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Recycling front and centre at Yarrabee

Waste management and recycling are a key focus at Yancoal's Yarrabee Coal Mine, with two new initiatives that channel the funds raised directly back into the community.

Yarrabee has worked closely with Ausmetals to sell its used/scrap conveyor belting that Ausmetals then remanufactures into second-life products. This opportunity recently raised over \$1,500, which funded a much-needed new marquee for Blackwater Junior Golf Club.

Prior to this, the scrap conveyor belting was simply disposed. This new initiative both cleans up the work environment and generates proceeds for the benefit of the local community.

Secondly, Yarrabee's workforce are being more vigilant with recycling aluminum cans and plastic drink bottles via the Blackwater Recycling depot, passing on the funds raised to the local school to help purchase equipment and to support disadvantaged students.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager, Cris Shadbolt was proud to be participating in these recycling initiatives.

"As a leading organisation and employer in the region, we acknowledge the role we play in educating and promoting waste management and the need to minimise waste generation, as well as to identify beneficial uses for wastes that are generated within the community and by our people.

"We are pleased to run programs like these. They are successful in helping reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill, while also raising funds that go straight back into boosting local community groups or schools.

"We are always so happy to see how small donations can make a positive impact to people in our community," said Cris.

Gemma Carsburg from Blackwater Junior Golf said, "Yarrabee and Ausmetals' contributions have been invaluable in assisting our juniors to access and learn golf as a sport. The new marquee provides much needed shade that can be easily moved or transported to wherever we play.

"Yarrabee's continuing support has seen Blackwater Junior Golf's membership increase to 40 kids this year. This is an excellent outcome that shows a ground swelling of support towards kids playing golf within the Blackwater community.

“We are also very appreciative of the contribution from Ausmetals for our juniors, every dollar helps to grow the sport locally,” said Gemma.

Grant Heard, National Recycling Coordinator from Ausmetals said, “We are proud that this initiative of recycling waste material delivers a positive outcome for both the environment and the community.”

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