

News Release

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Illawarra Coal proud to support junior football

Illawarra Coal is proud to enter into a two year sponsorship of the region's junior football representative squads - the Wolves Juniors and Illawarra Stingrays.

The two year deal will provide financial support to Wollongong FC to assist in the running of its junior representative squads, making the opportunity to play football for the region more affordable for local families.

Illawarra Coal's General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said Illawarra Coal was proud to support the young men and women who represent our region in the game of football, and explained that a further benefit of the sponsorship will be extended to primary and high schools in the Wollondilly region.

"Wollongong FC already offers a unique program to schools in the Illawarra region," John said.

"Through our sponsorship, this program will be made available to schools of the areas in which we operate in the Wollondilly region.

"Through this program and our support of the teams on the field, we hope that young people will aspire to the values that we hold, including; courage to lead, integrity, high performance, and commitment to health, safety, environment and community."

The two year sponsorship deal will see Illawarra Coal's name on the players' strip, representation by a senior Illawarra Coal executive on the Wollongong FC junior committee, and the presentation of a Pride, Passion, Performance Award to outstanding players at the end of the season.

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