



Help educate young children

BUSINESSES in Scone and the Upper Hunter are being encouraged to put children first and support the Hunter Life Education program.

Hunter Life Education icon Healthy Harold (*pictured*) has been a regular visitor in schools in the region for many years.

The not for profit organisation focuses on preventative drug education providing seminars to primary school children.

In the past, the program has been largely supported by BHP Billiton's Mount Arthur Coal, however further support is needed to ensure the long term sustainability of the worthwhile program.

Hunter Life Education would like to see the program grow in the future and are urging local businesses to Adopt-a-



Class to ensure all children can benefit from the program.

With a view to future growth of the program in the region and consideration of increasing costs associated with the program, Hunter Life Education has recommended engaging local small and medium businesses.

The support of local companies will allow them to make a positive contribution towards the community.

Four businesses have already shown their support, however eight more are needed to adopt a class for \$450.

Hunter Life Education fundraising and event assistant Heather Niciak said Hunter Life Education and the Upper Hunter Sustainable Development Committee work together to ensure all primary schools in the Upper Hunter region can continue to attend the valuable life education sessions.

"We're hoping with the contributions from Dress Down Drug Free and with new Adopt-a-Class supporters in the Upper Hunter region we can continue to provide this important education to schools in the region," she said.

For more information or to adopt a class, contact Michelle Hill on 4958 6766.