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# Media Release:

## Gloucester community groups receive funding

Stratford Coal is investing over \$106,000 into community organisations across the Gloucester and Stroud regions, aiming to make a positive difference to the community.

The funding will be shared across 32 local community groups and initiatives that work in the areas of healthcare and aged services, social and community, environment, education and training, arts, leisure, and cultural heritage.

Over 40 representatives attended a presentation on 29 January at the Avon Valley Inn to celebrate their funding boost and to acknowledge all the people who give their time to make the diverse range of community events and projects possible.

The Stratford Coal 2025 Community Support Program is funding a variety of projects including: new equipment and essential resources, training programs, technology upgrades, supporting local events, a cultural program and building upgrades and improvements.

Sam de Witte, President of the Gloucester Mountain Man Tri Challenge said, “We are thankful to Stratford Coal for their financial support to help make this amazing race day happen. The challenge is open to men, women and children over twelve years old, and tests their fitness and staying power. It’s a popular event on the racing calendar, bringing people to the area in the lead up and on the day. It is also a true community day that unites competitors, volunteers and spectators together for a multisport event.”

The Stratford Coal Community Support Program runs annually. It aims to make a positive difference in the local community, and to the lives of the people who work and live in the local area.

Stratford Coal Operations Manager, John Cullen congratulated the 2025 successful recipients.

“We are always happy to get everyone together to celebrate their donation and to discuss how they are investing the funding to bring their idea or program to life for the benefit of the people in our community.

“The Community Support Program gives us a wonderful opportunity to assist locally focused projects with donations that are big and small, and since 2010 we have granted over \$1,100,000 to groups across the Gloucester and Stroud regions.

“We look forward to hearing and sharing the success of the 2025 projects, and to seeing the positive impact they make on our community,” said John.

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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