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Media Release:

Yarrabee lifts off with Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service

The strong relationship between Yancoal's Yarrabee Coal Mine and RACQ Capricorn Rescue will continue to fly high after the mine signed on as a 'Lift Off Partner' for three years.

With \$30,000 in annual funding, RACQ Capricorn Rescue can continue to offer approximately 300,000 Central Queensland residents access to lifesaving emergency helicopter rescue services.

The RACQ CHRS is available across the Central Queensland region 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days per year. It provides rapid deployment of medical or rescue teams to major accidents or search and rescue operations.

Operations Manager for RACQ Capricorn Rescue, Kirsty Wooler, says, "Our rescue service covers an area of 350,000 km², keeping more than 300,000 people safe each day. Yarrabee have recently renewed their partnership with our service for a further three years, ensuring that we have the capacity to continue operating as a regional health network provider delivering an essential service in Central Queensland.

"We applaud Yarrabee's commitment to supporting the communities in which they operate and thank them for their continued support," said Kirsty.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager Cris Shadbolt proudly renewed and strengthened the agreement.

"RACQ Capricorn Rescue provides a critical service to all people in our community. Every day they respond to life and death situations and on one of those occasions it may be our people or their friends or family who need assistance. We are proud to help continue keep this service operational.

"Yarrabee is all about building a better and stronger community and this is a solid example of how it is contributing to improving the safety of Yarrabee employees as well as the people in the community in which Yarrabee operates," 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.

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