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Media Release:

Gloucester Pony Club jumping for joy with funding boost

Gloucester Pony Club members are transporting their show jump equipment more safely and securely on a new trailer, thanks to a \$2,000 donation from Stratford Coal.

The funding purchased a new horse jump trailer that is a flexible solution to store and move the club's show jump equipment for the various horse events facilitated year-round. The trailer is strong and built as light as possible and uses Australian-made steel.

Sally Maslen, Secretary of Gloucester Pony Club was delighted with the new equipment.

"We recognised the need to replace our existing trailer, it was old and rusty, and the wheels were increasingly getting difficult to maneuver.

"The new trailer will improve things significantly, it will provide more space, be easier to move and more effectively attach to our vehicles.

"As a club, we want to ensure our horse-riding members can access safe and easily accessible equipment.

"We host several show days throughout the year at the showground and the new trailer will be extremely useful for these events and for many years to come.

"We are always looking at ways to improve the club for the benefit of our members and the community and we want Pony Club to be about making friends and having fun.

"We rely heavily on our volunteers and donations from the community, so we are thankful to Stratford Coal for their funding to purchase the new equipment," said Sally.

Gloucester Pony Club has a long history within the community, spanning over 50 years developing horsemanship skills in young riders. Pony Club members learn basic riding skills, safety around horses, and the importance of caring for their horses.

Stratford Coal Operations Manager, John Cullen was pleased to assist Gloucester Pony Club.

"Pony Clubs foster a sense of community and focus on providing riding instruction, horse care knowledge and help members develop their horse-riding skills.

"We are happy our funding can make a positive difference to the running and efficiency of the club," 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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