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“WALLARRAH 2 FUNDING BOOST FOR MENTORING STUDENTS”

The Central Coast Secondary School Mentors (previously known as Plan it Youth) have been active on the Central Coast for 19 years. The program involves a retiree mentoring a student who is at risk of disengaging from the education system. The student and the aligned mentor spend a school term, or sometimes longer if the situation warrants, discussing the student’s future options. The mentor role is to act as a guide to the student, based on the mentor’s life experience. The Community benefits from the program are long term, as the students’ self esteem is improved, and they are equipped with skills to actively participate in seeking a career and ultimately become productive and responsible members of the community.

“We have six Year 10 Students from Berkeley Vale High School graduating today from another successful mentoring program which is very satisfying to see”, said Ken Bate President of NSW Active Retirees and Mentors.

“These students have all gained valuable experience and confidence with the one-on-one mentoring program that has opened new pathways for them all. We would like to thank Wallarrah 2 Coal Project for their generous funding that will help ensure the successful continuation of our school based mentoring program” added Ken.

Assistant Principal, Carlie Wells added, “The program has been a great success with a remarkable turnaround in all students that have participated and we are very grateful to Wallarrah 2 and all of the mentors that have ensured the ongoing success of this program”.



*Back L-R: Peter Smith Environment & Community Manager of Wyong Coal with Mentors, Richard, Warren, Stuart, Ken Bate President NSW Active Retirees & Mentors Inc
Front L-R Mentors Judith, Rachel, Edith, Gwen & Barbara Behan Treasurer NSW ARM Inc*