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# Media Release:

## Call for local groups to apply for funding boost

Community groups in the Hunter Valley region with projects or ideas that make a positive difference to the local community are being encouraged to apply for funding in the next round of Ashton Coal's Community Support Program.

The 2025 Community Support Program is funded by Yancoal Australia and provides financial assistance to local groups working in the areas of health, community, environment, arts, culture, education and training.

Ashton Coal Operations Manager, Michael Bartlett is encouraging locals to raise their hand for assistance by applying for funding.

"Our Community Support Program gives us the opportunity to assist locally focused programs and initiatives capable of making a real contribution to the continued growth and sustainability of the region.

"A previously successful organisation is Singleton Heights Pre-School. With funding support from us, they were able to purchase and install ducted air conditioning in three of their classrooms. This not only helped regulate the temperature level in the classrooms, but it also improved students focus and learning opportunities.

"In the past, Ashton has also donated funds to Australian Christian College Singleton so they could buy new musical instruments including 28 classical guitars and 28 ukelele's to enhance their junior school music program.

"These are just two examples of some of the amazing projects that have been supported by our program, which will be enjoyed by many people in our community for years to come.

"If you have a project or idea that has the potential to benefit others in the Singleton region, we encourage you to apply now," said Michael.

The program is open for applications until 27 September 2024. For more information or for an application, please visit [www.ashtoncoal.com.au](http://www.ashtoncoal.com.au)

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