

Illawarra Coal



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Illawarra Coal employees clean out bookshelves for Lifeline Macarthur

Lifeline Macarthur's Big Book Fair received a boost this week with a donation of more than 3000 books from Illawarra Coal employees.

Employees of all Illawarra Coal's sites were encouraged to donate any pre-loved books to Lifeline Macarthur for sale at its Big Book Fair, which is one of the major fundraising events for the charity.

Illawarra Coal President Colin Bloomfield set employees the challenge of collecting at least 2000 books for the charity, which employees successfully surpassed, with books being donated by all of the Company's sites, including an impressive contribution of 1000 from the people at West Cliff mine.

Illawarra Coal's General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said he was delighted by the enthusiasm of all to rise to the challenge.

"I'm proud of the enthusiasm shown by Illawarra Coal employees to embrace this initiative and help such a worthwhile and valuable organisation as Lifeline Macarthur," John said.

"The support of this initiative with Lifeline Macarthur, follows the funding through our Community Partnerships Program to enable the not-for-profit organisation to conduct its next Telephone Counsellor Training Course.

"We hope that our donated books will find new homes at the Fair, and the money raised will ensure Lifeline Macarthur's important services continue to be available to the members of the local communities surrounding our operations."

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