

Illawarra Coal



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Illawarra Coal employees give generously to help The Smith Family

Illawarra Coal employees are again helping to brighten up Christmas Day for hundreds of local families by donating gifts to the Illawarra Coal Christmas Giving Tree to benefit programs of The Smith Family.

In the third year of what has become a very successful initiative, Illawarra Coal employees were encouraged to place a gift for a child under the Christmas Giving Trees, which were set up at Illawarra Coal's Appin, West Cliff and Dendrobium sites as well as the company's Port Kembla regional office.

Hundreds of gifts have been donated by Illawarra Coal employees and contractors, as well as a \$500 donation for the purchase of gifts, from the West Cliff branch of the CFMEU. These gifts will be given to The Smith Family for distribution to local children in its Learning for Life program, which is an education support project that provides financial assistance to help parents and carers with the education needs of their children.

General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said he was delighted by the generosity and kindness of the Company's employees to help disadvantaged families in the communities surrounding the Company's operations.

"I'm proud of the enthusiasm shown by Illawarra Coal employees to again embrace the Christmas Giving Tree to help relieve some of the financial burden for less fortunate local families during the Christmas period," John said.

"Last year, the gifts donated to the Christmas Giving Tree helped over 1100 children and their families, and this year we hope to do even better.

"Illawarra Coal is a proud local company with a commitment to supporting the communities in which we operate, and we hope initiatives such as our Christmas Giving Tree appeal can continue to help families in the local area for many years to come."

Please note: There will be photo opportunities at 1-1.30pm at West Cliff Mine when representatives from Illawarra Coal and The Smith Family's Learning for Life Program arrive to collect the site's donated gifts, and at approximately 3pm at the Company's Port Kembla Regional Office, when the presents from all the Company's sites will be handed over to The Smith Family.

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