

BENGALLA MINE Community Consultative Committee Update

The Bengalla CCC Newsletter...

The material in this issue of the Bengalla Mine Community Consultative Committee (BMCCC) newsletter has been selected by the CCC representatives.

The BMCCC is comprised of community representatives and representatives from Bengalla Mine including the General Manager. This newsletter aims to inform interested community members on matters discussed during CCC meetings.

The CCC welcomes a new committee members

Llewellyn Bates and Dennis Burton recently became a member of the Community Consultative Committee.

Llewellyn has a long history in the community having lived here most of her life, which also included five years in Sydney and about fifteen years in Singleton. Llewellyn and her husband Bruce manage and run a beef cattle property west of Muswellbrook.

She also does a lot of voluntary work within the community.

Llewellyn joined the committee as she has always had an interest in the environment, agriculture, and heavy industry, especially living within close proximity to Bengalla. She worked as a Secretary at Liddell Power Station, and also at Wambo Mining for a number of years.

Dennis is a third generational resident living in the Muswellbrook area. He has worked as a tradesman for 53 years in the Automotive, Power Generation, and

mining industries. He has also been a part of different community groups such as Scouts, the CMF and the local church community. Dennis also enjoys hobbies such as photography and gardening.

Dennis joined the committee as he is interested in the community of Muswellbrook and surrounding area it's environment safety, and the future of the mining industry.

Bengalla and the committee welcome Llewellyn and Dennis to the team and look forward to working together.

Upper Hunter Tertiary Education Centre

On Monday 8th August Cam Halfpenny attended the official opening of the Upper Hunter Tertiary Education Centre

As a long term member of the Muswellbrook community, Bengalla is proud to partner with Muswellbrook Shire Council and Hunter Institute TAFE NSW to support the construction of the Upper Hunter Tertiary Centre. It is a great pleasure and an honour to be part of official opening of the centre.

The development of this centre will bring much needed education resources to the Upper Hunter, providing new opportunities for the members of our community.

Bengalla is a proud sponsor of this project and we will continue to support such programs into the future.

We are excited to see the next stages of the project fall into place and look forward to working with Muswellbrook Shire Council and Hunter TAFE in the future.

Developments such as this are fantastic for the future of Muswellbrook.



Upper Hunter Tertiary Education opening. Hon John Barilaro, Michael Johnsen MP, Martin Rush Mayor Muswellbrook Shire Council, Cam Halfpenny CEO Bengalla Coal Mine

Upper Hunter Education Fund

Bengalla recently became a foundation sponsor of the Upper Hunter Education Fund.

The purpose of the fund is to foster further education, career and personal development opportunities for young people in the Upper Hunter, through community based encouragement and financial assistance.

The fund aims to give access to as many young people as possible from the Upper Hunter access to post education and training and reduce financial impediments to the decision to undertake tertiary education.

The fund would like to increase the rate of participants wishing to attend TAFE and/or university and ensure the youth of the Upper Hunter have access to their preferred vocational choice. They wish to build a stronger, economically and socially sustainable community with a greater skills diversity and to support a broad range of abilities and interests.

The fund also conducts HSC Study camps, held twice a year. At the camps students are provided with direct tutoring and mentoring from young scholars, giving them the insight into the intensity of competition for entries to the best post school educational institutions.

Bengalla is proud to become a long term supporter of the fund and look forward to working with the Upper Hunter Education Fund to support the youth in our local community.

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Dry Creek project Continues

The construction of the Dry Creek Diversion is now approximately 85% complete. The majority of construction activities will be completed by mid-September 2016. To date there has been 95,000 man hours put in to the construction.

Excavation of the CW1 dam north of Wybong Road is all but complete, with rehabilitation works commencing throughout August. The dam wall construction was completed in July, and the dam spillway recently excavated to final design.

By mid-September the diversion pipeline will be completely connected to the CW1 dam pump station, with the final connections being made into the pump station itself over the coming weeks.

Commissioning of the CW1 dam pump station will start at the end of August. This initially will be a dry commissioning of the pump station, with a wet commissioning slated for October. It is expected that in October that the electrical transmission line for the pump station

will be commissioned. This will require an Ausgrid cutover, cutting power for approximately half a day. Updates on this timing will be provided as they are received.

Pending access arrangements with Mount Pleasant to build infrastructure within their mining lease (ML1645), construction will soon be on two key

sections of the western diversion levee that runs west of the Bengalla Mine. One of these sections requires excavation of the Bengalla Link Road, immediately to the north of the Bengalla Mine access road. This will be managed with traffic control (traffic lights, speed reductions on approach) and is expected to start in October, with a construction period of approximately 2.5 months.



Work experience for local students

Bengalla mine commenced another round of work experience in June by welcoming 7 Muswellbrook High School students to its mine site.

Year 10 students spent the last week of their school term at Bengalla experiencing what it is like to work at a mine and learn about a variety of occupations in the mining industry.

Employees at the mine offered hands on experience to the students who were interested in maintenance trades, electrical engineering, geology, environment, production and

health and safety.

Bengalla was pleased to welcome the students. Work experience for a student is one of the most valuable activities that they can do to support their career development. It is an opportunity to develop skills and networks, learn about the world of work and to decide what they would like to do in the future.

It also provides Bengalla with an opportunity to work with the

young people in our community and understand their aspirations and build on the school to work pathways.



The minutes and presentations from CCC meetings are available for public viewing at the Muswellbrook and Denman Libraries. If you have an interest in any of the topics discussed at the CCC and would like further information on this topic or in future newsletters, please contact one of the members listed below.

If you wish to attend a Bengalla CCC meeting, or would like an issue raised by one of the Committee members, please contact any of the members listed below:

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