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# Sonoma's helping MOW get cooking

SONOMA Coal has started the first round of the Sonoma Collinsville 2020 Community grants program with the presentation of \$15,000 to the Collinsville Scottville Meals on Wheels Association.

The funds will enable Meals on Wheels to employ a part-time kitchen assistant.

A total of \$70,963 has been awarded in the first round of the Sonoma Grants program for six separate community projects and the first Annual Sonoma Coal Education Bursary.

St John Bosco School will receive \$15,000 for the construction of a new shaded area and \$2963 to build a new concrete access footpath.

The Collinsville Marching Association has been granted \$2000 towards the costs of sending eight girls and two coaches to Sydney to compete in the Under 17 section



Sonoma Mine's Michael McKee with, from left, Hillside Haven administrator Jackie Hoskins and MOW's Denise Hall, Liz Stock, Renee Batchelor, June Hathaway, Norrien Hinds, Donna Cole, and Annette Taylor of the National Marching titles.

The Bowen River Fish Stocking Association gets \$2000 for their 2009 fish stocking project in the Bowen and Broken Rivers, and the Collinsville Scottville Historical Society has been awarded \$2000 for its "Book of Memories" project documenting stories of the early years from older residents.

The first Annual Sonoma Coal Education bursary has been awarded to Kathy

Macdonald, who has just completed Year 12 at Collinsville High School, and is starting her studies at James Cook University this year.

Kathy will receive \$8000 a year for up to four years while she studies at the University.

Sonoma Mine Management's Operations manager Michael McKee said the company was pleased with the applications received for the first round of the Sonoma

Grants Program. "We were excited to receive such a wide variety of applications from Collinsville organisations for the first round of our grants program" he said.

"Collinsville has made Sonoma Coal welcome since we began operations at the site just over 12 months ago, and we are pleased to be able to put something back into our local community."