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YOUTH ARE FIT FOR LIFE AT BATEAU BAY PCYC

Wallarah 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 Fit For Life program".

Fit For Life is an early morning fitness program where police pick the youths up from home, bring them to PCYC for fitness from 7 – 8am, provide them with breakfast then drop them to school each Tuesday. Up to 30 young people participate each week, mentored by six Police Officers and they are in great hands with S/Cst Raquel Hassett winning Police Officer of the year in 2018 for her youth work facilitated through PCYC on the Central Coast.

Peter Smith Environment & Community Manager of Wyong Coal with Senior Constable Racquel Hassett (L) and Centre Manager Cathy Ross (R)

Over the past 12 years PCYC police have been working closely with groups in the community to deliver youth programs aimed at assisting young people reengage back into education, the workplace and the community. "We work to reduce and prevent youth related crime on the Central Coast at a grass roots level", added S/Cst Hassett.

Peter Smith, Environment & Community Manager said "We are always impressed when we visit the PCYC centre. Wallarah 2 is proud to support the ongoing programs that add significant benefit not only to young people but the broader community".

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