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BARKUMA SUPPORTS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Wimmera Kris Kringle Challenge has received a boost thanks to the support of Wimmera Health Care Group's Barkuma Cottage Respite program.

Carer Support Worker Caitlin Kerr said that funds raised by participants of Barkuma's men's shed and ladies group had been used to purchase movie and meal vouchers for the Wimmera Christmas Appeal. "They also donated a range of wooden toys manufactured by the men's shed" she said.

Kris Kringle Challenge Co-ordinator Jeanette Lennon said that she was extremely grateful for Barkuma's support. "It's fantastic to see groups such as Barkuma working hard throughout the year to support local families in need this Christmas" she said.

Ms Kerr said that the vouchers were purchased with proceeds from a recent fete held by Barkuma. "Participants sold a range of items they had produced during the year including plants, toys, gift boxes, heat packs and Christmas decorations. Our clients wanted to give something back to the community and the Wimmera Christmas Appeal provided them with the perfect opportunity. They have done a fantastic job and we are very proud of what they have achieved" she said.

Barkuma is a Wimmera Health Care Group facility that provides overnight cottage style respite and day activities for people with varying degrees of dementia and frailty. For further information people can contact Caitlin Kerr, Carer Support Worker on ph. 5381 9336.

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