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Media Release:

Junior golfers swinging in style thanks to funding boost

The Blackwater Junior Golf Club are teeing off with shiny new clubs thanks to a \$6,000 donation from Yancoal's Yarrabee Coal Mine.

Community sport is critical to a connected community and golf within Blackwater's youth is now on the rise. The donation has funded:

- 16 Junior Golf Club Sets (four sets in each of the four junior sizes, with one set in every size being left-handed);
- a clinic to provide tips, guidance and coaching for Blackwater children interested in learning and playing golf;
- t-shirts and sponsorship of a junior golf day event.

Golf has many benefits for children, it is open to all ages and skill level. It helps teach patience, discipline and focus. It is a noncontact sport and gets kids outdoors in the fresh air, promoting physical fitness and enables kids to make new friends and have fun.

Gemma Carsburg from Blackwater Junior Golf said, "Having Yarrabee provide this support has been invaluable. The ability to offer kids access to golf clubs of the correct size for them to try and learn golf prior to committing to the purchase of a set has really helped families and kids get involved.

"A lot of children travel around the Central Highlands and Central Queensland playing in junior golf open's so with this investment, we hope to be able to help more children find their passion in golf and represent Blackwater. It gives our club the boost we needed," said Gemma.

Blackwater Golf Club is located on Mulga St, Blackwater and open to all ages as golfers can play either a 3-hole, 6-hole, 9-hole, 13-hole or 18-hole course.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager, Cris Shadbolt was pleased to promote and support Blackwater Junior Golf with the new gear and coaching clinic.

"Playing sport is a part of growing up, there are many physical and mental benefits to participating in a team or individual sport. In the past we have helped several local sporting groups fund new equipment or events and we are thrilled we could assist Blackwater Junior Golf Club this time.

"The funding has purchased golf club sets in all sizes for both left and right-handed players, therefore any child who is keen to swing a club, they now can at Blackwater Golf Club," 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 in.

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