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# Media Release:

## New equipment for Mudgee Rescue Squad

Mudgee Rescue Squad has boosted their rescue equipment with a much-needed Thermal Scope and off-road vehicle recovery board, thanks to a \$2,000 donation from Moolarben Coal.

The Mudgee Rescue Squad recognised the need for a thermal monocular recently when they experienced night visibility issues during a search for a missing person in the surrounding hills. The new thermal scope can reach up to 500m and operate for eight hours.

The recovery board will be critical when conducting any off-road vehicle recoveries. The board has a shovel feature and can be slipped under the tyre, which reduces traction and allows the vehicle to be up and moving again.

Geoff Hawes, Assistant Training Officer at Mudgee Rescue Squad was delighted with the funding boost for new equipment.

“We have 20 dedicated members who work tirelessly to provide a helping hand, anywhere, anytime. We are always focused on making sure we have the latest in equipment to help people in the event of a serious motor accident.

“We rely solely on volunteers and community donations. Moolarben Coal have provided us with a lot of funding support over the years and we greatly appreciate it,” said Geoff.

The Mudgee Rescue Squad is part of the Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) Rescue NSW and aims to save, preserve, and protect human life and property in day-to-day situations using approved rescue equipment and techniques.

Moolarben Coal Operations Manager, Cris Shadbolt was proud to assist Mudgee Rescue Squad.

“Community groups like the Mudgee Rescue Squad are the backbone of our community. They provide a critical service when we need it most and we are pleased we could help them purchase new equipment to continue their great work,” said Cris.

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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