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Media Release:

Feathered fun at Kurri Early Childhood Centre

Children at Kurri Early Childhood Centre are thrilled with their new chicken coop, thanks to a \$2,500 donation from Yancoal's Austar Coal Mine.

The chicken coop is home to four chickens, offering the children a chance to take responsibility for their care, learn about biology and sustainable living by disposing of their food scraps to the chickens.

Jacinda Shaw, Manager at Kurri Early Childhood Centre was excited to build the chicken coop for the children.

"This has been a rewarding experience for the children, they are thoroughly enjoying interacting with the chickens, checking on them daily, refilling their food and water and collecting the eggs which we are using in our cooking at the centre.

"We all know that a hands-on experience is far more engaging for children. The children are learning a lot about chickens, sustainability and having a wonderful time with their feathered friends in the playground," said Jacinda.

The chicken coop is a secure and properly designed coop featuring a concrete slab, chicken and galvanised wire, a spacious chicken run, feeder and drinker and rosters in place to maintain and clean the area.

Austar Coal Mine Operations Manager Brian Wesley said, "We are pleased to have funded this sustainable project and happy to hear the chickens are bringing so much joy to the children at the centre.

"Our Community Support Program is designed to help make a positive difference to the people that live in our local community and this project has the potential to be enjoyed by hundreds of children in the future," said Brian.

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

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