



Donation helps Binningup surf club stay afloat

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BINNINGUP surf lifesavers will start the new season with solid finances thanks to a \$10,000 corporate sponsorship from the proceeds of the Harvey Beef charity golf day.

Harvey Beef chief executive officer Michael Rapattoni met club president Julie Doyle last week to present the funds at the new Water Sports Building at Binningup Beach.

The popular, annual golfing event attracted 104 players from throughout Australia and the sub-

stantial amount was raised through a raffle and mammoth auction.

Mr Rapattoni congratulated the club on its facility and community service.

"A fair amount of our employees live in the area and use the beach for recreation or swimming lessons for the kids," he said.

"We decided on the Binningup Surf Lifesaving Club as the recipient of the golf day this year because it benefits the local community."

Mrs Doyle said that with

\$40,000 in expenses last year, the club relied heavily on sponsorship and was grateful for the financial boost.

"We are looking at developing a youth program and expand our lifesaving program outside Binningup, possibly to Myalup," Mrs Doyle said.

"Because we are often involved in lifesaving activities at different locations at the same time we need to double up on some of the equipment and the donation will go a long way to achieve our goals."



Binningup Surf Lifesaving Club president Julie Doyle and young members Kai and Jay Peoples thank Harvey Beef chief executive officer Michael Rapattoni for the donation from the Harvey Beef golf day.