

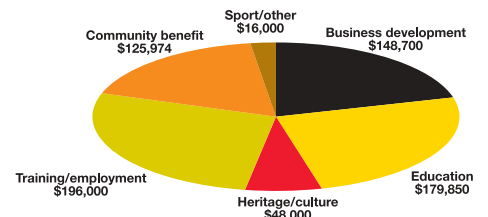


The Coal & Allied Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee (ADCC) is a funding programme dedicated to delivering long term sustainable outcomes for Aboriginal communities surrounding our operations.

The ADCC was launched in 2006 in partnership with the Upper Hunter Valley Aboriginal Community. Since then it has provided more than \$740,000 for projects to benefit Aboriginal people in the region.

These projects have helped build capacity in the areas of business development, education, heritage and culture, training, employment and community.

Total funding provided by category as of August 2008



The ADCC funding programme is accessible by any Aboriginal person or group in the Upper Hunter Valley region undertaking a project to benefit the wider Aboriginal community.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week 2007, with help from the ADCC.



"The ADCC aims to provide funds to community-identified and driven projects that will assist in achieving the Aboriginal community's 'Vision for the Future'.

"We aim to enable equivalent access and outcomes in education, training, employment and economic participation that are enjoyed by the wider community, while retaining the unique heritage and traditions of the Upper Hunter Aboriginal community."

- Coal & Allied ADCC independent chairman Paul Wand.

Ka-Wul Education and Cultural Resource Centre

The Ka-Wul Education and Cultural Resource Centre started as a homework centre in 1993, and has grown into a hub of activity for Singleton's Indigenous community.

The Coal & Allied ADCC has supported this transformation, providing \$80,000 in funding in 2008.

The money has allowed the centre to buy new computers, develop an Indigenous garden and employ a new programme coordinator.

The centre takes a holistic, strategic approach to engaging Indigenous students and their families in education and their traditional culture using a range of resources such as books, DVDs and artefacts. It now has a permanent home at Singleton High School.



Ka-Wul's Jenny Campbell and founder Rene Molineaux (foreground l-r), with Coal & Allied Aboriginal Relations Specialist Cate Sims and Singleton High School Principal Tony Jarrett (background l-r).

"My dream was to open a facility where every Indigenous child could reconnect with their culture and get a good education in an environment that fosters a sense of pride and belonging.

"The Coal & Allied ADCC has believed in us from the start, providing the necessary financial assistance to help us grow and afford the resources that have made that dream a reality."

- Ka-Wul Education and Cultural Resource Centre founder Rene Molineaux.

Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation

The Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation in Singleton is a shopfront that provides a range of community support, including rooms for outreach and medical services and assistance for Aboriginal people in training and employment.

In 2007, the corporation needed more space to better meet existing needs and to take advantage of opportunities to generate income from meeting and training room hire.

The ADCC assisted this expansion, providing 12 month's rent to allow the corporation to move to a larger premises, and additional funding in 2008 to further support the corporation's development.

The ADCC's funding, totalling \$121,400, has helped build the corporation into a stable, sustainable service provider.



Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation Project Manager Taasha Layer in the new, larger premises.

"Thanks to the ADCC, we've been able to build a solid foundation that focuses on our core business, providing essential services to the Aboriginal community of the Upper Hunter."

"The ADCC's support has provided us with the capacity to develop new income streams."

"Once fully developed, these will ensure the sustainability of current programmes and enable us to pursue further the promotion of and access to a range of cultural tourism, training and employment opportunities that will assist in strengthening the local Aboriginal community."

- Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation Project Manager Taasha Layer.



Participants in a truck skills operator training programme run at Coal & Allied's Hunter Valley Operations.

Upper Hunter Skills Development Centre

A project to boost Aboriginal employment in the Upper Hunter Valley has resulted in 23 unemployed Aboriginal people gaining jobs in the mining industry.

The 12 month project, known as the Upper Hunter Skills Development Centre, kicked off in 2006 with \$125,000 in funding from the ADCC.

The centre has since built a strong presence in the region.

It continues to partner with contractors to place Aboriginal people into traineeships at Coal & Allied sites, into employment with other mining companies and into positions in mining related industries.

"I want to thank Coal & Allied for the opportunity that they have created for us."

"We are happy to have a well paid job and an income coming in so that we can improve our lives and those who are close around us."

"Anybody in the Aboriginal community is able to do this if they set their mind to it - there are opportunities out there to be able to live a decent life."

- Hunter Valley Operations mining operator and training course graduate Burrul Galigabali of Singleton.

Applications

The projects funded by the Coal & Allied ADCC are selected as those most likely to deliver long term, sustainable outcomes for the local Aboriginal community.

The ADCC operates under a set of guidelines established to and agreed upon by the Upper Hunter Valley Aboriginal Community and Coal & Allied.

Applications may be made by members of the Upper Hunter Valley Aboriginal Community including the areas of Singleton, Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter.

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