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## **Media Release:**

## **Singleton Heights Preschool goes solar**

To support their strategy of improving sustainability and contributing to a healthier community, Singleton Heights Pre-School has installed solar panels, thanks to fundraising and a \$10,000 donation from Ashton Coal.

Singleton Heights Pre-School has been operating for 35 years and is a community owned and volunteer managed, non-for-profit Pre-School that teaches 80 children per day, aged three to six years old.

As a community facility, Singleton Heights Pre-School is committed to not only education but improving the environment and reducing their long-term environmental impact on the community.

Neisha Dean, Director of Singleton Heights Pre-School welcomed the funding assistance to help bring this environmental initiative to life.

"With the help of several fundraising events and the grant from Ashton Coal, we could install 45 solar panels on the roof of the Pre-School.

"We are very excited we could implement this project as the solar panels further our commitment to sustainable practices and will help ease our financial energy burden.

"They also open up a new path of education for our students, the children can learn about alternative energy sources, which is great," said Neisha.

Ashton Coal Operations Manager Aaron McGuigan was pleased to help make this environmental project possible.

"Singleton Heights Pre-School provides an important and valuable service to the families in our community and we are pleased we could help them improve their facilities.

"Our Community Support Program is designed to make a positive difference to the people that live in our local community and this is a sustainable project with the potential to educate students about the value of solar power for the environment," said Aaron.

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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