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Illawarra Coal's City2Surf team runs for Lifeline South Coast

Illawarra Coal employees have helped give counselling service Lifeline South Coast a boost through their participation in this year's City2Surf.

Thanks to a challenge set by the Company's President Colin Bloomfield, and their generous donations, the Illawarra Coal team (with a match from BHP Billiton Employee Matched Giving) has raised over \$2,000 for the charity.

In the months leading up to Australia's biggest fun run, the Illawarra Coal President vowed to donate \$5 to Lifeline South Coast for every employee who completed the race, and an additional \$20 for each employee who recorded a faster time than his.

General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said he was delighted with the number of employees competing in this year's quest to raise money.

"I'm proud that so many employees took up Colin's challenge to compete in this year's race – it demonstrates our employees' commitment to health and safety, and their generosity in supporting the communities in which we operate," John said.

"Competing in the City2Surf is a great way for our employees to commit to a healthier lifestyle through their focus on preparation and training leading up to the race and hopefully by maintaining these habits long after the race is finished.

"The race is also an opportunity for employees to make a difference outside of their own lives, this year, by raising much needed funds for Lifeline South Coast's 24 hour telephone counselling service and mental health and wellbeing programs."

Lifeline South Coast's Business Manager, Helen Goldhahn said the charity was delighted to receive the donation from Illawarra Coal.

"It is wonderful to see an organisation which is not only focused on the health and wellbeing of their own employees, but also looks for ways to support the wider community as well," she said.

"And with such an innovative concept! Well done and a huge thank you to all Illawarra Coal employees who participated in the City2Surf and helped raised much needed funds for Lifeline South Coast."

Of the 84 employees competing, five managed to beat their President's time of 70 minutes and 26 seconds.

A cheque will be presented to Lifeline South Coast representatives on Friday morning at 9am at Illawarra Coal's Administration Office, Old Port Road Port Kembla.

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