



MEDIA RELEASE

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Xstrata Coal's early Xmas present for Wandoan Kindergarten

Wandoan Kindy kids received an early Christmas present today when Xstrata Coal proudly presented the kindergarten with a cheque for \$10 600 to assist with increased operating costs next year.

Executive General Manager for Xstrata Coal's Wandoan Coal Project Steve Bridger said Xstrata Coal was keen to help the Wandoan Kindergarten, which provided a vibrant early education program for the town's youngest residents.

"We have always been impressed by and supported the Wandoan Kindergarten committee and staff's commitment to education," Mr Bridger said.

"When we learned about the financial challenges the Kindy would be facing in 2012, we decided to go beyond our usual 'small grant' support for local community groups and not-for-profit organisations."

Wandoan Kindergarten President Teena Doherty said that in 2012, the enrolment of kindergarten-aged children in Wandoan will drop from 12 to eight

"This means reduced fees coupled with increased operating costs, due to a mandatory increase in operating hours to 15 hours per week," Mrs Doherty said.

"Xstrata Coal's investment in our kindergarten will help tide us over the difficult times as our community changes from being a rural one, to being both a rural and mining community."

Xstrata Coal is committed to helping ensure Wandoan remains a vibrant and thriving town with essential community services, while awaiting approvals for its proposed Wandoan Coal Mine.

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Please note: Photographs of the event are available on request.

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