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Media Release:

Collie firefighters are pumped

The Collieburn-Cardiff Volunteer Bushfire Brigade is fully prepared this season with the completion of their water storage project, thanks to a \$2,800 donation from Premier Coal to purchase and install a new water pump for their water bore.

Fire Brigades often need large quantities of water, and a water bore essentially creates an access point to underground water reserves, allowing the firefighters to pump water directly to the fire trucks so they are ready in an emergency.

Collieburn-Cardiff is one of five volunteer bushfire brigades in the Collie shire, it is important they are always equipped and ready to ensure they are efficient and effective when the worst happens.

Andrew Cayzer, Treasurer for the Collieburn-Cardiff Volunteer Bushfire Brigade was pumped with the donation.

“We have around 26 volunteer members with some that have served for over 30 years fighting fires across the Shire.

“Previously when we needed water for the fire appliances, we had to draft it from static water sources such as dams and tanks, which can be time consuming.

“With this new pump, we can now access the water directly from any underground water bores in the area. This is both economical and environmentally friendly.

“We are here to help the Cardiff and Collie communities when they need us most. We aim to provide a rapid response to local fires, protect lives and property, offer fire safety education and respond to emergency situations.

“We are thankful to Premier Coal for their donation of funds to help purchase the water pump,” said Andrew.

The Collieburn-Cardiff Volunteer Bushfire Brigade plays a key role in the community including active firefighting, controlled burning, logistics, equipment maintenance, bushfire ready facilitators and community engagement.

Premier Coal Operations Manager, Braedon Gaske, was pleased to help the fire brigade.

“They provide a vital community service and serve as a first line of defense in emergencies.

“We are proud our donation could go towards upgrading their water supply requirements and hopefully make their jobs easier on a day-to-day basis,” 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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