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Media Release:

Saratoga Spectacular snagged plenty of fun

Over 400 fishermen recently cast their line into Bedford Weir as part of The Mackenzie River Fish Stocking Association's (MRFSA) annual and iconic fishing competition, Saratoga Spectacular, hoping to snag a win.

Yancoal Australia's Yarrabee Coal Mine has been a partner of the fishing event for several years, funding the release of over 60,000 Golden Perch (Yellowbelly) fingerlings in March and ensuring Blackwater's family fishing competition can be enjoyed by all the community.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager Jeff Hansen was thrilled to support an event that brings the people together across the whole region.

"Fishing is a fantastic sport that is open to all ages, it's healthy for the mind and body, being outside and active and the Saratoga Spectacular always brings the fishing community together for a competitive but fun event.

"This has been a tough year for many people and we are pleased our support not only enhances and restocks fish and aquatic life within the Mackenzie River, we are also delighted we could bring people together for a great weekend," said Jeff.

Andrew McSherry, President of the MRFSA, said, "I would like to thank Yancoal for their sponsorship throughout the 2021 Competition and Fish Fingerling Release earlier in the year. The support we receive is held in high regard by the MRFSA and we look forward to future events that aim to build a better environment and community.

"Yancoal's presence on the weekend was greatly appreciated and the loaning of the banners, sails and gazebos were all vital to a successful event. It was also great to have a Yarrabee representative attend and present the trophy and prize to the winning children," said Andrew.

The funding support is part of Yarrabee's Community Support Program, which aims to make a difference in the community and to the lives of the people who work and live in the areas where it operates.

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