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KCGM Safety Donation to Benefit Local Sporting Groups

KCGM's latest Safety Innovation Award winners have chosen to donate \$6,000 each to the Eastern Goldfields Cricket Association (EGCA) and the Goldfields Tennis Club (GTC).

The KCGM quarterly Safety Innovation Awards are designed to improve safety culture by recognising and rewarding individuals or teams that have implemented safety innovation ideas that eliminate or minimise risks on site. The winning individual or team then nominates a local community organisation to receive a \$12,000 safety donation.

KCGM General Manager Cecile Thaxter said this quarter's winners - the Mineral Processing Analysis and Improvement team and Operations team - chose to split their donation in half to benefit both sporting groups.

"These awards not only drive improvements in our safety culture, but also demonstrates KCGM's commitment to the local community," Ms Thaxter said.

"The winning team identified and implemented a new system to reduce Cyanide gas generation in the Fimiston Processing Plant. The system improved stability and reduced lime spillage, decreasing the manual handling required and potential for chemical exposure when cleaning the lime mill area."

EGCA Chairman Steve Wojtowicz said the money would be a fantastic addition to the club.

"This donation will certainly go a long way," Mr Wojtowicz said. "Our trailer and covers were stolen so the funds will help with the repair and replacement of these items. Some of the funds will also go towards covering costs for Country Week. We'd like to thank the winning team for their donation and we really appreciate their thoughtfulness."

GTC President Shane Power said the club was very appreciative of the donation.

"The GTC is currently experiencing a difficult period with declining membership, and we're looking at ways to grow revenue," Mr Power said. "One of the projects is installing timers on our court lights, which will enable people within the community, who may not be club members, to hire the court for casual use. This automated system would allow people to come down and have a hit after work, without us having to be here to manage it."

"This donation from KCGM is a pleasant surprise and we're rapt! This is a big amount of money for the club and we're very thankful."

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