



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

News Release

Attention: News editors
Release time: Immediate
Date: 29 February 2008

Illawarra Coal supports Life Education

Illawarra Coal has continued its commitment to supporting the communities in which it operates by providing funding for local primary schools to participate in the Life Education program.

Illawarra Coal's Community Partnerships Program (CPP) will provide funding to primary schools in the Wollondilly area to the value of \$8 per child to visit the Life Education van. This sponsorship means that students will only have to pay \$2 each to participate in this valuable program.

General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon, said Illawarra Coal was delighted to be able to assist local children in accessing this highly regarded education program.

"Illawarra Coal is proud to be able to give schools in the Wollondilly region the opportunity to participate in the Life Education program, which teaches students vital skills to help make the best life choices now and in the future," he said.

"This sponsorship, which totals \$22,600, has the potential to benefit over 2,500 students, teaching them effective communication, peer resistance and how to say no to drugs and alcohol.

"The Life Education program is also closely aligned with Illawarra Coal's commitment to zero harm, which applies not only to safety in the workplace, but also ensuring the day-to-day physical, emotional and mental well-being of our employees, their families and the wider community."

General Manager, Education, Training and Community Development for Life Education, Richelle Arnott, said Illawarra Coal's funding will provide a great service for primary schools in the Wollondilly area in providing quality education about making informed healthy choices.

"Illawarra Coal's Community Partnerships Program has provided vital funding, enabling in excess of 2,500 students to be a part of our program, many of whom would be otherwise unable to attend our education sessions," she said.

"Life Education works in partnership with schools, communities and health agencies. We have a long history of providing healthy lifestyle messages to the children of Australia."

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

Schools that have nominated to accept this funding are:

- Appin Public School
- Douglas Park Public School
- St Anthony's, Picton
- Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHC) Parish School, Rosemeadow
- St Paul's Primary, Camden
- Mater Dai, Camden
- Cawdor Public
- Broughton Anglican

Nominations for the next round of CPP funding close on 31 March. For more information contact: Zina Ainsworth on 4255 3319 or email Zina.M.Ainsworth@BHPBilliton.com

Media enquiries:

Rosanne Moore
Manager Communication and Consultation
Illawarra Coal
02 42 553336
Rosanne.Moore@BHPBilliton.com