

Lucy Leaps for the Rescue Helicopter

Newcastle (Australia), 10 August 2018 —

Coal Services' Managing Director/CEO, Lucy Flemming, leapt from the top of Newcastle's iconic McDonald Jones Stadium on Friday, 10 August.

With nerves of steel Lucy was one of 25 Hunter leaders to take part in the Westpac Rescue Helicopter's Leaders Leap; one of the Service's most adventurous and successful fundraising events.

Ms Flemming said the exhilarating experience was something she never thought she would do.

'I had never abseiled before and was really apprehensive when they invited me to be part of this event. Luckily, I got in a practice run with our Mines Rescue trainers who are experts in this field so I thought I knew what to expect,' she said.

'I was definitely pushed out of my comfort zone here today but wow, it was worth it!' Ms Flemming added.

Coal Services has proudly supported the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service since 2010. The Service embodies the company's commitment to giving back to the industry, families and communities in which we operate where safeguarding their health, wellbeing and welfare is important.

So far the leaders have raised over \$70,000 collectively, with the total increasing by the day. Ms Flemming thanked everyone who has supported her in this challenge.

'I am very humbled by the number of people and organisations who have donated to this worthy cause. I set out to raise \$2,500 and through the generosity of friends, family, colleagues and industry partners I have raised over \$13,000. Thank you so much.'

CEO Richard Jones said that he has been overwhelmed by the passion and generosity of the 25 Leaders who are Leaping in support of the Service.

'It's clear to see that the Hunter is home to many big hearted and brave individuals. From athletes, to artists, leaders of local industry and TV celebrities. Each Leader has gone above and beyond to raise vital funds for their Westpac Rescue Helicopter,' Mr Jones said.

'Thank you to our generous community of supporters for getting behind our 25 courageous Leaders. Your support has helped to ensure that the Westpac Rescue Helicopter can continue to fly 24-7 as a free service to those in need, he said.

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Donations may be made until Friday, 17 August. **Visit the [Leaders Leap website](#) for more information.**

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Facts about Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

- Since 1975, nobody has ever had to pay to be assisted by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.
- Today, the Service is there for 1.5 million people throughout Northern NSW and saves close to 2,000 lives each year.
- The Service relies on corporate sponsorships and community fundraising to do so.

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About Coal Services:

Coal Services is an industry-owned organisation committed to providing critical services and expertise to the NSW coal mining industry.

We operate a Specialised Health and Safety Scheme that provides an integrated suite of services aimed at preventing injury and illness in the workplace. These services help employers to identify, assess, monitor and control many risks inherent in the NSW coal mining industry.

Our preventative and responsive services in the areas of occupational health and safety, workers compensation, mines rescue and training help to deliver on our purpose 'to protect'.

We are jointly owned by two shareholders, the NSW Minerals Council and the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU). Our purpose, vision and values are aligned to focus on the safety and health of our industry and its workers.

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