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**WALLARAH 2 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LAUNCHES 2016 GRANTS PROGRAM TO BENEFIT WYONG LGA**

Wallarrah 2 Community Foundation has today launched its annual Grants Program, which will see the Foundation provide grant funding to community organisations, programs and initiatives that positively benefit the environment, community wellbeing or education outcomes within the Wyong Local Government Area (LGA).

A funding initiative of the Wallarah 2 Coal Project, the Foundation actively partners with community groups for the benefit of the entire Wyong Shire community and is currently welcoming applications for individual projects or initiatives ranging up to \$5,000 in value.

Community organisations, groups and individuals can apply for Foundation grants by visiting Community Foundation tab on the Wallarah 2 Coal Project website ([www.wallarrah.com.au](http://www.wallarrah.com.au)) and completing the 2016 grant application form. Applications close at 4pm on Monday 28 March 2016.

Project Manager of the Wallarah 2 Coal Project, Kenny Barry, said that the Grants Program is an opportunity to support important initiatives that directly benefit members of the Wyong LGA.

“We’ve funded around 50 projects since launching the Program in 2013 and over this time, have had an opportunity to gain an understanding of issues impacting our community and how local organisations, groups and individuals are working to address these.

“With the wide range of worthwhile initiatives supported by the Program to date, we have already seen the positive impact that this funding has had on local community members.

“From education initiatives such as Hopetown School and Plan-it Youth’s school mentor program, to welfare projects such as Camp Breakaway and Central Coast Kids In Need and even environmental programs such as Mannering Park Tidy Towns, we’ve enjoyed supporting a wide range of causes.

“We also can’t forget that a lot of the initiatives we support are run by volunteers who have limited access to resources or funding and are continually inspired by the passion and dedication these groups display.

“We are proud to have an opportunity to once again support this community passion through the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation,” added Mr Barry.

Grant applications are now open to individuals, groups and organisations that deliver long term value and outcomes for the Wyong Shire in the areas of environmental sustainability, community wellbeing or training and education.

***Interested parties can apply to the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation and find out more information at [www.wallarrah.com.au](http://www.wallarrah.com.au). Applications close at 4pm on Monday 28 March 2016.***

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