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Saratoga Spectacular 2018 hooks a sponsor

Yancoal Australia's Yarrabee Coal Mine has partnered with the Mackenzie River Fish Stocking Association's (MRFSA) annual and iconic fishing competition, Saratoga Spectacular 2018.

In its eighth year, the Saratoga Spectacular is a highlight on many fisherman's calendars, bringing together people from across the region.

Offering prizes for the winners in the junior, senior and ladies categories, the Spectacular is a popular local sporting event, offering families the perfect excuse for a weekend away with free camping.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager Brendon Pambid said, "Regardless of age or experience, fishing unites the Blackwater community and we are very happy to be supporting this year's Spectacular."

As major sponsor of the Saratoga Spectacular 2018, the Yarrabee team were on hand for the release of the Barramundi fingerlings at Bedford Weir. The team also fired up a sausage sizzle for the hungry fishing enthusiasts.

The MRFSA undertake the annual release of the fingerlings to ensure the ecosystem and fish stock numbers remain healthy.

"Releasing the Barramundi fingerlings was a fun and great start to what should be a popular and strong competition, as well as a crucial aspect to the health of the river," said Brendon.

The funding support is part of Yarrabee's Community Support Program, which aims to make a difference in the community and the lives of the people who work and live in the areas where it operates.

For more information about Saratoga Spectacular 2018, please visit <u>http://www.spectacular.mrfsa.org.au/</u>

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