC Week or in fact any major function or event which causes an influx of people needing to use the service.

The Wunngagutu Patrol also provides a point of contact for shopkeepers who could be the victims of anti-social behaviour.

People are welcome to access more information regarding the Patrol by calling Victor Cooper- Patrol Manager on 0439 966 149.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
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