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# Media Release:

## Going green at Millfield Public School

The garden at Millfield Public School has been transformed into a vibrant community garden for all students and local Millfield residents, thanks to a \$4,000 donation from Yancoal's Austar Coal Mine.

As well as landscape design and the installation of seven garden beds, students have gained green thumbs planting fruit trees and vegetable seedlings, bringing together a thriving community garden.

Benjamin Durie, Principal at Millfield Public School was thrilled with the enhancement to the garden.

"We have seen great success with students immersing themselves in the community garden. It offers our teachers some richer learning opportunities, promotes a healthy sustainable lifestyle and develops a sense of pride for students who have been involved in the planting program.

"It's also a quiet and peaceful space for students and the whole community to visit, providing a natural environment filled with strong sight, touch and smell impacts.

"Additionally, we plan to harvest the produce from the garden and use it as ingredients in the students' cooking classes," said Benjamin Durie.

The new and improved community garden was officially opened on 30 July with School Principal Benjamin Durie, School Administrative Manager Kate Charnock, school teachers, students and their parents, project designers Hunter Landscapes and the School P&C in attendance.

Austar Coal Mine Operations Manager Brian Wesley said, "We are very pleased to be helping fund these wonderful improvements to the school community garden that will benefit Millfield Public School students and the wider community.

"Our Community Support Program is designed to help make a positive difference to the people that live in our local community and this is a sustainable project with the potential to be used by hundreds of students and residents in the years ahead."

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

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