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Media Release:

Mudgee Region Mountain Bike Club taking riders to the next level with skills clinic

Over 50 mountain bike riding enthusiasts were treated to an expert skills training day, thanks to a \$3,000 donation from Moolarben Coal.

The event was held in early August at Mudgee Common Mountain Bike Park, with the aim of improving mountain bike rider safety and riding skills. The day was welcome to all age groups, with dedicated coaching sessions for children to instill safety awareness and a love for mountain bike riding.

Ian Fishpool, Member of The Mudgee Region Mountain Bike Club was excited to have hosted the day.

“Mudgee is home to some flat and gruelling mountain bike trails, which are enjoyable for all ages and skill levels. We also have both natural and man-made jumps which all offer a thrilling ride.

“We are passionate about having fun while mountain bike riding and about being safe, so offering a skills coaching clinic seemed like the perfect idea.

“We wanted to have experienced and expert instructors and are thankful to Moolarben Coal for their donation so we could make this happen for the community.

“Mudgee has so much to offer locals and visitors to the area. Hosting an event like this one was just another reason to come and enjoy the beautiful Mudgee region.

“We are already planning the next session for 2023 and encourage any keen mountain bike riders to attend,” said Ian.

The Mudgee Region Mountain Bike Club has around 30 members who ride regularly and come from the wider region including Clandulla, Kandos, Rylstone and Gulgong. The club aims to bring mountain bike riding fans together and grow the sport in Mudgee.

Acting General Manager Moolarben Coal Operations, Brian Wesley was pleased to assist the club.

“Mountain bike riding is a fun and exciting way to enjoy the outdoors while exercising and socialising.

“We are happy to fund programs that enable a positive experience for locals and visitors to our Mudgee community,” said Brian.

This support is part of the Yancoal Moolarben Coal Community Support Program, which aims to make a difference in the community and in the lives of the people who work and live in the areas where it operates.

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