



COMMUNITY CONSULTIVE 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.

MIGAS/BENGALLA 2024 APPRENTICES

Our 2024 intake of apprentices joined Bengalla onsite in November 2023. We proudly welcomed 11 new apprentices to the team across electrical, mechanical and fitting trades. This is our biggest intake of apprentices yet!

All of our apprentices are local and from either Muswellbrook or Upper Hunter Shire and they will gain experience across a broad range of areas within the mine.

During the first week onsite our apprentices spend 4 days in inductions, reviewing safety systems and hazard awareness training. On the Friday our apprentices joined in with our 2nd, 3rd and 4th year apprentices to deliver a community project. The Bengalla Apprentice Community Project enables the 4th year apprentices experience in designing and project managing a project, budgeting and working as a team to give back to the community.

This year the team of apprentices headed to St Josephs High School Aberdeen where they completed a number of projects including pathways, gardens, fencing and racking to store wood. In early 2024 our new apprentices will complete an 18 week stint at the Mining & Energy Skills Program held at Muswellbrook TAFE. On completion of this course they will return to site to complete the rest of their trade.



2024 Bengalla/MIGAS Apprentices: Ryley Bishop, Riley Newbury, Harry Goodwin, Oscar Morgan, Jack Markham, Monique Pracy, Tristan Gee, Jayden Glynn, Liam Hood, Lily Kenah, Bailey Hartley

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2023

Bengalla has supported a large number of groups, clubs, schools and charities in our local community. Throughout December we were pleased to have supported a number of events and programs within the community which helps to build the Christmas spirit.

The Power FM Christmas Spectacular was a wonderful evening of Christmas carols and a great community event where the whole family was able to enjoy local talent, free activities, food stalls, markets and a visit from Santa. Bengalla was proudly a cosponsor of this event for 2023.

The Rotary Club of Muswellbrook together with the Anglican Church in Muswellbrook host monthly community meals where everyone is invited to join together. These dinners are held at the St Alban's Church Hall in Hunter Terrace Muswellbrook. Bengalla are proudly a founding sponsor of this wonderful initiative and the Christmas dinner was attended by approximately 70 people. Bengalla employees joined in and brought gingerbread men decorating activities for all attendees. These monthly community dinners are held on the second Wednesday of the month.

The 2NM Power FM /Blackroo Food and Toy Appeal has been running for 23 years in the Upper Hunter and ensures that every family in our community can celebrate Christmas. Again this year Bengalla proudly supported the appeal through sponsorship from our Community Support Team and also through donations of food and gifts from our employees. 404 families and just over 1,600 people were supported through the 2023 appeal. The effort and time put in through the event co-ordinator De-Anne Douglas is nothing short of incredible. De-Anne ensures these presents and food hampers are wrapped, labelled and delivered to every family. It was a pleasure to be involved in the wrapping days at the Muswellbrook Basketball Stadium. On Christmas day 76 people enjoyed the Blackroo Christmas lunch and Bengalla donated hams for the lunch.

At Christmas the Bengalla team get into the spirit and decorate their Departments with Christmas lights and displays. We were thrilled when the Warrior team paid us a visit and helped to judge the winning display. Our teams are super competitive and winning the Warriors Choice Award is highly sought after. After announcing the CHPP team as the winning department with their upside down Christmas Team we all joined in to celebrate Christmas and have lunch together.



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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