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Media Release:

Martuwarra Wanderers retain their sponsorship

Yarrabee Coal Mine is a proud sponsor of the Martuwarra Wanderers indigenous rugby league club for another year and decked out the players in new jerseys and gear at the recent Warba Wangarunya Rugby League Carnival.

The 2026 Warba Wangarunya Rugby League Carnival was held in Emu Park (Yeppoon) between 22 to 25 January. The \$2,500 donation allowed the purchase of new playing jerseys for the football team and polo shirts for the officials, which featured the Yarrabee Coal logo on the front.

The team played well on the first day of the tournament. But the second game ended in a nail-biting loss, in which they conceded a late try with three minutes to go, and this loss knocked them out of the competition.

David Morgan, Treasurer of the Martuwarra Wanderers Rugby League Club, was thrilled with the continued support.

“Playing in the recent Warba Wangarunya Rugby League Carnival was a big highlight for the team, and they did well with an unlucky finish.

“The carnival is always a culturally inclusive event, which brings communities together from across Central Queensland to play the great game that is rugby league.

“Not only did the boys get to enjoy playing the game they love, but they also had much needed new playing jerseys, which was fantastic.

“We rely heavily on volunteers and the generosity of local businesses, so we are thankful to Yarrabee Coal for funding new gear for the players and officials.

“Events like this encourage indigenous people to get involved in sport, which fosters social inclusion, community connection, promotes a healthy lifestyle, and builds teamwork and leadership skills.

“This is our third time playing in the carnival and we are looking forward to next year,” said David.

Martuwarra Wanderers is a local Rockhampton rugby league football team. It includes players from the Rockhampton Rugby League and surrounding competitions.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager, Mike Priestly, was pleased to support the team again.

“Congratulations to this year’s winners. The carnival is always a big few days of football and family friendly fun.

“We were proud to sponsor the Martuwarra Wanderers for another year and were pleased our funding could purchase new playing jerseys and shirts for the club,” 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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