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Media Release:

Call for Gloucester community groups to apply for funding

Community groups in Gloucester, Stroud and District with projects or ideas that make a positive difference to the local community are being encouraged to apply for funding in the next round of Stratford Coal's Community Support Program.

The 2026 Community Support Program is funded by Yancoal Australia and provides financial assistance to local groups working in the areas of health, community, environment, arts, culture, education and training.

Stratford Coal Operations Manager, John Cullen encouraged local community groups to lodge their application form to apply for funding.

"Our Community Support Program gives us the opportunity to assist locally focused programs and initiatives capable of making a real contribution to the continued growth and sustainability of the region.

"A previously successful organisation is Booral Rural Fire Service. With funding from us, they were able to invest in Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Blankets. These will enable its volunteer fire fighters to suppress and extinguish Lithium-Ion battery fires in a safer and more timely manner, reducing the damage that can be caused by these fires to its fire fighters, members of the community and community assets.

"In the past, Stratford has also donated funds to the Gloucester Pony Club to purchase a new horse jump trailer that will store and move the club's show jump equipment for the various horse events facilitated year-round.

"These are just two examples of some of the amazing projects that have been supported by our program, which will be enjoyed by many people in our community for years to come.

"If you have a project or idea that has the potential to benefit others in Gloucester, Stroud and District, we encourage you to apply now," said John.

In the past, Yancoal Australia funding has enabled: the development and implementation of environmental projects, education, training, and employment assistance initiatives; sponsorship of key community events; the purchase of much needed equipment; and helped support disadvantaged groups within the community.

The program is open for applications from 18 August to 26 September 2025. For more information or for an application, please visit <https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/stratford/>

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