



sonoma coal grants feature



The Sonoma Coal team at the Grants Program launch in Collinsville recently, from left Kaley Cardow, Michael McKee, Paul Antich, Dave Nebauer and Andrew McDonald.

Community boost

THE Collinsville community has received a welcome boost to its community programs with Sonoma Coal launching its Collinsville 2020 Grants Program.

The Collinsville 2020 grants are designed to contribute to the growth and development of Collinsville and surrounding areas and enrich the lives of the people living within those communities, now and in the future.

Sonoma Mine Management general manager Michael McKee said the Grants Program was a way Sonoma Coal could make a positive and lasting contribution to the community of Collinsville.

"We're keen to become an active part of the Collinsville community," he said.

"We see the best way to do this is to support local projects and services that directly ben-

efit the people of Collinsville and make this place a great place to live, work and play."

The Collinsville 2020 Grants Program consists of three types of grants:

Community Spirit grants - to the value of up to \$2000 per grant; awarded every second month from February 2009;

Community Growth grants - to the value of up to \$15,000 per grant; awarded annually in December; and

Education grants - awarded annually in December; consists of one academic bursary of \$8000 per year for up to 4 years of tertiary study (university or TAFE) in an area of study relevant to earth sciences, and up to 3 school-based traineeships through Collinsville State High School.

"We've identified four areas that we'd like to focus on with our grants," Mr McKee said.

"These being the wellbeing of children and youth, the wellbeing of the seniors, education and training, and the promotion of a healthy, active and cohesive community.

"We encourage local community groups who have a project or service that benefits the community in one of these areas to pick up an application form and apply for a Collinsville 2020 grant."

Mr McKee said the deadline for this year's applications for the Academic Bursary and the Community Growth Grants was Friday, January 16, 2009. Grants will be awarded shortly after that.

For more information about the grants or to download guidelines and an application form, visit www.sonomacoal.com