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### **KEPCO announces Community Investment Fund Recipients**

KEPCO Bylong Australia (KEPCO) today announced over \$20,000 of funding for eight projects to be supported in the first round of the Bylong Coal Project's 2016 Community Investment Fund.

"KEPCO is pleased to announce its support for eight excellent community initiatives which will address residents' needs across the region," KEPCO Australia's Chief Operating Officer Bill Vatovec said.

"KEPCO has elected to support a wide range of projects including community infrastructure, cultural events, sports clubs and education based outcomes.

"The team assessed applications based on our Community Investment Fund priority areas of wellbeing, health and education in the region and we are confident the Fund recipients will make the most of KEPCO's contribution.

"KEPCO is particularly pleased to see the heightened engagement from schools in the Mid-Western Region which will see the Fund making not only vital short term contributions to community wellbeing but will also cultivate lasting positive impacts," Mr Vatovec said.

KEPCO established the Bylong Coal Project Community Investment Fund in early 2015 to proactively support community initiatives addressing resident needs through event sponsorships and local group grants.

KEPCO has contributed over \$145,000 to local community groups and services providers to date. The previous rounds of funding have supported community groups such as the Mudgee Men's Shed and Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary.

The next round of funding will open in mid-2016. Information on future Community Investment Fund application rounds will be available on the Project's website ([www.bylongproject.com.au](http://www.bylongproject.com.au)).

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### 2016 Bylong Coal Project Community Investment Fund – First Round Recipients

Successful initiatives	Bylong Coal Project Community Investment Fund sponsorship value (\$)
A shade sail for Charbon playground	3000
Upgraded kitchen appliances for Kandos Waratah sports ground canteen	3000
Equipment to improve student capacity for Ilford Public School music program	3000
Kandos High School Special Education Breakfast Club initiative	2000
Attendance of two award-winning authors to the Mudgee Reader's Festival and visit local schools	3000
Equipment for Rylstone Historical Society Cottage Museum research space	2845
Mudgee Golf Club June Mixed Weekend Tournament	3000
Eventing bibs for Mudgee Pony Club	1700