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# Media Release:

## Yarrabee digging deep for Blackwater Coal Centre

Yancoal Australia's Yarrabee operation has partnered with the local and iconic Blackwater International Coal Centre (BICC) with a sponsorship of \$25,000.

Operating as a community hub for special events, educational excursions and a popular venue for functions and training for local businesses, the BICC will use the much-needed funds to upgrade facilities and increase its service offerings to the local region.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager Brendon Pambid welcomed the partnership with BICC.

"As a key part of the Blackwater community for many years, we are committed to investing into local community organisations and projects that can help build a stronger and better community.

"The BICC does a fantastic job of educating and promoting coal mining in the Blackwater area. We are proud to be an annual sponsorship partner and look forward to working with the BICC to help it continue to improve its facilities and experiences for the people and visitors to Blackwater," said Brendon.

"The Blackwater International Coal Centre relies on generous support from sponsors for improvements to the facilities, with the goal of becoming self-sustainable for normal operating and maintenance costs.

"The BICC has made significant changes to its structure and products over the past 12 months and because of Yarrabee's annual sponsorship we will be able to continue to make strides towards becoming an organisation that will remain the premier tourist attraction and training facility in Blackwater for many years to come," said BICC Manager Rebecca Duncan.

The donation is part of Yarrabee's Community Support Program, an annual funding initiative designed to help make a positive difference to the lives of the people who work and live in the areas where it operates.

For more information about the BICC, please visit <http://bicc.com.au/>

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