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## **BHP Billiton brings Bangarra Dance Theatre to Illawarra school students**

BHP Billiton has helped give Figtree High School students a day at the theatre to watch a performance of the well renowned Bangarra Dance Theatre.

Thirty students, from Years 7 to 12, attended the dance company's latest production, *Mathinna*, at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre yesterday, which blends traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture with contemporary dance. Figtree High's Australian Indigenous and Advanced Music and Dance students were nominated to attend the matinee show by the school.

The tickets were provided at no cost to the students through BHP Billiton's Corporate Community Program, which seeks to support projects that will provide sustainable long-term benefits to the communities where the Company operates.

BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal's General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said the Company was delighted to be able to bring this unique educational and cultural opportunity to regional school students.

"I'm delighted that we've been able to utilise the opportunities offered to communities through our corporate initiatives and provide a worthwhile experience to our local students," John said.

"This performance follows a number of projects brought to the Illawarra and Wollondilly regions through BHP Billiton sponsorship, including travelling performances by the Bell Shakespeare Company's Actors at Work program."

Figtree High School Music Teacher, Penny Costello said that the school was greatly appreciative that their students were able to experience the talents of such a renowned dance company.

"The students and teachers were absolutely thrilled with the opportunity to see the Bangarra Dance Theatre in action," Penny said.

"The students jumped at the opportunity to attend the performance, and have gained so much from the experience, and we hope they now hold a greater understanding and appreciation of the arts."

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