

DOYALSON GIRLS' SQUADRON EXPAND LEARNING AREA

The Doyalson Girls' Squadron of the Australian Air League is totally voluntary and self-funded, catering for the interests of women and girls from 8 years old. The Squadron is fully staffed by female volunteers who work with the girls of any ethnicity or learning level in the areas of life skills, personal and physical development, leadership skills, job/career opportunities and Community Service Projects. Fundraising is conducted to financially support socially and financially disadvantaged families.

Since its inception 30 years ago, the Doyalson Girls' Air League Squadron has a proven track record of successfully managing and delivering many and varied programs and projects. These cover aviation, general interest, physical/sporting activities, leadership, community service projects as well as power flying and gliding, and career related courses including conducting the Compass and Duke of Edinburgh Awards schemes, with some 300 girls and women involved over the years.

"The purpose of this funding is to construct an extension to our sheltered wheelchair-accessible, outdoor activity area, with lighting. This will provide the means to make available daytime and evening programs to a greater number of girls and women with disabilities and special needs, empowering them with the opportunity to enhance personal development, become actively involved in community projects and develop life skills" says Mrs Pam Price, Officer Commanding of the Doyalson Girls' Squadron.

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager from Wyong Coal visited the proposed project area at the squadron's Doyalson facilities. "Wyong Coal has provided previous funding to the Doyalson Girls' Squadron under our Wallarrah 2 Community Foundation grants program and we are thrilled to again assist in improving their facilities".

"The squadron is very active and the girls clearly develop various important life skills and self-confidence. The guidance, instruction and support provided by Pam and the leadership group is very effective and the improved facilities will be a very worthwhile initiative to help their efforts" noted Mr Smith.



Peter Smith, Environment & Community Manager - Wyong Coal (left) and Pam Price, Officer Commanding (right) with some of the young representatives from the Doyalson Squadron