

Community Support Program - \$1 million Milestone reached!



The completion of 2017's first round of Community Support funding saw Moolarben Coal reach the milestone of \$1 million donated to local community, sporting, cultural and environmental initiatives.

Since 2010 more than \$1 million has gone a long way, helping a wide array of community organisations and events. The donations have been used to run community events, purchase new technology and equipment, and hold educational days for young people in the Mid-Western Region.

The Community Support Program this year has seen over \$80,000 go to 31 not-for-profit organisations, including the Watershed Landcare 'Green Day', the purchase of 'SoftPlay' equipment for Lifeskills Plus and water infrastructure for the Gulgong Polocross Club. Moolarben Coal General Manager Steve Archinal said "It's wonderful to be able to help build a stronger community through the support of such a diverse range of organisations".

For more information on the Community Support Program, please visit www.moolarbencoal.com.au

Planning and Approvals Update

Moolarben Coal continually strives to improve, and has identified opportunities to optimise its operations. To realise these improvement opportunities Moolarben Coal will be seeking approval from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment and Federal Department of the Environment and Energy to modify its Project Approvals.

The proposed Modification involves:

- Minor extensions to disturbance limits to facilitate safe and efficient mining.
- Removal of OC3 permanent out-of-pit emplacement from the final landform and relinquishment of some approved disturbance areas.
- Increased peak open cut production, coal washing and railing
- Installation of water treatment facilities and associated increase in rate of controlled releases
- Site infrastructure refinements, such as conveyors and haul road locations

An environmental assessment is being prepared to support the Modification, which will describe existing environmental baseline data, potential impacts of the Modification when compared to the approved operations, and avoidance, monitoring, rehabilitation and management measures.

The environmental assessment will be supported by specialist studies, including biodiversity, heritage, noise, air quality, and water. The environmental assessment will be lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment in Quarter 4, 2017.

Moolarben Coal's existing licences and approvals are available at www.moolarbencoal.com.au.

Comments are welcome and can be provided via feedback@yancoal.com.au



Message from the General Manager

Welcome to the Spring 2017 edition of the Moolarben Community Newsletter.

I'm delighted to announce that since our last edition, our Community Support Program has ticked over the \$1 million mark. Since 2010 we have helped over 240 local initiatives in a range of areas including environment, sport, education and safety. Reaching the \$1 million is a significant milestone demonstrating Moolarben's on-going role in the local community.

The Moolarben Underground Operation is continuing towards the commencement of the Longwall, with numerous pieces of equipment arriving on site over the past few months. It is exciting to see many months of planning starting to take shape, and I commend all involved. We are also progressing well with the onboarding and training of our permanent underground workforce and it's great to have so many new faces on site.

All the best,
Steve Archinal

Finally, I would like to congratulate all those who participated in the recent Mudgee Running Festival and congratulate the fantastic efforts of the organising committee. It was pleasing to see such strong community support for the event this year, and even better to bring home the Coal Miners Cup for Moolarben and the Benevolent Society. **Well done to all.**



Moolarben brings home the Coal Miners Cup

On Sunday 20th August, over 800 people participated in the annual Mudgee Running Festival, competing across a range of events including a full marathon, half marathon, 10km and 5km fun run.

For the second year in a row, Moolarben Coal, Wilpinjong Coal and Ulan Coal battled it out for the Coal Miners Cup in support of local charities including the Benevolent Society, Riding for the Disabled and Little Wings. The friendly competition sees each mine support a local charity with the team that accumulates the most kilometres throughout the festival taking home the Coal Miners Cup. With more than 40 employees and families running over 350km for the Moolarben team, we managed to bring home the Cup, ahead of last year's winner Wilpinjong Coal.

Moolarben's victory saw \$1,500 donated to the Benevolent Society. The Benevolent Society conducts Personal Helpers and Mentor programs to help people with mental illness regain their independence as well as Brighter Futures programs to support families experiencing issues like domestic violence, mental health or difficult child behaviour.

The Running Festival also saw Moolarben continue their association with the Clontarf Foundation, with several young men from Clontarf joining the Moolarben team.



Try A Trade

In May, Moolarben Coal teamed up with the Department of Education, Communities NSW and Skillset to sponsor the Try-a-Trade fair at Mudgee High School.

The Try-a-Trade fair was attended by local high school students who were given the opportunity to get a feel for a wide range of trades and professions. At the fair, students rotated through various trades, talking to people working in fields that interest them. There was a wide range of careers on display this year, with students able to try their hand at everything from butchery, hairdressing and floristry to electrical and mechanical engineering.

In collaboration with Skillset, Moolarben Coal apprentices were at the fair, speaking with students and giving them first hand insight into working in the mining industry.

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Drone seeding trials underway in Rehabilitation areas

Approximately 27ha of rehabilitation was completed in the first half of 2017 within the Moolarben Coal Complex. Areas within the Open Cut 1 and Open Cut 4 region of the complex were targeted with further works planned in Open Cut 2 for later in the year.

All areas completed during this campaign were seeded with Sedimentary Ironbark Forest species, with seed collected from the local area. As part of our recent rehabilitation campaign, areas within Open Cut 1 and

Open Cut 4 had sections seeded using drones to assist in creating stands of Allocasuarina, a food tree for the Glossy Black-Cockatoo.

Suitable locations for Allocasuarina stands were defined within the final landform. These areas were then programmed into the purpose-built drone for seeding. The use of this highly innovative and industry leading technology will assist Moolarben in meeting our commitments to mine site rehabilitation.



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Underground Longwall update

The construction of the new underground Longwall machine is well underway at Moolarben. Over the past few months, various components of the Longwall have been delivered to site and installed underground, and testing and commissioning of this equipment is now in progress. Our crews have been busily training and preparing for longwall commencement.

