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Media Release:

New trees at Lake Windamere get stronger protection

As part of an environmental regeneration program at Lake Windamere, Moolarben Coal has helped plant six new White Box trees as well as build and install tree guards in support of Lake Windamere Under Canvas Camping.

The tree guards are vital to protecting and ensuring the longevity of the White Box trees. The guards will provide shelter and protection from strong winds and create a physical barrier between the tree and browsing animals.

Michael Rowlands, Director of Lake Windamere Under Canvas Camping is thrilled with the support.

“We recognised the need for new trees and selected the White Box because they will provide excellent shade, growing up to 25m high. They also flower, which is an important nectar source for birds and the hollows provide refuge and nesting sites for many birds and mammals.

“The purpose-built tree guards will be moved around the site, as the trees become established for many years to come. They are a wonderful asset in our goal of eventually regenerating the entire site with native trees and providing habitat for threatened species.

“Thanks to Moolarben Coal for their manpower in building and installing the tree guards. It clearly shows that they are heavily invested in the care of the region’s environment, and its people.

“We rely solely on volunteers and funding from the community to maintain the grounds and facilities at Lake Windamere.

“Through our shared mandate of bush regeneration and increasing native biodiversity, we look forward to working with Moolarben Coal in the future,” said Michael.

Lake Windamere Under Canvas Camping is a community-owned safe and functional campsite for outdoor environmental education and family recreation. It is wholly run by five board members and approximately 50 volunteers.

Moolarben Coal General Manager, Steve Archinal was pleased his team could contribute to this environmental project.

“Lake Windamere is a land asset for the future of our community, it is used by so many local organisations including the schools, churches and local families.

“Our team were happy to get their hands dirty and personally contribute by planting the White Box trees and installing the tree guards.

“We are proud to support a community project that focuses on the environment and upgrades a site where visitors and tourists can come and enjoy the many wonderful things about our region,” said Steve.

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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