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Media Release:

All fenced in at HorsePower Collie

Riders at HorsePower Collie are better protected and secure with boundary fencing installed around the new trail, thanks to a \$2,000 donation from Premier Coal.

The new fencing completes the facility's fencing project. It is durable, secure, requires little maintenance, and ensures privacy and security for HorsePower Collie riders.

Wendy Akkerman, Secretary at HorsePower Collie, was thrilled with the completion of the fence.

"We recently built a new trail on the property and recognised the need to replace the 30-year-old boundary fencing that had deteriorated.

"We are pleased that the new fencing ensures our participants are always kept safe and it also helps keep the kangaroos out.

"It has been an ongoing project with support from other businesses in the community, and we are thankful to Premier Coal for their funding to complete the fencing.

"Premier also assisted us recently with rectifying some vandalism to the newly installed fence. We now have significant signage to make sure trespassers are aware that our site is private property and under surveillance.

"As a community service provider, we rely heavily on the generous support of individuals and businesses to continue making a difference to the lives of people with additional needs in Collie.

"We are passionate about what we do and appreciate the assistance," said Wendy.

HorsePower Collie continues to grow with 22 regular riders, five coaches, nine horses and 21 volunteers. It specialises in horse riding for people (aged from three to 70) with a wide range of disabilities including Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy Multiple Sclerosis, Vision Impairments, Intellectual Disabilities, Down Syndrome and Autism.

Horse riding is fantastic for cardiovascular health, core strength and overall physical and mental wellbeing. It also therapeutically benefits those with a disability and provides a great source of fun and sense of achievement.

Premier Coal Operations Manager, Braedon Gaske, was happy to support the fence upgrade.

"HorsePower Collie aims to make a positive difference to the people who live in our community, so financially assisting them was a perfect fit for our community support program.

“We hope the riders feel safe and better protected while they enjoy the newly built horse trail,” said Braedon.

The donation was part of the Premier Coal Community Support Program, which is funded by Yancoal and aims to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in Collie.

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