

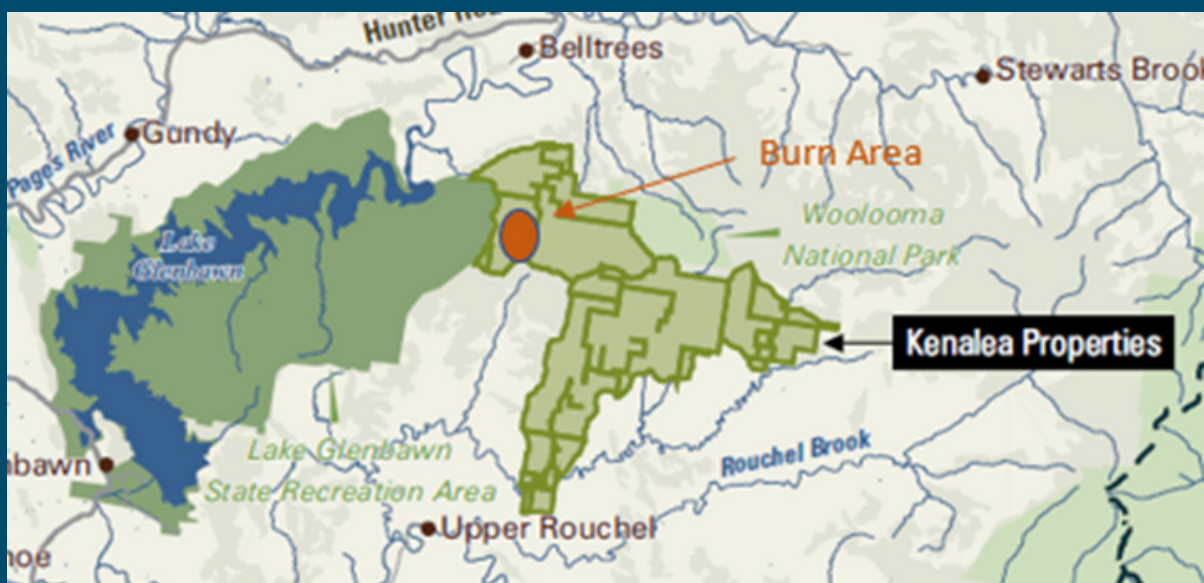
THE BENGALLA CCC NEWSLETTER

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.

CONTROLLED BURN OF OFFSET PROPERTIES

Bengalla Mining Company (BMC) offsets ecological disturbance at the mine via the management of offset properties controlled by the Biodiversity Offset Management Plan (BOMP). The BOMP allows the protection of lives, property and biodiversity values through the use of controlled burns. BMC has recently undertaken controlled burns approved by the Rural Fire Service at each of its offset properties. One property we know as Kenelea is located east of Glenbawn Dam with the controlled burn area shown in ochre below.



Kenelea Property

Images of the controlled burn area



BENGALLA GROWTH & PROJECT UPDATE

The Bengalla Growth Project commenced in 2022 with an expected spend of approximately AUD\$200M. The outcomes of the project will be an increase in production capacity as well as an uplift in the quality of our products. The main production objectives are scheduled to be achieved by mid-2024.

The project is divided into three parts – Mining, CHPP and Infrastructure. In the mining expansion, Bengalla will purchase an additional 18 machines, including seven new Hitachi EH5000 trucks and a Liebherr R9800 excavator. Additional plant such as a Cat MD6250 drill, a couple of additional dozers, a grader and a watercart will also be delivered by mid-2024. This will enable the mine to increase delivery of ROM coal from 12.5Mt to 13.4Mt per year.

To deal with the additional ROM tonnes, the CHPP is undergoing an upgrade to increase throughput and product quality. Upgrades are being completed to the spirals and tailings circuit, resulting in the CHPP increasing plant input from 11.0Mt to 12.9Mt per year. This will deliver an improved average quality of products to align with market demand for higher quality coal. A new processing building is being built on the northern end of the plant which will house an additional four belt press filters. In the longer-term, upgrades to the raw coal reclaim circuit will be introduced to keep up with the upgraded plant.

The increase in output requires additional people onsite for the construction and ongoing operations, as well as a reconfiguration of the infrastructure area as the pit shell progresses through the existing facilities. To cope with the long-term personnel increase and pit progression, we will complete work on required infrastructure changes including additional carparking, administration and bathhouse buildings, as well as warehousing and maintenance facilities.



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CHPP Growth Construction

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.

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