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# Media Release:

## Martuwarra Wanderers enjoying new gear

Players at the Martuwarra Wanderers indigenous rugby league club are thrilled to be running on the field in new jerseys, thanks to a sponsorship from Yarrabee Coal Mine.

The \$2,500 donation purchased new playing jerseys for the football team and polo shirts for the officials, which were proudly worn at the Warba Wangarunya Rugby League Carnival. The new gear featured the Yarrabee Coal logo on the front.

David Morgan, Treasurer of the Martuwarra Wanderers Rugby League Club was delighted with the new team gear.

“Playing in the recent Warba Wangarunya Rugby League Carnival was a big highlight for the team, and they did well, making it to the semi-final.

“Not only did the boys get to enjoy playing the game they love, but they also had much needed new playing jerseys, which was fantastic.

“We rely heavily on volunteers and the generosity of local businesses, so we are thankful to Yarrabee Coal for their funding to buy new gear for the players and officials.

“The carnival was a culturally inclusive event which brought communities together from across Central Queensland to play the great game that is rugby league.

“Events like this encourage indigenous people to get involved in sport which fosters social inclusion, community connection, promotes a healthy lifestyle and builds teamwork and leadership skills.

“We are committed to indigenous representation in rugby league and looking forward to running out on the playing field again this year proudly wearing the sponsored jerseys,” said David.

Martuwarra Wanderers is a local Rockhampton rugby league football team. They competed in the Indigenous Rugby League Competition in Rockhampton in January 2025 and will compete in a series of competitions held across QLD throughout the year.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager Mike Priestly was happy to help the team.

“Rugby league encourages people in our community to come together to play or watch a team sport, which can have a direct impact on health and well-being and contributes positively to cultural identity and community engagement.

“We were proud to sponsor the Martuwarra Wanderers and pleased our funding could purchase new playing jerseys and shirts for the club,” said Mike.

The funding support is part of the Yancoal Yarrabee Community Support Program, which aims to make a difference in the community and to the lives of the people who work and live in the areas where it operates.

For over 20 years since 2004, Yancoal has grown to be one of Australia's largest coal exporters: owning or operating eight producing mines across the country, employing almost 5,500 Australians, contributing to the national economy, and investing in regional communities.

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