

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 Mining Company continues to undertake a range of environmental initiatives at the mine and over our ecological properties.

Ecological Properties—Wild Dog Program

BMC owns and manages approximately 6000Ha. of land to improve ecological outcomes to offset mine disturbance.

BMC have participated in a wild dog and fox 1080 baiting programme in conjunction with the Local Land Service and other landowners in the Upper Hunter to enable better control of feral animals.



Mine Rehabilitation

BMC is continuing to improve the rehabilitation at the mine. BMC is required to establish high density woody vegetation over existing and new areas of the slopes facing Muswellbrook and Denman Road.

During May 17,000 tube stock trees will be planted on a previous rehabilitated area. Prior to planting, the area requires preparation which included slashing and spraying of existing grasses and deep ripping of the area.

Other methods to establish HDWV will be undertaken in future including direct seeding.



Slashing of existing grasses



Deep ripping in preparation for tube stock planting

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Bengalla Apprentice's Celebrate Success

Bengalla is proud to be a part of the local community. One of our focus areas is our commitment to education and local employment. Each year we onboard 4 apprentices across electrical and mechanical trades and support them in on the job training as well as through TAFE and the Mining Skills program over the 4 years. The apprentice recruitment for 2020 is set to commence in the next few weeks, in partnership with MIGAS .

The apprentices gain a variety of skills throughout the mine including breakdown, maintenance, engineering, shutdowns and the CHPP. Joaby Stevens completed his electrical apprenticeship last year and is a finalist in the Hunter Region Training Awards. Joaby is currently working in the CHPP at Bengalla.

Taylah Moore commenced at Bengalla last year as a Business Administration Trainee. Taylah recently completed her certificate 111 in Business administration and has progressed on to her Certificate IV.

Taylah has recently moved into the newly reopened Bengalla reception office, which sees her meeting and signing in site visitors. Taylah is an integral member of the Community Relations team. Pictured at right is Joaby Stevens



COVID 19 Response Plan at Bengalla

With the outbreak of COVID 19, Bengalla along with the mining industry responded quickly to ensure the health of it's employees, their families and the local community. Many response measures were and still have been implemented onsite as a result and include-

- social distancing measures in offices, meeting rooms, in training and light vehicles
- Utilising online options for team meetings and limiting the number of people in office spaces
- increased cleaning measures onsite including office areas as well as trucks and machinery
- Split the muster areas to reduce the numbers in the same room (see picture to the right)
- Staggering of crib breaks
- Use of a thermal image camera to monitor temperature of people entering site
- Issuing of sanitiser packs to all production employees, and procurement of additional hand sanitisers for all of site
- Cancellation of all non-essential site visitors..

These along with many other measures have been critical in ensuring there has been minimal impact to production and ensures the health and wellbeing of team members. Bengalla will continue to monitor the situation and comply with any Government guidelines and measures.



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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