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Media Release:

Gloucester community groups receive funding for local projects

Stratford Coal has granted over \$84,000 in funding to support 21 local community organisations across the Gloucester and Stroud region, aiming to make a positive difference to the community.

The Stratford Coal 2021 Community Support Program is funding a variety of projects, including: indigenous culture programs; infrastructure and landscaping improvements at local schools and pre-schools; environmental programs; IT equipment and activities at schools; community and family events; education and training programs; sportsground upgrades; and healthcare equipment for local health services.

Over 35 representatives from the successful community organisations attended a presentation at the Stroud and District Country Club to celebrate the funding boost and to acknowledge all the volunteers who give their time to make the diverse range of community events and projects possible.

John Walton from the MidCoast Science and Engineering Challenge said, "I would like to express my sincere thanks to Stratford Coal for their support and ongoing sponsorship of the challenge over the past eight years. We are now excited about our new program, which aims to engage students from years five, six and nine into the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in a fun, practical and team learning environment."

Stratford Coal Operations Manager John Cullen was delighted to be providing additional support for local community groups.

"We recognise that community groups are the backbone of any community and even a small donation can go a long way in making positive change in the community.

"This year, we are proud to fund projects that will make a big difference in our community, including upgrading safety, equipment and services at our local schools, additional training for the Booral RFS, community events such as the Gloucester and Stroud annual shows, and high care beds for residents at Stroud Community Lodge.

"Since 2010, we have invested more than \$765,000 towards a range of community based initiatives in the Gloucester region and we remain committed to playing an active role in the area where we operate and helping build a strong and sustainable community," said John.

The Stratford Coal Community Support Program runs annually and invests in community groups working in the areas of education, health, social and community, environment, and cultural heritage. 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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