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Media Release:

Restoration of historical Wallsend mine site

With a significant donation from Yancoal Australia's Premier Coal operation to the Collie Retired Mine Workers Association, the old Wallsend mine site has been restored.

The donation funded a newly upgraded fence and landscaping works, paying respect to a mine that once employed many locals.

Premier Coal Operations Manager Jim Falconer was pleased to commemorate such a historical site.

"The Wallsend mine dates back to 1898 and is an important part of Collie's mining history. As a leading employer in the area, we wanted to pay respect to the significance of the site and mark it forever.

"The fencing was in desperate need of fixing and the entrance needed to be cleaned up and improved. We are happy to fund projects like this that have a positive impact on the Collie community," said Jim.

Ron Guilfoyle, President for the Collie Retired Mine Workers Association was thrilled with the funding to honour the site.

"The site was in desperate need of some attention, the area was overgrown with trees and shrubs and the fencing was in bad condition.

"We are lucky to have many hard-working members who got their hands dirty clearing the area and helped build the memorial site, which features information about the Wallsend Mine. Premier Coal's donation enabled us to replace all the fencing and update the entrance, we are very thankful for their financial assistance.

"To finish the project, we plan to have some information plaques about the site, a coal skip and some metal miner cut outs to help bring the mine scene to life. We hope the people of Collie remember this historical site and how coal mining is a big part of our history," said Ron.

The donation was part of the Premier Coal Community Support Program, which is funded by Yancoal and aims to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in Collie.

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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