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SOUTH32 HELPS LOCAL FIRE BRIGADES PREPARE FOR SUMMER

Rural Fire Service (RFS) brigades in the Illawarra region will be even better prepared for the upcoming fire season thanks to a significant financial contribution from South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC).

The funding, from South32 IMC's Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program, has been used by local RFS brigades to purchase new equipment that will help to keep communities safe this summer.

South32 IMC has donated more than AU\$15,500 to the Farmborough Heights and Mount Kembla brigades, enabling volunteer crews to purchase new radio equipment, batteries, charging devices and lockers.

"We are very grateful for the work of our local RFS volunteers. They do an amazing job keeping the community safe," said IMC Vice President Operations, Wayne Bull.

"All frontline workers, including our local RFS crews, are real heroes. I wish them a safe and successful summer."

NSW RFS Illawarra District Acting Manager Michael Gray urged local residents to ensure readiness for the warmer months: "It could be another busy season for all of our local NSW RFS brigades, so we are grateful for South32's support. We're ready to help keep our communities safe this summer. However, you need to have your own bush fire survival plan and discuss it with your family. How fireproof is your fire plan?"

IMC's Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program was established in 2004 to support community projects and initiatives in the local area surrounding IMC's Dendrobium Mine.

For more information about the Program or to apply for funding, please email illawarracommunity@south32.net or phone 1800 102 210.

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