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Media Release:

Racing safe with new equipment

The Blackwater Coal Capital Speedway has boosted its safety equipment thanks to a \$2,200 donation from Yancoal's Yarrabee Coal Mine.

Situated in the mining town of Blackwater, one hour east of Emerald, the Coal Capital Speedway features a 540m clay track that is popular with locals and visitors to the area.

The funding has purchased hand-held two way radios, which significantly improves communication and safety for all officials during race events.

Club President, Nathan Pershouse for Blackwater Coal Capital Speedway was excited with the new gear.

"Each race meet, around 2000 people come through the gates eager to watch a great night of racing. We offer a family fun filled night that is now even safer for racing officials on the track.

"We are a not-for-profit club, run by a small group of passionate racing enthusiasts, any donation we receive goes back into upgrading and enhancing the speedway for the benefit of competitors, officials and the crowd.

"Locals and visitors are always welcome trackside, we guarantee to provide quality racing and a thrilling evening," said Nathan.

The speedway is currently open to any racers who wish to practice, however COVID-19 rules apply as per Speedway Australia's return to racing guidelines.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager, Cris Shadbolt was pleased to support Blackwater Coal Capital Speedway.

"Motorsport helps unite our Blackwater community and offers an enjoyable night for everyone involved. We are happy our donation can go towards making the speedway even safer for the racing officials," said Cris.

The donation was part of the Yancoal Yarrabee 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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