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AWARDS RECOGNISE SNOWY HYDRO'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Snowy Hydro has once again been recognised as an ABA100 Winner for Community Contribution in the Australian Business Awards 2015.

This is the fifth time Snowy Hydro has received the Community Contribution award, demonstrating the value of the organisation's Community Partnerships Program.

Since the first blast was fired during construction of the Snowy Mountains Scheme in 1949, Snowy Hydro has been a major employer in the region and a valued part of the local community.

The Community Partnerships Program targets investment where it will have a positive impact and generate long-term benefits for the communities of the Snowy Mountains region. The program includes support for the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter, Cooma Universities Centre, Young Driver Training as well as local festivals and events.

"Snowy Hydro is an important part of the communities we live, work and operate in. Whether it's as a major employer, the operator of 16 power stations in some of Australia's most beautiful countryside, a provider of electricity and gas to our one million account holders or as the supporter of organisations and charities that make a difference to society, we take our role very seriously," Snowy Hydro CEO Paul Broad said.

"Our focus is on supporting and investing in our local communities where our staff live and work. We support activities that have a wide reach, are accessible and benefit the people of the Snowy Mountains region. We don't just provide donations, we build healthy partnerships with the community."

Ms Tara Johnston, Program Director, says, "For a decade, The Australian Business Awards have conducted knowledge building programs which focus on organisations that prioritise innovation and technology as they continue to drive local and international markets.

"The ABA100 Winners have demonstrated innovative, enterprising and technologically advanced business initiatives and products that support an obvious transformation coinciding with the ever-changing, highly competitive business environment.

"High-performing, intelligent organisations that continuously and effectively improve their processes and products are set to survive the long term challenges faced by all Australian businesses," Ms Johnston added.

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