

## BATEAU BAY PCYC's BOXING PROGRAM IS KEEPING OUR YOUTH ON TARGET

Wallarrah 2 Coal Project has again provided funding to the Bateau Bay Police and Community Youth Club to allow it to continue to support the work of NSW Police who provide targeted youth crime reduction and prevention.

Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW (PCYC) is a state wide partnership between Police, young people and the community working to assist young people to become responsible citizens and leaders. Founded in 1937, PCYC NSW has a network of some 63 clubs across regional and metropolitan NSW.

### The PCYC Mission is:

- We get young people active in life.
- We work with young people to develop their skills, character and leadership.
- We reduce and prevent crime by and against young people

Senior Constable Racquel Hassett said, "We are so grateful to Wallarah 2 for supporting us again this year with a Community Grant".

"This year the funds will be used to run our morning crime prevention fitness program".

After a 6am pickup, the program commences with one hour of non-contact boxing for fitness training, where young people train alongside Police, community mentors and volunteers. This interaction with local Police and support provided by volunteers and community groups makes a great impact in participants lives as it improves community engagement, school attendance, relationships and reduces a young person's desire to be involved in anti-social conduct or truancy.

The program will reach up to 60 at-risk youth per year, broken down into a maximum of 15 attending per term for four terms. Some of the same young people will roll over and attend multiple terms to ensure that they are given every opportunity to re-engage. For many young people, their attendance guarantee they eat a proper meal before attending school, arrive clean and fresh and have a packed lunch to sustain their learning.

Peter Smith, Environment & Community Manager said "Wallarrah 2 is proud to support the PCYC's ongoing work as it is adding significant benefit not only to young people but the broader community".

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*Peter Smith Environment & Community Manager of Wyong Coal with Senior Constable Racquel Hassett in front of a poster hand painted by one of the talented PCYC teenagers.*