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# Media Release:

## Upper Hunter Valley community groups get much-needed funding boost

Five local community organisations in the Upper Hunter Valley region will share in over \$25,000 of funding thanks to Ashton Coal's Community Support Program.

The 2021 community grants program is funding solar panels for Singleton Heights Pre-School, instructor training at Singleton Pony Club, facility upgrades at Singleton PCYC, water filtration points at Australian Christian College and education and training at Singleton Gymkhana.

Ashton Coal Operations Manager Aaron McGuigan met with representatives from the successful organisations at a recent event to confirm the funding.

"Congratulations to all the community groups receiving donations this year as part of our Community Support Program. Community groups are the backbone of our community and we value the important contribution they make to maintaining and creating a strong and sustainable community.

"We are proud to be part of the Upper Hunter Valley region and we hope with this funding you can continue to operate and grow the invaluable service you offer the people of our community.

"Community organisations rely on funding to purchase new equipment, run events or enhance their services and we are pleased we could be of assistance.

"In its tenth year, our Community Support Program donates funds to support projects and initiatives that make a positive difference to the lives of people who live and work in our community and we look forward to contributing over many years to come," said Aaron.

Tim Shields, Principal of Australian Christian College Singleton welcomed the addition of the new filtered water system for the teachers and students.

"We are constantly adapting to the changing world and enhancing our safe practices at the school. We recognised the need to install two new filtered water stations to ensure we have fresh drinking water for everyone on campus.

"The new system provides easy access and hygienic drinking water, and we are grateful to Ashton Coal for their kind donation," said Tim.

The Ashton Community Support Program runs annually and invests in community groups working in the areas of health, social and community, environment, and education and training. It aims to make a positive difference in the local community, and to the lives of the people who work and live in the local area.

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