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KEPCO ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND APPLICANTS – MORE FUNDING ON OFFER IN 2017

KEPCO Bylong Australia today announced that ten projects would receive funding from Round 3 of the Bylong Coal Project's 2016 Community Investment Fund.

KEPCO Australia's Chief Operating Officer Bill Vatovec said KEPCO had provided \$27,000 to a number of local schools, community clubs, charities and not-for-profit organisations.

"KEPCO Bylong Australia welcomes the opportunity to give back to our community through the Community Investment Fund. I am delighted that we could support so many projects throughout the region in and around Bylong, Mudgee, Rylstone, Kandos and Gulgong.

Mr Vatovec said that each application goes through a rigorous assessment process and is measured against a number of priority areas including health, education and business development.

"In 2016 we provided \$202,328 in funding through the Community Investment Fund to 39 groups and organisations in our community.

"I encourage local community groups who need financial assistance for worthy projects and community initiatives to submit an application to Round 1 of the Community Investment Project for 2017, which will be accepting applications till **3 March 2017**.

"Due to the popularity of the scheme and the number of worthy applicants KEPCO has decided to increase the funding to \$30,000 per round, with three more rounds this year.

Mr Vatovec commended HealthOne Rylstone for their *Flippers* program which teaches children from low income families how to swim.

"Given the spate of recent tragedies in our waterways, KEPCO is proud to fund such an important program."

Sarah Stenson, Child and Family Health Nurse at Rylstone HealthOne said that the KEPCO Community Investment Fund grant would pay for a certified swim trainer to conduct free swimming lessons for disadvantaged children.

"The staff at Rylstone HealthOne would like to thank KEPCO for making this happen – we extend our thanks not just from HealthOne, but on behalf of the community as well."

Families who are interested in paying for swimming classes with the swim trainer should contact Mick O'Sullivan on 0427 403 764. Further information about KEPCO Bylong Australia's Bylong Coal Project Community Investment please visit www.bylongproject.com.au.

ABOUT THE BYLONG COAL PROJECT:

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Round 3 Community Investment Fund Successful Applicants

APPLICANT	INITIATIVE	AMOUNT
Mudgee Lions Club	Mudgee Lions Club inflatable playground	\$2,000.00
Rotary Club of Mudgee	2017 Mudgee Mathematical Minds (M3) Challenge	\$2,500.00
Cooks Gap RFS	Co funding of vehicle mounted fire ground radios	\$3,000.00
Mudgee Rescue Squad	Contribution to purchase of Jaws of Life	\$3,000.00
HealthOne Rylstone	Flippers swimming programme for disadvantaged families	\$2,790.00
Mid Western Dance Festival	2017 Mid Western Dance Festival	\$3,000.00
Mudgee Arts Council	Mudgee Music Centre	\$3,000.00
Rylstone Public School	Rylstone School Vegetable Garden	\$3,000.00
Lake Windamere Under Canvas Camping Association	Native habitat garden	\$3,000.00
Kandos High school	Academic and sporting prizes – 2017 Presentation Day	\$2,000.00

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