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Media Release:

Upper Hunter Valley projects receive funding

Ashton Coal is investing \$79,000 into community groups across the Upper Hunter Valley region through its Community Support Program in 2025.

This funding will be shared across ten local community organisations that work in the areas of health, social and community, environment, and education and training.

Ashton Coal's funding will financially assist the following community groups and initiatives:

- upgrade the basketball facilities at Australian Christian College, Singleton;
- assist Goodstart Early Learning, Cessnock;
- fund events at Hunter Valley Physical Culture;
- enable an art project and exhibition for Singleton Combined Early Childhood Services;
- support programs for Rotary Club of Singleton;
- purchase new uniforms for Singleton Neighborhood Centre;
- upgrade the dining area at Singleton PCYC; and
- buy new equipment for United Hospital Auxiliary, Singleton.

Also, as part of Ashton and Mount Thorley Warkworth's joint partnership with the University of Newcastle, it will continue to help bring the Science and Engineering Challenge and SMART Science Shows to budding scientists in the Upper Hunter region.

Representatives from Ashton Coal and the successful community organisations recently attended a presentation to confirm their donation and celebrate their success.

Ashton Coal Operations Manager, Michael Bartlett, was proud to fund more amazing projects in the community this year.

"Congratulations to all the community groups receiving funding as part of our 2025 Community Support Program. They make such an important contribution to the Upper Hunter Valley region, and we are proud to be able to support these organisations.

"We are always thrilled to get everyone together to celebrate their success in receiving funding and discuss how they are going to invest it into their program for the benefit of the people in our community.

"Community organisations rely heavily on funding to purchase new equipment, run events or enhance their services and we are pleased we could be of assistance.

“We are committed to playing an active role in the community and making a positive difference to the lives of people who work and live here, and our Community Support Program plays a big part in that,” said Michael.

Neisha Dean, Director of Singleton Heights Pre-School said, “On behalf of the nine preschools and early childhood service providers, we are thankful to Ashton Coal for their generous donation to make our vision of a combined art show come to life. We want to give the children in our community the chance to express themselves through art and then showcase all the pieces at an exhibition. We look forward to engaging with the children and celebrating the artistic talent in our community.”

The Ashton Coal Community Support Program runs annually and is funded by Yancoal Australia, aiming to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in the Hunter Valley.

Since 2004, Yancoal has grown to be one of Australia’s largest coal exporters: owning or operating eight producing mines across the country, employing around 5,000 Australians, contributing to the national economy, and investing in regional communities.

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