# **Moolarben Coal Operations Community Support Program Guidelines**





### **SECTION 1: OVERVIEW**

Moolarben Coal Operations provides support to a range of local community groups, initiatives and sponsorships within the region. The Community Support Program (CSP) aims to make a genuine positive difference in the communities in which Yancoal operates by offering cash grants and in-kind support. The program will source and select initiatives to meet the needs of five specific categories:

- 1. Health
- 2. Social and Community
- 3. Culture and Arts
- 4. Environment
- 5. Education and Training

# **SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY**

The Moolarben Coal Operations Community Support Program Application Form must be completed in full. The following mandatory criteria are considered by Yancoal when determining whether an application to access the CSP and provide community investment support is appropriate:

- The applicant must be from a not-for-profit, incorporated organisation operating a separate, auditable organisational bank account.
- The project / activity primarily benefits a local community to where Yancoal operates.
- The application demonstrates how the initiative will directly benefit the local community.
- The application demonstrates progression towards financial sustainability of the project / activity, i.e. will not be reliant on ongoing funding from Yancoal.
- The application demonstrates clearly defined objectives and timeframes for the project / activity;
- The application must be received by Yancoal with sufficient notice prior to commencement of the project / activity or within the 'funding round' timeframe and;
- Successful applicants must be able to provide an expenditure / reconciliation statement or proof of project completion.

In addition to the above, the following criteria are preferred but not mandatory:

- The applicant must demonstrate the organisation's ability to manage the proposed project / activity in a professional manner;
- The project / activity addresses a substantiated need in the community; and

The application demonstrates a high level of community involvement i.e. be widely beneficial to the community.



## **SECTION 3: INELIGIBILITY**

Applications will be deemed ineligible by Yancoal should they support the following:

- Political parties or organisations, politicians or candidates for public office.
- Individuals; including those seeking support for activities such as academic studies, competing in an event, or travel.
- 'For profit' organisations.
- Projects/activities that do not demonstrate financial sustainability.
- Overseas appeals.
- Projects/activities that have already been completed (retrospective funding).

Please note, projects or initiatives that apply for a portion of the total project costs will not be considered unless the remaining project costs are secured, either by the applicant or other funding sources.

#### **SECTION 4: PROCESS**

Applications to access the CSP will be considered annually. Open and close dates for the annual funding rounds will be advertised on the Moolarben Coal Operations website (<a href="https://www.moolarbencoal.com.au/page/community/">https://www.moolarbencoal.com.au/page/community/</a>).

A committee comprising of community representatives from Moolarben Coal Operations and the Mid-Western Regional Council with community members will assess applications and make recommendations on what support should be provided. Alignment with community support guidelines will not guarantee support. Moolarben Coal Operations retains absolute discretion over the community support allocations.

Successful applicants will assume all normal commercial responsibilities including public risk and/or any other appropriate insurances. Successful applicants may also be asked to publicly recognise Yancoal Moolarben Coal's support.

