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Community Consultative 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.

Bengalla Mine Rapid Antigen Testing Facility

The Bengalla 'RAT Pack' has been hard at work establishing and operating a Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) Facility near the site entrance of Bengalla Mine.

Employees are currently selected for a daily RAT screen based on NSW Health Advice. Contractors attending Bengalla are tested daily.

To undertake a RAT at the Facility you turn left just after the site entrance and drive to the purpose built Facility where you can complete a drive-through test, or walk in to the Facility to complete the procedure. The nasal swab takes a few seconds with results of the RAT texted to the mobile phone 15 minutes later. If clear work is started.

Commencing the RAT last week we are currently completing around 300 tests per day to reduce the health and safety risks for our onsite workforce enabling continuity of operations and ongoing support for our suppliers and contractors.

Many thanks to the Bengalla family for ensuring that the Facility got off to a strong start last week and a special thanks to Mt. Arthur Coal and Mt Pleasant who provided advice regarding establishing and operating the RAT.

Other COVID Measures

Bengalla Mining Company have been conducting wastewater SARS-COV –2 detection testing frequently, now twice weekly. This testing is in addition to our other precautions including wearing masks, social distancing, temperature testing when logging in, and regular cleaning.

We have also provided support to the local community through contributions to the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry's initiative of Care Packs. The Care Packs are distributed to affected local business owners and their families who are experiencing difficulty.

Workpac, a Bengalla contractor, has been able to assist with our RAT testing onsite through the provision of some of their workforce.

Bengalla continues to be focused on providing support to our suppliers and contractors and employees by continuing operations in this challenging environment.



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Bengalla Sponsorships June to August 2021

Over the past 3 months there has been a wide range of events, groups and clubs that Bengalla has supported in the local community. Over May, June and July we were proudly major sponsors of the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod and also the Bengalla Cup Day (a partnership we have had for 27 years). We participated in the Vinnies Sleepout raising valuable funds for the Upper Hunter Homeless Support. Some of the sponsorships include: whitegoods and home items to PCYC Muswellbrook for their Humble Homes program, equipment for Denman Children's Centre, Sponsorship of the Denman Support Group for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Charity Horse Ride, new horse rugs for riding for the disabled, new competition singlets for Denman Little Athletics Club, new play equipment for Denman Public School, Sandy Hollow Motor Fest, Muswellbrook Physical Culture Club, Lake Glenbawn Field Archers and much more.



Upcoming Events

COVID has once again impacted the scheduling of some great local events, with unfortunately many of them being postponed again. The Great Cattle Dog Muster has moved to a 2022 event, as has the Hunter Coal Festival and Aberdeen Highland Games. Unfortunately local sports were unable to hold their end of year Finals and Grand Finals. We welcomed Work Experience and Work placement Students to site and plan to host more throughout 2022.

The Westpac Charity Rugby League day is also now scheduled for March 2022 (postponed in 2020 and 2021). Go Badgers!! We are also looking forward to our annual apprentice day in November which occurs once we have welcomed our first year apprentices to site.



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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