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Media Release:

Collie Racing Drivers Association gets technical upgrade

Car racing enthusiasts will hear all the speedway action loud and clear this season, thanks to a \$4,900 donation from Premier Coal to purchase a new Electronic PA System for the Collie Speedway.

The funding enabled the installation and purchase of a new full range sound solution including microphones, antennas, amplifier and the cabling and wiring of the new electronic PA system.

Greg Avins, President for the Collie Racing Drivers Association was excited with the new audio system.

“We recognised the immediate need to replace our old and broken PA System, which was preventing us from hosting race meetings.

“The new system has impressive power and sound quality, which means the audience can clearly hear our commentary. We can now make event, safety or sponsorship announcements that are clear and audible across the venue.

“On a busy race night, we can expect up to 1,500 people coming to the speedway so it’s critical our communication is clear and effective. This ensures a better experience for everyone who have come to watch an exciting night of racing.

“We are run by volunteers and rely on community support, so we are grateful to Premier Coal for their investment in our sporting venue,” said Greg.

The Collie Racing Drivers Association has around 100 members and has been an active sporting organisation in the community for 52 years. Modified Sedans, Sprintcars, SSWA Street Stock Title, V8 Super Sedans all take to the track during the racing season.

Premier Coal Operations Manager, Braedon Gaske, was happy to help upgrade the speedway.

“The Collie Speedway has a long history in our community and brings people together for a fun, action packed and enjoyable night.

“Our Community Support Program aims to have a positive impact on the people in our community and we hope with this funding to purchase a new Electronic PA system, the event is even more captivating for the crowds,” said Braedon.

The donation was part of the Premier Coal Community Support Program, which is funded by Yancoal and aims to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in Collie.

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