



PRESS RELEASE

MICO Devils embrace the giving spirit of Christmas

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During October the fiercely contested rugby league carnival 'Battle of the Mines' was once again hosted in Cloncurry, with two teams from Xstrata Mount Isa Mines competing; MICO Devils and the Xstrata Xmen.

As a result of generous sponsorships and merchandise sales the MICO Devils walked away with more than \$4,500 to donate to charity and just in time for Christmas.

This year two local organisations benefited; the Children's Ward at the Mount Isa Hospital and the Laura Johnson Home.

The Children's Ward received an influx of thoughtfully selected gifts including a 51" Samsung full HD TV, six Nintendo 3DSXL with twelve games, six Nintendo DS Accessory Packs and six 7" Portable DVD Players.

Mike Westerman, General Manager Mount Isa Copper Operations said it gave him great pleasure to donate these gifts on behalf of the MICO Devils.

"Hopefully our donation will bring a smile to kids faces who unfortunately have to spend this Christmas period in hospital receiving treatment," said Mike.

"I'd like to thank our local businesses who provided great discounts for the electronics we purchased ensuring this donation could go ahead," he said.

EB Games, Leading Edge Electronics and Harvey Norman all provided discounted products.

"The Laura Johnson Home is this region's only aged care facility providing critical services aimed at assisting residents to maintain their independence. We believe they are very deserving of some additional financial support this festive season," said Mike.

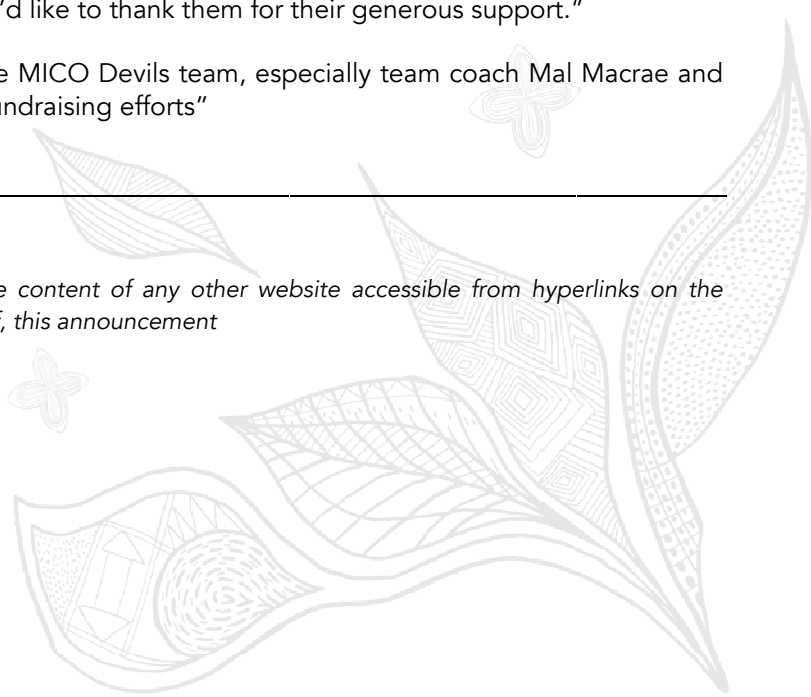
"We hope our \$1,500 donation will make for a nice Christmas present for the Home's residents," he said.

"This year our sponsors included Bell and Moir, Start Construction, Ashdown Ingram, AWX, Normet, DSG Mining and Xylem. On behalf of the MICO Devils I'd like to thank them for their generous support."

"I'd also like to say a very special thank you to the MICO Devils team, especially team coach Mal Macrae and team coordinator Tammy Farrell for their superb fundraising efforts"

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