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Media Release:

Hockey Council fits new split system air conditioning

Players at the Coalfields Hockey Council complex are feeling a lot more comfortable with the installation of two new reverse cycle air conditioning systems, thanks to a \$5,000 donation from Premier Coal.

The Coalfields Hockey Council has around 300 registered players ranging in age from 5 years old through to seniors. It runs women's, men's and junior hockey competitions on an international standard turf playing surface.

Premier Coal Operations Manager Jim Falconer was happy to help upgrade the complex.

"The Collie hockey community continues to grow, and we are pleased our funding has enabled a system that will keep players and officials cool in Summer and warm in Winter.

"Sport brings members of our community together for fun, exercise and competition and we are happy to donate to community organisations that are making a positive difference to the lives of people who live in Collie.

"We hope the hockey community have a fantastic 2021 hockey season," said Jim.

Gary Fairies, President of the Coalfields Hockey Council is thrilled with the funding support.

"Hockey is a winter sport and anyone who has spent winter in Collie can attest to the low temperatures we experience. Previously we only had one fire to warm the complex, which was run by volunteers. This new heating system is a game changer for our complex and will benefit the players, officials, and spectators.

"The complex also hosts events and soccer games throughout the year and now that we have adequate heating and cooling everyone will be a lot more comfortable.

"We rely heavily on the efforts of our volunteers and donations, so we are thankful to Premier Coal for this funding boost," said Gary.

The donation was part of the Premier Coal Community Support Program, which is funded by Yancoal and aims to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in Collie.

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