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## **Wallarah 2 Foundation supports Yarran Early Intervention Services**

Wallarah 2 Coal Project was pleased to provide funding under its Community Foundation grant scheme to Yarran Early Intervention Services on the Central Coast, contributing \$3,538 to cover the costs associated with purchasing essential therapy equipment for the children within the service.

Yarran Early Intervention Services provides skill development and therapy programs for young children with developmental disabilities aged from birth to 6 years of age. In order to do this however the facility requires specialised sensory equipment vital to successful learning, sensory and emotional development.

Chief Executive Officer of Yarran Early Intervention Services, Glenn Marie Wright said, “Our services and budgets are not backed by a state or national body, as are other disability services. The wages of our staff and basic administration costs are covered by the NSW Government’s ADHC and Department of Education & Communities, but all equipment can only be acquired through the generosity of donors, the community and grants like this one.

“We offer a range of programs and are committed to delivering a strong family centred practice – and we do this free of charge - to ensure these beautiful children are given access to the specialised support they need.

“We are hugely grateful to the funding provided by Wallarah 2 that will allow us to purchase therapy items like seat wedges that support the children and balance them when they sit in chairs, body socks that are an important sensory tool, special weighted animals that help settle and calm the children, along with a range of other specialised items such as balancing boards.

“Each of these items, while simple, are really important to helping the children learn functional skills and sensory regulation is vital for positive behaviour, concentration and social and emotional development,” explained Glenn Marie.

Peter Allonby, General Manager, Wallarah 2 Coal Project said, “Visiting the Yarran Early Intervention Services was a wonderful experience. It was a pleasure to see these young children thriving in such a warm environment.

“We hope that the items that can be purchased with the Community Foundation grant go a long way to helping the 200-plus children and their families who utilise this valuable service at any time.

“Our grant program is all about supporting the community. Initiatives like Yarran Early Intervention Service play a critical role in building the confidence and wellbeing of our young people and their parents and carers, delivering long term benefits to the area allowing these children to flourish and grow to their full potential,” concluded Peter.

The Wallarah 2 Community Foundation grant application process is now closed. 14 grants are being presented to support organisations that benefit the Wyong Local Government Area. For further information see [www.wallarah.com.au](http://www.wallarah.com.au).

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