# BENGALLA MINE

# COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

## Minutes of Meeting No. 152

**Location:** Bengalla Mining Company Boardroom

**Date**: Wednesday 26 November 2025

**Present**:

| Name | Affiliation |
|---|---|
| Malcolm Ogg (MO) | CCC Chairperson |
| Jonathan Moore (JM) | CCC Member |
| Llewellyn Bates (LB) | CCC Member |
| David Hartley | Muswellbrook Shire Council |
| Cam Halfpenny (CH) | Bengalla Mining Company Pty Ltd (BMC) (General Manager) |
| Glenn Meyn (GM) | BMC (Mine Manager) |
| John Campbell (JC) | BMC (Technical Services Manager) |
| Garth McCord (GMc) | BMC (Senior Drill and Blast Engineer) |
| Fiona Hartin (FH) | BMC (Community Relations Specialist and PA to the General Manager) (minute/note taker) |

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**Meeting opened:** 11.00am. Site tour to Western Diversion Levee and CHPP office attended from 10am- 11am by JM, LB and DH

1. **APOLOGIES:** Theresa Folpp, Hayley Frazer

**2. DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:** Nil

**3. SAFETY SHARE**

[GM] shared Roads and Other Vehicle Operating Area Video- Technical Reference Guide.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

August Minutes Moved by: [LB] Seconded by: [JM]

**5. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST**

**Action 1.**
What are the variety of trees that were planted along Wybong Road?
Presentation given. Complete.

**Action 2.**
LB requested blast results for 7 July.
Complete.

**Action 3.**
How Bengalla is changing its blast patterns

Presentation given by Garth. Complete.

**Action 4.**
Northeast sediment dam information pack to Theresa
Complete.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

Pre-meeting Summary Papers, Agenda, Draft Minutes and Newsletter, given to the CCC members.

29.08.2025 Email FH to CCC Members – Notification- Load testing on keys Bridge by Transport NSW.

10.10.2025 Email HF to LB – Blast results from 7 July 2025

05.11.2025 Email FH to CCC Members – request to change date of November CCC Meeting. Email responses from CCC Members.

## 7. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Report from [JM]:

- Very impressed with the tour of the Western Diversion Levee.

Report from [LB]:

- Thank you for the tour to be able to view the work being done at the Western Diversion Levee and also enjoyed visiting the CHPP.
- Could you also discuss the new link road and where this is up to?
- Saturday 11 October there was a large blast and another on 9 August. Could these results please be supplied?

Report from [DH]

- Also appreciate being kept up to date on the earth works that are currently occurring.

## 8. BENGALLA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

22-week plan shown. Second half of 2025/26 will be a big period. One of the biggest challenges is managing the weather. We have had The Environment Protection Authority completing bust the dust inspections and Bengalla has facilitated these inspections. We are completing rehab in the north. The diversion levee is a large project currently being completed. Mt Pleasant will start major earthworks in February to build a dam.

## 9. LAND MANAGEMENT

SSD- 5170 conceptual final landform for BMC. Plan is to reinstate Dry Creek at the end of our current mine life. Final void - HDWV on the eastern slope and pasture on the flatter areas. Rehab approx. 17ha of new rehab has been shaped with an additional 2-3 ha for rest of 2025.

Weed management – This is ongoing throughout the year. St Johns Wort, Pattersons curse and we take any opportunity to eliminate weeds.

Feral Pest Management. BMC own their own traps and have trapped pigs, foxes.

## 10. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Environmental monitoring review for August, September and October 2025 (the Reporting Period).

- Air Quality:
- Criterion - 24 Hour PM10. During the Reporting Period BMC was compliant with the 24-hour PM10 air quality criterion.
- New Air quality monitoring network- still waiting on a level 2 electrician to complete the installation of the TEOM's with 4 of the 8 installed.
- Noise Management:
- For the Reporting Period BMC was compliant with the noise criteria.
- Blast Monitoring:
    - For the Reporting Period one blasts exceeded compliance limit of 120dB(L) at the Moore Monitor (120.3dBL), but no exceedance of vibration limits.
- Water Usage:
    - BMC has extracted 586ML from the Hunter River from 1 July 2025 to 31 October 2025. Rainfall was above the long-term average for May 2025 (2nd wettest year in 30 years) and August 2025 (MTD) (wettest year in 30 years), while being well below average in June 2025 and on average for July 2025.
    - BMC discharged to the Hunter River during the reporting period. BMC discharged 122ML of water within licenced parameters 21-22 August 2025.
- Complaints:
    - In 2025 BMC have received 4 complainants with 19 complaints via the complaints process/hotline.
- Environmental incidents: 0. Independent Environment Audit currently occurring.

## 11. PROJECTS AND OTHER ITEMS

APPLICATIONS AND APPROVALS

<u>Modification 6</u>
Recycled Water Pipeline is on hold. Waiting for Muswellbrook Shire Council decision.

<u>Modification 8</u>
- Changes to the construction footprint for the realignment of Bengalla Link Road. Map shown.
- Aim to commence construction in 2026.

<u>Modification 9</u>
- Changes to the approved final landform introducing geomorphic designs.

- Installation of gas drainage wells to reduce emissions. Explore technology to reduce Bengalla's greenhouse gases.
- ROM pad extension and associated water management infrastructure (including a new ROM dam). BMC are developing water management strategy for the life of mine.
- Proposing to submit by March 2026.

Exploration Lease 9431
Drilling program completed in the EL. Coal quality data is being assessed. EL application 6831 currently being assessed.

AL19
100% ownership by New Hope Group.

## 12. COMMUNITY REPORT

Community slides presented including a summary of the community partnerships and community events held over the last quarter.

A summary of the approved sponsorships September – November 2025:

- Muswellbrook District Junior Rugby League Football Club – Girls League Tag
- St Joseph's College Aberdeen – Health and Wellbeing Course
- The Yellow Cottage Scone – Togetherness Cultural Ceremony
- Interacts Upper Hunter Inc – 20th Anniversary Drink Bottles
- School Presentation Days (25 schools)
- Upper Hunter Show Beef Cattle Competition
- Rotary Club Community Meals
- Pacific Book Christian School – Trailer
- Muswellbrook Fire and Rescue – Santa Lolly Run
- Blackroo Community Indigenous Organisation – Mick Sheedy Memorial Golf Day
- St Joseph College Aberdeen – Catering for Interacts 2025 Event
- Wybong Public Hall – Purchase of generator
- Denman Public School – Christmas Raffle
- Merriwa's Springtime Show 2026
- Murravale Aged Care – Generator
- Scone Historical Society – Laptop
- Scone Junior Rugby Union – Jersey and Sleeve Sponsorship
- Scone Mustangs – Jersey Sponsorship

There have been many events that have occurred over the last quarter, these include:

- Great Cattle Dog Muster
- Group 21 Grand Final Day
- Forever Loved Events
- Merriwa Springtime Show
- Dougal Archibald Cup
- Scone Pre School Black Tie Ball
- Murrurundi King of the Ranges
- Muswellbrook Open Golf Championships
- Scone Westpac Charity Golf Day
- St Joseph's Aberdeen Mental Health Program

- Merriwa Central School 175 Year Celebrations
- Gundy Bushman's Carnival
- Blue Heeler Film Festival
- Muswellbrook Pre School Community Open Day
- Denman Food and Wine Affair
- Gundy Ball
- Muswellbrook Charity Rodeo
- Scone Bloom Markets
- Yellow Cottage Pre School Cultural Dance
- Muswellbrook Rotary Community Meals
- Peter Riddy Memorial Scholarship Presentation
- Bengalla Apprentice Project – Denman Pre School
- Merriwa Camp Draft
- School Mine Tours
- BUSS Scholarships (8 scholarships awarded)

## 13. CCC NEWSLETTER IDEAS

Ideas include- Bengalla Link Road relocation- design and construction (Feb 2026), Modification 8 and 9 update, Emissions reduction programs, Western Diversion Levee, North East Sed Dam, 2026 Scholarships, Bengalla Continuation.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 3.00pm.

Meeting closed at 1:00pm.

**Attachments:**
- Meeting Presentation slides.

## 1 ACTION LIST

**Meeting No. 152 – Wednesday 26 November 2025**

| ITEM NO. | ITEM | ACTION BY |
|---|---|---|
| **1** | Provide LB Blast results for 9 August and 11 October 2025 | HF |
| **2** | Present video on blasting February 26 Meeting | JC |
| **3** | Catchup with LB regarding cracking in home | HF |
| **4** | Follow up on slide PM10 Constable residence data | JC |
| **5** | Provide further detail on the design of BLR- MM | JC |