

Mines Rescue partners with Singleton Greyhounds on team building ahead of season kick off

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On Saturday 11 February, members from the Singleton United Rugby League Football Club Inc. (SURLFC), fronted up to hone-in-on their communication and teamwork skills, through a Vertical Heights Relocation team building exercise lead by Hunter Valley Mines Rescue Station (HVMRS).

At the Mines Rescue station in Singleton, under the instruction of Doug Spencer and Paul King, HVMRS Training Officers and fitted with appropriate abseiling safety equipment, each team member was required to climb over the side of the heights training tower, whilst their teammates worked the ropes and lowered them safely to ground, and then back up to the top of the tower.

Mr Mark Newman, Coach of the SURLFC First Grade Squad said it was a great exercise ahead of the 2023 Season kick off, encouraging the guys to work together, communicate clearly and trust one another in a situation which could have serious consequences.

Mr Luke Gardner, President of the SURLFC, said the boys worked well together communicating clearly throughout the exercise and ensuring every team member got down from and back up to the top of the tower safely.

“The sponsorship relationship that the club has built with Mines Rescue over the last four years is a real asset to the club, not only do they put on these fantastic team building days for the team, but they also sponsor our first aiders by providing first aid training. This gives us great peace of mind, ensuring our people have access to the best training and skills, and as an added bonus having one of their own employees, Doug Spencer volunteer to provide first aid at our first-grade games”, says Mr Gardner.

Coal Services (who own Mines Rescue) have been Corporate Sponsors of SURLFC since 2018 and have a current agreement in place until 2025. This sponsorship has a heavy focus on first aid which lends itself to their expertise with HVMRS providing accredited training to the clubs First Aid Officers.

Mr Dave McLean, Regional Manager of HVMRS said sponsorship opportunities like these are a great way to demonstrate the Coal Services purpose ‘To Protect’ at a community grassroots level.

“Our relationship with SURLFC provides Mines Rescue with the opportunity to engage directly with the community and let them know a little more about us and the work we do protecting the NSW mining industry and its workers, says Mr McLean.”

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Pictured: Mines Rescue Training Officers, Mr Doug Spencer (*front row, left*) and Paul King (*back row, left*) with Singleton United Rugby League Football Club Inc., First Grade Greyhounds squad members.







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