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Media Release:

MLC Netball Club scoring goals in style

Netballers from the Mercy Leschenault Collie (MLC) Netball Club are running onto the court in Indigenous art designed uniforms at the upcoming Boorloo NAIDOC Carnival 2026, thanks to a \$2,500 donation from Premier Coal.

The carnival will be held on Wednesday 8 July at the Gold Industry Netball Centre in Wembley with netballers coming from Collie, Harvey and the surrounding areas with the overall aim of building confidence, connection and culture through netball.

The funding enabled new uniforms for players and coaches that were locally designed with Indigenous art and feature the Premier Coal logo on the back as well as training equipment and materials.

2026 marks the first time since MLC Netball Club embarked on a community wide Indigenous program participating in NAIDOC Carnivals.

Tricia Sacffidi, Treasurer of Mercy Leschenault Collie Netball Association, was delighted with the uniforms.

“We are proud to be able to provide the opportunity for our netballers to represent us for the first time at the Boorloo NAIDOC Carnival.

“We are passionate about netball enriching our players’ lives through social interaction, building lifelong friendships, positive well-being and improving physical fitness.

“Some of our players have already proudly worn the new uniforms and are excited to don the gear again.

“We were so pleased to see the popularity of playing in the carnivals grow from one team competing last month to now having three teams play in the upcoming carnival.

“Our club is always growing, we currently have 443 players, coaches and managers across three associations.

“We also have amazing coaches who are dedicated, knowledgeable and passionate about our netballers improving and having fun.

“Netball carnivals provide an excellent opportunity for girls to train together, develop their skills, create new friendships and we are thankful to Premier Coal for helping us get there,” said Tricia.

Mercy Leschenault Collie (MLC) Netball Association is an inclusive club offering playing opportunities for players from Year 3 to open age groups, primarily at Leschenault Netball Association.

Premier Coal Operations Manager, Braedon Gaske, was happy to help the netball club.

“Community sport unites people, creating social connections, generates volunteering opportunities and boosts local economies.

“We are pleased our funding could help the MLC Netball Club purchase the uniforms and good luck to the team in the carnival,” 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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