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FIRST ROUND OF KEPCO COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND AWARDED

KEPCO Bylong Australia today announced that ten local community organisations would receive up to \$3000 each in its first round of Community Investment Fund (CIF) grants this year.

KEPCO Australia's Chief Operating Officer Bill Vatovec said that Round 1 of the CIF had provided close to \$30,000 for a range of community events, educational programs and community infrastructure, such as the popular Mudgee Readers' Festival, Kandos Country Womens' Association's Garden to Kitchen project, facility upgrades and equipment for Mudgee High School's PHDPE faculty and the Henbury Golf Open 2017 to be held in Rylstone.

"I congratulate the ten successful applicants who received funding in Round 1. We recognise the huge contribution that community organisations make to our regional communities and we are very pleased to support their efforts."

"The CIF has distributed more than \$330,000 for local projects and initiatives and we look forward to supporting more of these in the years ahead."

"KEPCO is allocating a further \$60,000 to community causes in 2017, with two more funding rounds to be held in June and October.

Mr Vatovec said that in keeping with KEPCO's strong commitment to children and youth, the company was proud to provide funding to the Mudgee Readers' Festival to help expand its offering for children and young adults.

Readers' Festival General Manager Portia Lindsay said the funds would be used to bring two authors to Mudgee to visit local schools, and host a book swap for teens and younger readers and a Sunday Storytime session featuring local performers and visiting authors.

"This grant allows the Mudgee Readers' Festival to greatly expand our youth programming – sharing literacy and a love of books with local schools and community – for which we are most grateful," Ms Lindsay said.

Applications for Round 2 funding will open on Friday 2 June, 2017, and community organisations may apply for a grant of up to \$3,000 for a specific project or purpose, using the application form available on the Project website www.bylongproject.com.au

ABOUT THE BYLONG COAL PROJECT:

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Round 1 2017 - Community Investment Fund Successful Applicants

Organisation	Summary of Request	Amount
Mudgee Readers Festival Inc	Mudgee Readers Festival	\$3,000.00
Mid- Western Regional Council	Kandos Waratah Park Equipment Upgrade	\$3,000.00
St Matthew's Catholic School Mudgee	STEM teaching through the use of data loggers	\$2,810.00
Henbury Sport & Recreation Club Ltd	Henbury Golf Open 2017 - Grass green maintenance	\$3,000.00
Mudgee High School	Upgrade facilitates and equipment in the PDHPE teaching space	\$3,000.00
Country Women's Association - Kandos	Garden to Kitchen Project	\$3,000.00
Mudgee Disability Support Service Inc	Dramability - production of Willy Wonka	\$3,000.00
Kanandah Retirement	Development of a purpose designed garden to cater for the needs of dementia patients	\$3,000.00
Harley Museum of NSW Incorporated	Project 1912 - Motorbike restoration as part of Kandos Youth Moto Workshops	\$3,000.00
Cancer Patients Foundation	Funding towards running workshops as part of the Look Better Feel Better Campaign	\$3,000.00
TOTAL		\$29,810.00

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