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Media Release:

Hurdling with funding boost

Collie River Valley Little Athletics are jumping with joy over their new hurdles, thanks to club funds and a \$5,000 donation from Premier Coal.

The athletics club purchased 60 brand new hurdles, which are safer and easier to use during their busy hurdle program.

Melanie Lasisz, President of the Collie River Valley Little Athletics Club was thrilled with the new equipment.

“We needed to replace our existing hurdles as they were old and heavy for parents and athletes to carry when setting up.

“The new hurdles are lightweight and fit onto a trolley that can be wheeled around to various locations on the athletics track enabling a much smoother and easier set up.

“The club continues to grow year on year so we need to ensure we have quality equipment that is safe and enough of it so all the kids can get involved.

“We are all about encouraging young kids to stay active, participate, learn how to run, jump and throw and beat their own personal best.

“As more and more families move to the area, we want to ensure we are well resourced and able to develop the potential in any kids who are passionate about sport.

“We are heavily reliant on volunteer support at the club, so we are thankful to Premier Coal for their donation,” said Melanie.

Located on Roberts St, Collie. Collie River Valley Little Athletics Club is an all-inclusive sporting club that provides athletic events for children aged 6 to 17 years old. It runs a full program set and governed by Athletics West and include sprints (70m, 100m 200m), longer running events (400m, 800, 1500m), jumps (long, triple and high jump), throws (shot put, discus, javelin, turbo javelin). The club has approximately 50 members who compete locally, at Country Championships, State Championships and National Junior Championships.

Premier Coal Operations Manager, Braedon Gaske, was pleased to help upgrade the club.

“Little Athletics offers a good foundation for kids teaching basic sport skills. We are pleased our funding could enable the club to purchase new hurdles that can be used for years to come,” said Braedon.

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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