

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 Land

Bengalla Mining Company owns and manages land around Bengalla Mine. Recently approximately 370Ha of high quality flood plain agricultural land was returned to Bengalla Mining Company for its management.

Previously the land was utilised as a long-established dairy farm.

Bengalla Mining Company has commenced a review of this land and is now undertaking improvement works, being improvement of existing water reticulation infrastructure, fencing and weed management.

Bengalla Mining Company intend to continue to improve the land and establish a new agricultural enterprise with potential for training and educational opportunities.

Picture to right shows dairy infrastructure prior to demolition.

The below photos show returned farmland to Bengalla Mining Company



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Bengalla continues strong connection with local students

Bengalla has always had a close relationship with local schools, and 2019 is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever. Throughout 2019 Bengalla has hosted Year 10 work experience students from Muswellbrook High School, and in term 2 will host another 10 students. This has given the students the opportunity to experience a week of work in a variety of professions such as electricians and fitters to production technicians and engineering.



At the end of May Bengalla will be participating in the Careers Day being hosted by Muswellbrook High School. Our current apprentices will be able to speak with students about upcoming apprenticeship opportunities, as well as interview tips and reviewing resumes.

Our community partnership program sees us supporting local schools breakfast clubs, Year 7 camp, school gymnastic program and learn to swim program, and the schools beef cattle day at the Muswellbrook Show (see below)

For Primary schools we have upcoming mine site tours with the UHMD, which will see St Joseph's Denman, Pacific Brook Christian School, Denman Public and Martindale School visit Bengalla.

Partnerships with Schools is Success for the Future

On a wider front Bengalla has partnered with Hunter Life Education to provide health education programs in line with government health and curriculum guidelines. These will be delivered to Muswellbrook and Scone High School and St Josephs Aberdeen and Scone High School and will commence in the latter half of 2019. Bengalla is also supporting the Polly Farmer Foundation to deliver the “follow the dream” program. This is a program for Aboriginal secondary students attending Muswellbrook High School with the aim of achieving outcomes at school that will lead to further study or meaningful careers and students who are connected to their heritage.

We have also had Hayden Nicol (a previous Bengalla Engineering scholarship recipient and now employed at Bengalla as an engineer, working behind the scenes on the mining Bot challenge. This fits in with the school STEM curriculum and the challenge is based on Bengalla mine. We are certainly very excited to be involved in projects such as these.

We will also begin advertising our 9 scholarships for local students very soon!



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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