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Media Release:

Blackwater community groups called to apply for funding

Community groups in Blackwater and the surrounding areas 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 Yarrabee 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.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager Mike Priestly 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 Blackwater area.

"A previously successful organisation is the Blackwater Bandits Football Club. With funding support from us, they were able to purchase 18 new portable football goals to be used in training and weekly matches. The new goals allow the players to train more effectively and compete at a higher level in matches.

"In the past, Yarrabee has also donated funds to Blackwater PCYC, which helped them enhance their youth programs and offer more sports and recreational activities to improve youth development in the area.

"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 Blackwater, we encourage you to apply now," said Mike.

The program is open for applications from 18 August to 26 September 2025. For more information or for an application, please visit contact yarrabee.community@yancoal.com.au

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