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Media Release:

Funding for community groups in the Gloucester and Stroud districts

Stratford Coal is investing over \$92,000 across thirty-three community organisations in the Gloucester and Stroud regions, aiming to make a positive difference to the community.

The Stratford Coal 2026 Community Support Program is funding a diverse range of local organisations including:

- Primary and High Schools;
- Rural Fire Services;
- Creative and Cultural Associations;
- Historical societies;
- Sporting clubs playing cricket, hockey, tennis and swimming; as well as
- Local services and facilities including community halls, country clubs, preschool services and support groups.

Over 30 representatives attended a presentation on 3 February at The Little Avon in Gloucester, to celebrate their funding boost and acknowledge all the people who give their time to make the diverse range of community events and projects possible.

Rod Williams of the Stroud Road Community Hall & Progress Association said, “We would like to thank Stratford Coal for their ongoing support in the local community. Most of the organisations receiving funding are run by volunteers, and continued financial investment is needed for the organisations to continue to operate. All yearly running costs for the Stroud Road Community Hall & Progress Association are raised through either donations or fund-raising events. So again, we would like to thank Stratford Coal for their kind donation.”

Stratford Coal Operations Manager, John Cullen congratulated the 2026 successful recipients.

“We recently celebrated 30 years of operations at Stratford Coal, and we are proud to continue to work alongside and support the Gloucester and Stroud communities.

“The long-lasting relationships we have with our people, their families and local suppliers is central to our success.

“We are dedicated to making a positive difference to the Gloucester and Stroud communities and its people and a keyway of doing this is funding programs and initiatives year on year through our Community Support Program.

“We always enjoy hosting a Community Support Program presentation so we can get everyone together to celebrate their donation and discuss how they are going to invest it into their programs or bring a new idea to life for the benefit of the people in our community.

“This year we are pleased to see that our funding will go towards enhancing school programs and learning opportunities, help run local community events, purchase vital firefighting equipment, build new playground equipment at schools, improve local signage, update outdoor community spaces, install a publicly accessible defibrillator and upgrade buildings and facilities.

“We are confident that our financial assistance will help continue to strengthen these vital community programs and services throughout the region.

“We look forward to hearing and sharing the success of the 2026 projects and seeing the positive impact they make on our community,” said John.

The Stratford Coal Community Support Program runs annually. 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. It 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.

For over 20 years since 2004, Yancoal has grown to be one of Australia’s largest coal exporters: owning or operating eight producing mines across the country, employing almost 5,500 Australians, contributing to the national economy, and investing in regional communities.

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