



News Release

Illawarra Coal Holdings Pty Ltd
BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal Administration Centre
Old Port Road Port Kembla
New South Wales 2505 Australia
PO Box 514 Unanderra
New South Wales 2526 Australia
Tel: +61 2 4255 3200 Fax: +61 2 4255 3201
bhpbilliton.com

Attention News Editors
For immediate release
27 March 2008

Improved facilities at Appin, thanks to Illawarra Coal

All weather access to disabled toilet facilities is to become a reality for Appin Soccer Association and other users of the Appin Sportsground, thanks to funding from Illawarra Coal's Community Partnership Program.

The installation of these vital facilities is one of many community-based projects to successfully receive funding from the Community Partnership Program (CPP) since its inception in 2004.

Administered by a Board of community representatives, the CPP has provided financial support for a range of projects; from disabled toilet facilities, to amphibious wheelchairs, and support for Life Education in Wollondilly regional primary schools.

General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said the total invested in community projects by the Program to date was close to \$400,000.

"The CPP was established to provide a practical mechanism for support of the communities in which our Appin and West Cliff mines operate, and to involve members of the communities in that decision making process," he said.

"The dedicated Board of community representatives has been meeting regularly since 2004 to address applications for funding, and the financial support of a vast range of projects has made a considerable difference to the lives of many people in the region.

"With \$17,250 from the CPP, the Appin Soccer Association has been able to raise sufficient funds to build the much needed facilities at the sportsground – this will make life so much easier for all who visit or use the ground."

Applications for funding are assessed by the Board in rounds, and the closing date for the next round is 31 March 2008.

Media enquiries:
Rosanne Moore
Manager Communications and Consultation
Illawarra Coal
02 42 553336
Rosanne.moore@bhpbilliton.com

Illawarra Coal Holdings Pty Ltd
ABN 69 093 857 286

A member of the BHP Billiton Group which is headquartered in Australia
Registered Office: 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia
ABN 49 004 028 077
Registered in Australia