



**BYLONG COAL**  
**KEPCO BYLONG AUSTRALIA**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW FUNDS FROM KEPCO FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

KEPCO Bylong Australia today announced twelve local organisations based in Bylong, Mudgee, Kandos and Rylstone will benefit from more than \$30,000 in funding from the Bylong Coal Project Community Investment Fund.

KEPCO's Chief Operating Officer, Bill Vatovec said KEPCO welcomed the opportunity to give back to the local community.

"The Bylong Coal Project Community Investment Fund provides small grants of up to \$3,000 to not-for-profits and charitable groups to support local events, initiatives and projects," Mr Vatovec said.

"This time KEPCO has chosen twelve initiatives spread throughout the region including a local school, a Lion's Club, local halls and churches.

"The next round of the Community Investment Fund will open in 1 June 2018, so if you are involved with or aware of a local organisation, association or charity and have a project, event or initiative that needs support please consider applying for funding."

Mr Vatovec said that to date KEPCO had given more than \$400,000 to the community in small grants of up to \$3,000.

Andrew Carson President of Rylstone Kandos Business and Tourism Incorporated said that regional tourism, alongside mining and agriculture, were essential to the local economy.

"Our group will use the Community Investment Fund money to install signs encouraging travellers to use the Rylstone rest stop, rather than by-passing our town. This will help bolster the local economy and ensure jobs in tourism," Mr Carson said.

Jeffrey Braithwaite President of Bylong Hall Committee said that local residents were grateful for KEPCO's generosity in sponsoring the Bylong Hall Committee.

"The Bylong Hall provides a place for our community to get together and catch up on important occasions such as Easter."

*Please find a list of successful Community Investment Fund recipients attached.*

#### **ABOUT THE BYLONG COAL PROJECT:**

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### Bylong Coal Project Community Investment Fund 2018 Round 1 Recipients

Organisation	Summary of Request	Amount
Mudgee Readers Festival	2018 festival	\$3,000.00
Mudgee Lions Club	2018 Family Fun Day	\$3,000.00
Kids and Carers Kandos Rylstone	Contribution to building	\$3,000.00
Mudgee Chamber of Commerce	Tender training	\$2,500.00
Mudgee Aero Club	2018 Wings Wine and Wheels event	\$3,000.00
Henry Lawson Festival	2018 festival	\$3,000.00
Pioneer House	Outdoor furnishings for courtyard	\$2,000.00
Friends of St Stephens	Electricity inspection and upgrade	\$3,000.00
Bylong Hall Committee	Easter Celebrations	\$700.00
Kandos High School	Camera	\$1,299.00
Orana Sheepdog Workers Club	2018 sheepdog trials	\$3,000.00
Rylstone Kandos Business and Tourism Group	Tourist signage	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$30,499.00</b>

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