

Illawarra Coal



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Illawarra Coal recognises funding recipients

Local mining company Illawarra Coal will today host a ceremony recognising recipients of funding through its Community Partnerships Program (CPP).

Representatives of projects that received funding from the CPP in the Program's funding rounds since June 2007 will attend the presentation, which will bring together over 20 local not-for-profit groups from throughout the Wollondilly and Macarthur regions.

General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said that Illawarra Coal was delighted to be able to assist so many different groups and organisations in the local Wollondilly and Macarthur areas.

"Illawarra Coal is pleased to be able to support a variety of initiatives that have provided great community benefit to the regions surrounding Illawarra Coal's Wollondilly operations," John said.

"The CPP Board aims to support worthwhile projects from a range of fields, including education and youth, health and medical services, environment and heritage, town recreational facilities, arts and cultural projects.

"The 24 projects recognised today have demonstrated sustainability, partnerships through community ownership of the project, innovation and broad community benefit."

The Community Partnerships Program was established in 2004 to provide further support for community projects in the regions in which our Appin and West Cliff mines operate and has contributed more than \$500,000 to more than 50 worthwhile local initiatives.

Groups recognised today include Macarthur Cancer Support Group, Wollondilly Rural Fire Service, Life Education, Children's Hope Foundation, Wildlife Health and Conservation Centre, and MS Australia.

Wollondilly Shire Council representatives and Member for Wollondilly and Minister for Water, and Minister for Regional Development Phillip Costa will attend the event, while members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra will perform.

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