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To whom it may concern,

BHP Mt Arthur Coal would like to offer its support to Muswellbrook Men's Shed regarding accessing funding under the National Shed Development Program in the three categories of the funding round.

BHP fully supports the Muswellbrook Men's Shed and its activities in the local community. The Men's Shed members offer support to one another, in terms of each other's physical and mental health, and to the broader Muswellbrook community.

This year BHP Mt Arthur Coal has engaged the skilled services of the Muswellbrook Men's Shed through BHP's Local Buying Program to construct more than 150 habitat nesting boxes to place on the rehabilitated areas of the Mt Arthur Coal Mine Complex. The Men's Shed members completed this work well in advance of the due date and BHP Mt Arthur looks forward to future supply opportunities with the Shed.

Even though the Muswellbrook Men's Shed is housed in a newly built facility, members are limited by a lack of specific items and capacity. This lack of capacity means that in future the members may be limited in the way they can access supply opportunities across the Muswellbrook community, which would be an economic loss for the Men's Shed but also for local business.

The Muswellbrook Men's Shed is seeking to replace and gain additional assets, resources, training and to further improve the Shed so as to place the organisation in a position to best assist the members and the community.

Financial support from the Federal Government's National Shed Development Program would be beneficial to sustaining a vibrant and critical element of the Muswellbrook community.

BHP Mt Arthur Coal sincerely hopes the funding application receives favourable consideration.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to reach out to me on the above phone number.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C White', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chris White
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