

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 Chief Executive Officer. This newsletter aims to inform interested community members on matters discussed during CCC meetings.

Bengalla Mine– Remediation Works

Recently Bengalla has examined how to drain water over and from rehabilitation areas. New approaches to drainage from rehabilitation areas require the establishment of a more natural looking landform, that is, to drain water through minor newly established drains and gullies generally down the slope not across the slope which has been previous practice. This new practice is known as geofluv. Bengalla Mine has established an area where geofluv will be established over the existing rehabilitation area shown below in the area outlined green. The remediation works have commenced which are anticipated to be complete by the of 2019.

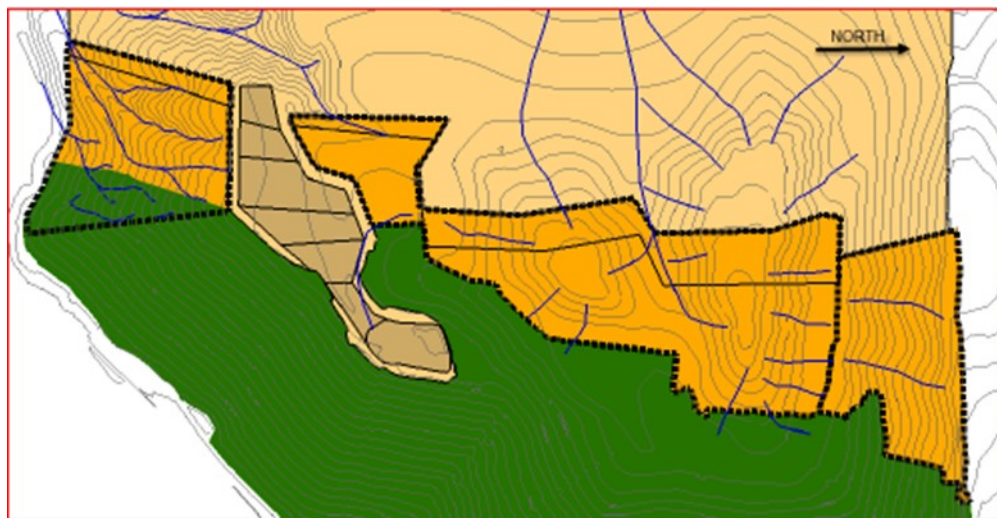


Figure 4: Concept example of Geofluv landform.

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Bengalla 2019 Scholarship Recipients– The Year so far

Bengalla Mining Company has a continued support for the local schools, encouraging their growth and education. Bengalla supports eligible students with scholarships to assist in their tertiary education aspirations. Here are four of our 2019 scholarship recipients and their year so far:



Alexandra Cottle

Studying: Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management (majoring in Marine Science) at University of Newcastle

What has the first 6 months of university been like? *“My first six months at university has exceeded my expectations as I have been able to work in laboratories studying the process of renewable energy production as well as the analysis of biological hazardous profiles of environmental water. I have also completed field work collecting water parameters at the Callaghan wetlands which I later analysed in the laboratory”.*

How has the Bengalla Scholarship assisted you? *“It has allowed me to focus on my study through alleviating the stress of rental payments and university costs such as textbooks and equipment”*

Alexandra has completed 2 weeks of work experience on site and expressed her gratitude for the experience in assisting Bengalla employees with on and offsite activities.

Marcus Morris

Studying: Electrical and Electronic Engineering at University of Newcastle

What has the first 6 months of university been like? *“I really enjoyed my first 6 months at university. I live with some of my best mates, play sport and enjoy the university lifestyle. I would say that I have found the first half of semester quite challenging as it took me a little while to get used to the uni workload. However, once I got into a rhythm, I really enjoyed what I was doing and got the marks that I desired. I have really enjoyed the break and look forward to starting fresh in semester 2”.*

How has the Bengalla Scholarship assisted you? *“The Bengalla scholarship has taken a lot of strain off what at times was a pretty stressful first semester. Whether it was paying for rent, living expenses that come with being a student or university resources, the Bengalla Scholarship enabled me to spend more time on my degree and less time working part time. For this I am extremely grateful for assisting myself and hope they can continue supporting students from Muswellbrook High School and the Upper Hunter”.*



Sarah Saunders

Studying: Newstep at University of Newcastle

What has the first 6 months of university been like? *“The first 6 months of uni has been a huge change in my life, with newfound difficulties, but overall a nice and positive experience with balancing the new schedule of classes and two jobs. I am much looking forward to semester 2!”*

How has the Bengalla Scholarship assisted you? *“The Bengalla scholarship has extremely benefited me. I was able to buy a new laptop and textbooks for my studies. I am extremely grateful that I was able to receive this scholarship as it has significantly helped me cover my financial expenses”*

Rhylie Pereira

Studying: Bachelor of Communications

What has the first 6 months of uni been like? *“It has been really good so far I feel like I have gained a lot of independence and also made many new friends. I have lived on college throughout my time here and it has been a great experience”.*

How has the Bengalla Scholarship assisted you? *“The Bengalla scholarship has assisted me in purchasing textbooks, buying a new laptop to edit videos for my course, living essentials and parking permits for both semesters”.*



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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