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# Media Release:

## Cessnock Netball are a go for H2O

Netballers in Cessnock are no longer at risk of dehydration with the installation of a Water Bottle Refill Station, thanks to a donation from Yancoal Australia's Austar Coal Mine.

With over 420 members registered for the 2018 winter season and potentially 580 for the summer competition later in the year, there is set to be lots of on court action and thirsty netballers in need of water.

The Water Bottle Refill Station is in the clubhouse, features two taps, enabling free filtered water for all the players and their families.

Austar Coal Mine Operations Manager Brian Wesley said, "Sport involves all parts of the community including players, families and other volunteers and we are pleased to work with Cessnock District Netball Association on a solution for their lack of easily accessible water issue.

"This is an example of how we are partnering with local groups in the region to help make a difference and build a stronger community," said Brian.

The club recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and officially opened the Water Bottle Refill Station.

Kellie O'Connor, Registrar and Treasurer of Cessnock District Netball Association welcomed the addition to their busy netball facility.

"Previously, anyone playing netball or spectating had to refill their water bottle using a tap in the bathroom, which is both inconvenient and unhygienic.

"Already many of our netballers are using the refill station to stay hydrated during their matches.

"The refill station is also environmentally friendly, reducing the number of plastic bottles being purchased and often left around the courts after the game," said Kellie.

The donation was part of the Yancoal Austar Community Support Program, which aims to make a positive difference in the local community and the lives of the people who work and live in the areas it operates.

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