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KEPCO announces Community Investment Fund successful applicants

KEPCO Bylong Australia (KEPCO) today announced the successful applicants of the second round of the 2015 Community Investment Fund.

The Bylong Coal Project's Community Investment Fund has committed to sponsor nine local community events and initiatives:

- Cudgegong Valley Mathematics Enrichment Program
- Kandos High School student prizes
- Rylstone Branch Combined Pensioners and Superannuates luncheon
- New machines for Mudgee Men's Shed
- The Mudgee Showground Carols
- Rylstone Public School Parents and Citizens Association
- Bylong Christmas Celebration
- Rylstone and District Pony Club, and
- Continued sponsorship of the Rylstone Kandos Show Society

"KEPCO is pleased to announce its support for nine local programs and events," KEPCO Australia's Chief Operating Officer Bill Vatovec said.

"We assessed applicants on the basis of which would deliver positive experiences and outcomes to the local community most effectively, and we are confident the grant recipients will maximise the Fund's impact.

"The second round of funding attracted eighteen applications, a sure sign the community recognises the excellent work the Fund has supported already this year and the positive contribution KEPCO can make over the life of the proposed Bylong Coal Project," Mr Vatovec said.

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

The first round of funding supported community groups such as the Mudgee Disability Support Service and Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary.

"The next round of funding will open early next year, and KEPCO looks forward to continuing to support local community events and programs in 2016," Mr Vatovec said.

Information on future Community Investment Fund application rounds can be found on the Project's website when it becomes available (www.bylongproject.com.au).