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Media Release:

The Blackwater Bandits are kicking goals

Players and officials at the Blackwater Bandits Football Club are enjoying their season, scoring shots in their new football goals, thanks to a donation from Yarrabee Coal Mine.

The \$10,000 donation enabled the purchase of 18 new portable goals to be used in training and weekly matches for football players from 4 to 15 years old. The new goals are free standing, high impact goals that are lightweight, portable, adjustable and sturdy.

Lachlan Lewis, President of the Blackwater Bandits Football Club was excited with the new equipment.

“Not only will the new goals allow our players to train more effectively, but it will allow them to compete at a higher level in matches.

“The new goals also send a strong message to our community that we are committed to our football and the club.

“All the players love their football and show up every week pumped for training and matches, and we are pleased they can now play with top notch equipment.

“We are always looking at ways to invest or improve our club and we are run by volunteers, so we are thankful to Yarrabee Coal for their generous donation to make this happen.

“We are looking forward to a strong season with plenty of goals to celebrate,” said Lachlan.

The Blackwater Bandits Football Club is a small country football club aimed at aiding junior football players in their development. The club is located on Hunter Street, Blackwater.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager Mike Priestly was pleased to support the football club.

“Junior football unites many parts of our community, bringing the children together and benefiting them in terms of fitness, learning to be part of a team while having fun, staying active and some friendly competition.

“We are happy our funding could upgrade the football goals for the Blackwater Bandit players, and we wish them a successful season,” 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.

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