



The Hon Chris Hartcher

Minister for Resources and Energy

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MSAC MUDGEES COMMUNITY HEALTH & SAFETY GRANTS

Ten organisations are to be awarded NSW Mine Safety Advisory Council (MSAC) grants for their ideas to improve community health and safety in Mudgee today.

The program was announced in May by the Minister for Resources and Energy, Chris Hartcher and provides individual grants of up to \$2000 to assist with the implementation of the winning proposals.

“Sound health and safety principles are as important within the community as they are at the mine site,” Mr Hartcher said.

“This program works to promote those fundamental principles in the Mudgee mining community.

“It makes sense that the world-leading principles which apply in the mine are also carried out both at home and within the community.”

Applications were to address a health and safety issue relevant to a community group or school within the Mudgee area.

The MSAC Chairman, Norman Jennings said he was pleased to have received so many submissions highlighting the importance of safety both in and out of the mine.

“The NSW Mine Safety Advisory Council is pleased it can help schools and community groups in the region.

“All the ideas will help improve community health and safety in the Mudgee area.

“MSAC is aiming to raise awareness within mining communities that health and safety issues do not stop at the mine gate, and that the high health and safety standards in the NSW mining industry should also transfer to mining communities,” Mr Jennings said.

Member for Orange, Andrew Gee who will be representing Mr Hartcher at the awards ceremony, said the submissions displayed a depth of recognition in the community that health and safety is important.

“This has been a great community-based initiative that has encouraged our schools and community groups to get involved,” Mr Gee said.

“The resounding message to take from this program is that we should be looking out for everyone - not just the people that we work with, but also the people that we live with and those living in our communities.”

The awards ceremony is being held today at The Stables for the successful grant recipients.

Photo Opportunity -

Date: 3 August 2011
Time: 11am
Venue: The Stables Meeting Room
86 Market Street, Mudgee

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MSAC Mudgee Community Health & Safety Grantees

Recipient	For
St Matthews Catholic School in Mudgee	Peer mentoring program
Rylstone Public School	Drinking bubblers at Rylstone Public School
Mudgee High School	Machine to make safety signs Develop a Mudgee specific iOS app Purchase of training defibrillator Upgrade of cricket nets
Pioneer House Aged Care Inc in Mudgee	Aged care pedestrian safety signs
1st Mudgee Scouts	First aid equipment
Australian Rural Education Centre	Safety equipment for volunteers Youth safe driving training
Gulgong DC Rural Fire Brigade	Thermal imaging camera First aid training equipment
Mudgee Hockey Association	First aid equipment
Mudgee Police & Community Youth Club	"DARE TO BE AWARE" defensive low-risk driving program