



MSAC announces grants to boost community health and safety

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Twenty schools and community groups will receive almost \$150,000 to encourage good health and safety practices thanks to the Mine Safety Advisory Council (MSAC).

The grants targeted mining communities in the Hunter Valley, Central Coast and North West of the state looking for suggestions to address health and safety issues in their local communities.

“MSAC received 177 applications” said MSAC Chairman, John Hannaford.

“It was impressive that so many applicants had taken on board good health and safety practices.

“The Mine Safety Advisory Council will continue to promote health and safety issues both within the mining industry and also in the communities in which mine workers live,” Mr Hannaford said.

“The same principles that apply to a safe workplace also apply at home. This was the chance for schools and community groups to make a difference and ensure mining industry safety principles are also applied to communities.”

MSAC is a collaborative forum between NSW Trade & Investment, the NSW Minerals Council, Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia, the Australian Workers Union and the CFMEU – Mining and Energy Division. MSAC also has independent members who have expertise in health and safety.

The 2012 MSAC grant recipients are:

- Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland
- Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Association, Newcastle
- Hunter Environment Institute, Singleton
- Rural Outreach Project, Newcastle
- St John Ambulance Adamstown RSL Cadet Division
- The Girl’s Brigade NSW – East Maitland Company
- TAD Disability Services Hunter at Lake Macquarie
- Gateway Learning Community (six schools in western Newcastle and East Maitland)
- Boggabri Showground and Recreation Trust

- YMCA Muswellbrook, Muswellbrook
- Mercy Community Services, Cessnock
- Cessnock District Rescue Squad
- Grahamstown Sailing and Aquatic Club
- Muswellbrook High School
- Holy Spirit Primary School, Glendale
- Cessnock District Learning Centre
- National Heart Foundation of Australia, Newcastle
- Shanti Mission Harmony Centre, Gunnedah
- Kanwal Public School
- Scone Public School P & C Association

Award Events

Newcastle

11am Thursday 8 November 2012 Hunter Wetlands Centre, 412 Sandgate Road, Shortland

Gunnedah

9.30am Friday 9 November 2012, Smithurst Theatre, Conadilly Street, Gunnedah (next door to Town Hall)

Muswellbrook

2pm Friday 9 November 2012, Muswellbrook YMCA, White Memorial Swimming Centre, Wilkinson Avenue, Muswellbrook

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