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# Media Release:

## Blackwater community groups receive funding boost

Yarrabee Coal Mine is investing \$180,000 into community organisations in Blackwater and the surrounding areas, aiming to make a positive difference to the community.

The Yarrabee Coal 2026 Community Support Program is funding a diverse range of local programs and initiatives including:

- new gardening equipment for Bluff Rugby League Football Club;
- a canteen upgrade at Blackwater Bandits Football Club;
- indigenous, sensory and cultural resources for Blackwater Community Kindergarten;
- a music program at Blackdown Seniors;
- the Science and Engineering Challenge at Marist College Emerald;
- installation of an outdoor learning shelter at Blackwater State High School;
- coaching clinics and new gear for Blackwater Junior Golf;
- sponsorship of the Blackwater International Coal Centre, PCYC Queensland, Martuwarra Wanderers, Blackwater Clay Target Club; and
- helping ensure local events run such as Blackwater Rodeo, the Blackwater State High School Awards Evening, Emerald Polocrosse, Blackwater Golf tournament and Blackwater Arts event.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager, Mike Priestly congratulated the 2026 successful recipients.

“We are dedicated to making a positive impact on the Blackwater community and its people and a keyway of doing this is funding groups and initiatives year on year through our Community Support Program.

“This year we are pleased to see that our funding will go towards local senior and youth education and training programs, running events, new equipment, building upgrades and arts initiatives.

“Over the past five years, Yarrabee has distributed over \$600,000 in community grants and sponsorships and we are confident that our financial assistance will help continue to strengthen these vital community projects and services throughout the region.

“We look forward to seeing the positive impact the 2026 projects make on our community,” said Mike.

The Yarrabee 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.

Tamara Jackson from Blackwater State High School said, “We appreciate Yarrabee Coal’s ongoing generous sponsorship, attendance and donation towards our Annual Awards Evening. The support plays a pivotal role in making the event a success for our students. It is wonderful to have partners like Yarrabee Coal that

recognise the importance of investing in education and the growth of our students. We look forward to continued collaboration and shared success in the future.”

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.

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 over 5,500 Australians, contributing to the national economy, and investing in regional communities.

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