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# Media Release:

## Miles locals hooked some fun and prizes

Keen fishing enthusiasts snagged some competitive fishing and entertainment for the kids at the annual Hooked on Miles Fishing Classic, thanks to a \$2,000 donation from Yancoal Australia's Cameby Downs Coal Mine.

The "Hooked on Miles Fishing Classic" is held at Karingal Reserve, with competitors fishing throughout the Western Downs Region.

Peter Delaforce, President of Miles District Fishing and Recreation Club, was thrilled with the success of the recent event.

"We have over one hundred members at the club from Toowoomba, Goondiwindi, Roma, Chinchilla, Warra, Miles and Wandoan, who all love to compete and bring their families along for a fun weekend.

"Now that we are in our third year, with competitor numbers growing year-on-year, we have moved to being a catch and release event, with the hope of educating people on the importance of correct fish handling procedures and having a healthy native fish stock in our waterways.

"The Hooked on Miles Fishing Classic is a unique family event involving camping, fishing, lucky entry prizes, information sessions and nighttime BBQ dinners.

"We believe this event brings the community together and we are thankful to Cameby Downs mine for their generous donation," said Peter.

The Hooked on Miles Fishing Classic is run annually and features daily weigh-ins and prize draws, along with activities and demonstrations for the children, from spinnerbait making to professional fishing experts.

Robert Craike, Operations Manager for Cameby Downs Coal Mine, was happy to help fund a great local community event.

"Fishing is a fantastic sport that is open to all ages and gets people outdoors and active. We are thrilled to support events like this that bring people together for some healthy competition and fun.

"It is also great to see the focus by the club on getting support from local businesses and improving the health of our waterways," said Robert.

The funding support is part of the Yancoal Cameby Downs 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.

Since 2004, Yancoal has grown to be one of Australia's largest coal exporters: owning or operating nine producing mines across the country, employing over 4,300 Australians, contributing to the national economy, and investing in regional communities.

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