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FAMILY BENEFITS FROM COMALCO COMMUNITY GRANTS

Comalco Aluminium (Bell Bay) Limited has a long standing policy of supporting Tasmanians and Tasmanian communities. In June this year they launched a new initiative 'The Community Grants' Initiative with the aim of providing financial support to not for profit organisations or individuals.

For this first round of funding over 80 applications were received from right across Tasmania for assistance.

Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest applied for a grant on behalf of Rocky Cape couple Naomi Tuthill and Mark Mclvor and their son Austin. Austin was born in January this year with multiple major debilitating health issues and has spent most of his six months in hospital either in Burnie, Hobart and most recently the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.

"When I became aware of Naomi and Mark's situation and Austin's health needs, I certainly appreciated their need for support. It is challenging enough raising 3 young children let alone having to spend so much time in hospital with one and being away from the others, who need their mother just as much" said Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest.

"I applied for a Comalco community grant after learning that consideration would be given to individuals requiring assistance to improve quality of life through the purchase of equipment to assist with disabilities, and I was overwhelmed to learn that Comalco had chosen Naomi and Mark out of 80 other applications" said Ms Forrest.

The Advocate and The Chronicle are invited to attend a photo opportunity and Comalco presentation which will take place at 12.30 on Friday 18th August at North West Hospital, Burnie.

For further information please phone Ruth Forrest on 0419 879524.

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