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Xstrata Coal helps fund pony club, kindy and the Show in Wandoan

Thirteen grass-roots community organisations in Wandoan received some much needed support for their work in sport, health, environment and community events this week, when Xstrata Coal gave out the first round of donations from the new Xstrata Coal Wandoan Community Fund at a community morning tea. The fund is part of Xstrata Coal's commitment to supporting the communities in which it operates.

"The kids of Wandoan will enjoy the specialised sports equipment, such as skipping ropes, swimming benches and pony-jumps, provided for Wandoan's Gymnastics Club, Amateur Swimming Club, Pony Club and Junior Rugby League Football Club," said Bill McKinstrey, General Manager of Southern Region for Xstrata Coal. "And the children who attend the Wandoan & District Kindergarten will have a cleaner and brighter environment to learn in when the building is given a complete paint job."

"The hard work of Wandoan's volunteers will be made easier with the catering and office equipment provided for Wandoan Arts Council, Wandoan Gun Club, Miles Lion Club and Taroom Shire Landcare Group. Wandoan's elderly will benefit from the Care Alert systems provided through the Wandoan Lions Club," added Mr McKinstrey.

The Wandoan Show Society and Wandoan Polocrosse Club received sponsorship for their upcoming events, while the Wandoan Bowls Club received funds towards their patio extension.

Mr McKinstrey confirmed, "Xstrata Coal is committed to progressing the Wandoan Coal Project through State and Commonwealth Government approvals processes and we are working with the Queensland Coordinator General through the EIS process. Xstrata is also progressing with the implementation of our major community partnerships in the region, investing \$1.5m in health and education initiatives with the Queensland State Government."

Applications for donations can be made by community organisations in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles to the Xstrata Coal Wandoan Community Fund by contacting the Wandoan Coal Project Community Relations Team on (07) 4627 5355 or wandoaninfo@xstratacoal.com.au

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