

BENGALLA MINE

Community Consultative Committee Update

The Bengalla CCC Newsletter...

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

The Committee 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.

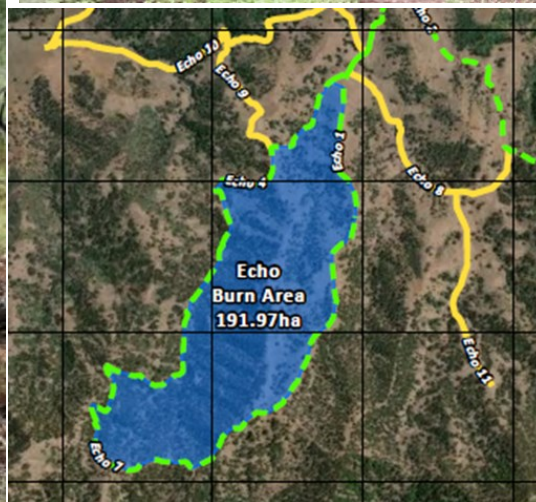
Offset Properties Hazard Reduction Burns





Bengalla Mining Company owns biodiversity offset properties that offset ecological disturbance at Bengalla Mine being Kenalea (located east of Scone), Black Mountain (located north of Scone) and Merriwa River (located south of Merriwa).

The offsets contain vegetation ranging from open grassland to woodland areas. BMC had planned to undertake bushfire hazard reduction burns over part of each offset during 2022.

Preparation works for the controlled burns have commenced by developing burn plans for part of each offset that includes inspections of existing roads and tracks for barriers, preparing ecological assessments, and planning for mobilisation of crews and equipment.

Due to the ongoing La Nina the controlled burns will be delayed - likely during 2023. BMC will continue to monitor moisture levels and fuel loads across the relevant part of the offsets to enable the execution of effective controlled burns.



-  Burn Scars
-  Tactical Fire Trail Category 1
-  Tactical Fire Trail Category 7
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2023 Bengalla Apprentices and Scholarship Recipients

We have recently welcomed to Bengalla five apprentices who are completing their Electrical or Plant Mechanic trades. During the first week on site the apprentices joined all the other Bengalla apprentices in completing the annual Apprentice Community project at St Josephs Primary School Merriwa. The project overhauled 2 playground areas, one with fresh garden beds and seating. The second area pictured below is an experiential area consisting of a yarning circle, Tepee, dry river bed and mud kitchen under a shade sail.

We are pleased to welcome apprentices Jeb Stewart, George Bowman, Kyle Wolfgang, Jaxon Schafer and Jacob Simpson pictured with Cam Halfpenny (General Manager), John Campbell (Maintenance Manager), Luke Holz (Infrastructure and Engineering Superintendent), and Russell Hartin (CHPP, Logistics and Infrastructure Superintendent).



The Bengalla Undergraduate Scholarships, which first commenced in 2000, have again been awarded to local students wishing to pursue tertiary studies in an Australian University in 2023. We wish all the successful recipients the very best for their studies next year. Congratulations to Alyssa Mollema (Scone Grammar School), Jorji Taaffe and Olivia Taylor (St Josephs Aberdeen), Ava Stewart, Harrison Kelly, Jordon Chetty and Noah Petersen (Muswellbrook High School) and Emily Taylor (Bengalla Employee child). Congratulations to all of the recipients.



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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