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## Media Release:

## Equipment upgrade for Collie Bowling Club

The surrounding grounds are in pristine condition at Collie Bowling Club, thanks to a \$4,300 donation from Premier Coal to purchase a new ride on mower.

Maintaining the grounds at the bowling club is a key part of running a successful club, and the existing mower was in desperate need of replacing. The new ride-on mower will save the greenskeeper time and energy and ensure the bowling club is looking well-groomed.

Valdis Brojanowski, President at Collie Bowling Club, was delighted with the new equipment.

"With over 90 male and female members, the bowling club is popular with locals for competition bowls and there is a growing interest in hosting barefoot bowl parties.

"Many hours go into maintaining the bowling club and we recognised the need to trade-in our existing mower. We are thankful to Premier Coal for their donation to purchase the new mowing equipment.

"Bowling is a great sport, it gets people outdoors, socialising and having fun. We are hopeful that by looking after our grounds, we can encourage more members and visitors to the club," said Valdis.

Collie Bowling Club has been around for over 100 years and is located on Medic Street, Collie. The club is popular with locals and has performed well over the years, making preliminary finals, and winning grand finals.

Premier Coal Operations Manager, Braedon Gaske, was happy to help improve the local club.

"The Collie Bowling Club is one of many businesses that bring people together in our community and we are pleased to help fund improvements at the club. The new ride on mower should make maintenance a little simpler and keep the grounds at a high quality," said Braedon.

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.

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