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Wallahah 2 supports NSW Justices Association Incorporated

As part of its ongoing commitment to the Wyong Shire community, Wallarah 2 Coal Project presented the NSW Justices Association Tuggerah Lakes Branch with a \$2000 grant on Thursday 6 June.

The grant from the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation will aid the NSW Justices Association in the implementation of an online training program which will train JPs so that they can better serve the community. The Association receives no government funding and is supported only by volunteer membership.

The Tuggerah Lakes Branch of the NSW Justices Association was formed 26 years ago. The Branch operates five free community JP desks in Wyong, with up to 600 locals a week utilising the free services provided. Their services are so in demand that JPs can sign up to 250 documents at Westfield Tuggerah Library each Saturday morning.

Bruce Gibbs, Director of Member Benefits and Director "The Justice of The Peace" Journal said, "We are very appreciative of the support of Wallarah 2, it is wonderful to see a company so connected to the community. It's a quality we share. We are dedicated to providing a service and giving back to our community.

"The volunteer JPs who sit on desks across the Wyong Shire provide an essential service to the community. JPs are an important part of the legal process, the building blocks to our legal system, and so it is crucial that they are trained and confident in the service they're providing," he said.

The training which in its initial stages will be assisted by the grant from Wallarah 2 will provide a framework which, in conjunction with support from the Attorney General, can be amended and rolled out across other states to suit the particulars of each jurisdiction.

"Our aim is to have a nation-wide Certificate III training program on the National Training Network in eight years," added Bruce.

The NSW Justices Association is also calling for any JPs already registered in the Wyong Shire to come forward and join the Association, which promotes, protects and advocates for JPs and keeps them up to date with the duties of the role and relevant laws.

Members of the NSW Justices Association also benefit from training, which is vital considering the huge variety of legal documentation they're requested to certify and witness.

For enquiries about the NSW Justices Association please email tuggerahlakes@nswja.org.au or call 0418 49 3388.

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