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Wallarah 2 Community Foundation set to deliver \$80,000 in grants across the Coast

The Wallarah 2 Coal Project has today launched its annual Wallarah 2 Community Foundation grant program, which will officially open on Friday 27 February 2015. This year's grant process will see up to \$80,000 provided to fund local projects that can show that they assist or benefit the environment, community wellbeing or educational outcomes within the Wyong LGA.

Community organisations, groups and individuals can apply for Foundation grants of up to \$5,000 by visiting the Wallarah 2 Coal Project website (www.wallarah.com.au), selecting the Community Foundation tab and completing the 2015 grant application form. Applications close 4pm Monday 23 March 2015.

The 2015 grant program comes on the back of substantial growth in the Community Foundation program over the last two years. To date, the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation has funded around 40 projects that met the application criteria.

Project Manager of Wallarah 2 Coal Project, Kenny Barry, says that the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation provides an important opportunity to support worthwhile projects within the Wyong Shire.

“Over the last two years, the Community Foundation has allowed us to get a wonderful insight into the number of amazing individuals, groups and organisations who work tirelessly to support, improve and add value to our community.

“It has been a true honour meeting with and helping support projects, many of which are doing their bit with little or no funding or external help.

“Some of the projects we have supported over the last two years range from initiatives that foster the arts in our region, to helping with facilities for groups serving meals and essential basics to people who are doing it tough, through to sporting groups and organisations that need assistance with projects that help those living with disabilities and their carers.

“We are committed to supporting projects that deliver long term value and outcomes for the Wyong Shire – whether in the areas of environmental sustainability, community wellbeing or training and education.

“We are looking forward to being able to partner with a range of organisations again in 2015. In doing this, we encourage all community not-for-profit organisations to apply for a grant for their project by visiting our website and submitting an online application,” finished Mr Barry.

Interested parties can apply to the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation and find out more information at www.wallarah.com.au. Applications close at 4pm on Monday 23 March 2015.

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