



## **MSAC announces grants to boost community health and safety**

November 8, 2012

Four community groups in the Upper Hunter region will receive more than \$30,000 to encourage health and safety practices thanks to the Mine Safety Advisory Council.

Muswellbrook YMCA, Muswellbrook High School, the Scone Public School P & C Association and the Hunter Environment Institute will be awarded grants on Friday November 9 as part of MSAC's 2012 Community Grants Project.

MSAC received 177 applications for grants of up to \$10,000 each from a total pool of \$150,000.

A total of 20 grant recipients will receive cheques from MSAC Chairman John Hannaford at ceremonies in Newcastle, Gunnedah and Muswellbrook on November 8 and 9.

Mr Hannaford said 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 where 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.

### **Award Event:**

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

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