



MEDIA RELEASE

## Wandoan Kindy gets a new lease on life

The cheerful primary colours of Wandoan Kindy's new paint work reflect the fun and games that generations of Wandoan children have enjoyed within its walls. The entire building was recently repainted, inside and out, with a grant from the Xstrata Coal Wandoan Community Fund. The new paint work has also inspired new curtains and furniture coverings, provided by volunteers.

"The building looks fantastic and the children really appreciate their new environment," said Helen Golden, Director of the Wandoan Kindergarten. "The children happily show off their new kindy and invited the Taroom Kindy children down for a fun day to share the excitement."

"Without the support of the grant from Xstrata Coal, the Kindergarten Committee would have taken years to fundraise enough to paint the building while continuing to afford other essential provisions," said Emma Turner, current President of the Wandoan & District Kindergarten Association.

Twelve other grass-roots community organisations in Wandoan received much needed support this month for their work in sport, health, environment and community events, when Xstrata Coal gave out the third round of donations from the Xstrata Coal Wandoan Community Fund at a community morning tea on the 9th of October. The latest community groups to benefit from Xstrata Coal include:

Dawson Jockey Club Inc	Q150 Celebrations
Guluguba Primary P & C Association	Teacher aide time
Juandah Rodeo Association Wandoan Inc.	Bucking for Cancer Bullarama
Miles Lions Club	Club House equipment
Noonga Community Association	Noonga New Year's Eve Fair
St Mary's P & F Association	Library book purchases for 2010
Taroom Amateur Swimming Association Inc.	Training equipment
Wandoan and District Meals On Wheels Inc.	Life Steps Program equipment
Wandoan Creative Sewers	Local crafts & RADF display
Wandoan Lions Club Inc.	Community Christmas Carnival
Wandoan Polocrosse Club Inc	Open stalls for the Wandoan Show Grounds
Wandoan State School	Year 10 Science Prize

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During 2009 over \$90,000 was donated through Xstrata Coal's Wandoan Community Fund to 35 different local community groups. The Fund was established to provide support to the local community in the areas of health, education, environment, social and community development, culture and the arts.

"The Xstrata Coal Wandoan Community Fund is part of our commitment to supporting the community in which we operate," said Bill McKinstrey, General Manager of Southern Region for Xstrata Coal Queensland.

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 \$1.5million in health and education initiatives along 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](mailto:wandoaninfo@xstratacoal.com.au)

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