

Media release

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Support for community projects

Projects that bring economic benefit to Collie, help at-risk-youth, and support injured wildlife are among those to benefit from Premier Coal's new Community Support Program.

Premier Coal General Manager Glenn Burlinson said the program, which offered one-off grants of up to \$5,000 plus in-kind support, aimed to deliver the best outcomes for Collie by helping projects that provided broad community benefit or addressed areas of need.

Mr Burlinson said Premier Coal was impressed with the quantity and quality of applications received for the first round. A committee of workforce and community representatives assessed the applications and decided on support allocations.

Collie PCYC received funding to help at-risk youth get their drivers' licence, increasing their prospects for further training and employment. Collie Rotary Club's Adventure Race and Collie Cycle Club's Tom Lowry Memorial were successful in securing support in recognition of the economic benefits they deliver to the area.

Riding Develops Abilities received funding for a new horse suitable for equestrian training for people with disabilities while the Collie Bowling Club received help purchasing new scoreboards.

Collie Wildlife Care received assistance in meeting costs associated with its services, Collie Early Years Network's received funds for a Children's Day Event, and Collie Motorplex received in-kind support by way of furniture for its clubroom upgrade and fill for its track extension.

"We thank all the groups that applied and wish those that were successful all the best with their projects," Mr Burlinson said.

Applications for the next support round close on 31 August. Guidelines and an application form can be found at Premier Coal's website, www.premiercoal.com.au.

Photo caption: Premier Coal Community Support Program Committee members Chris Knight, Anna Farrell, Bec Woods, Shelley Harms, Maggie Biffin and Kieran Sheppard.

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