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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.

Chair of the Bengalla CCC– Malcolm Ogg

Bengalla currently have a position available on the Committee, and so it is an opportunity to get to know Malcolm Ogg, the Chair of the Committee and his involvement in the local community.

Malcolm and his family have lived in Muswellbrook for almost 40 years, working as a TAFE teacher for twenty years. Malcolm was elected to Muswellbrook Shire Council in 1999, and in 2004 and 2014 was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Malcolm explains that according to Council, at the time, businesses and industries were referred to as Corporate Citizens, and because of their size and importance to the community it is critical that operational impact on the area is minimised.

Malcolm has been a part of the Committee since 2009, and he says that it is reassuring to the community that when a question is asked relating to a mine activity, the issue is dealt with in a timely manner and the meetings are very informative. Over time the meetings give members a relatively full understanding of Bengalla's operation.



BENGALLA COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Bengalla Mining Company (BMC) operates Bengalla Mine.

The Community Consultative Committee is an advisory committee that provides a forum for community representatives, stakeholder groups and Muswellbrook Shire Council to engage with BMC regarding the operation of Bengalla.

BMC currently have a position available for a local community representative to join the CCC.

The CCC meets quarterly at Bengalla.

Candidates must be a resident or landowner within the Muswellbrook local government area and preferably have involvement in a local community group and/or awareness of local community issues.

Applications are to be directed to
Bengalla CCC Chairperson
Mr Malcolm Ogg
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Applications close 30th October 2020

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School to Careers Pathways

Being able to actively participate in the School to Careers Pathways and partner with local schools is an important part of Bengalla's community engagement. This encompasses School Careers Days, which focus on employing local students in our annual apprenticeship intake, offering annual Undergraduate scholarships and Engineering Scholarships (which entails 10 weeks of vacation work per year), work experience programs, work placement programs for students studying a TAFE course, and our partnership with the Polly Farmer Foundation.

We are always striving to have effective linkages through school to work initiatives that highlight pathways for youth in our local area. In August we welcomed 2 local Muswellbrook High School students to complete their 35 hours of work placement, a compulsory component of their vocational studies. The students completed work placement in a variety of areas within the business such as infrastructure and mobile maintenance.

This year the work experience placements for Year 10, have been postponed due to COVID 19 however we are hoping to be able to host 10 students later this year. This will involve students having the opportunity to experience mining careers in a wide variety of areas at Bengalla so they can consider their career choices.



Computer Donations

Over the past 9 months Bengalla's Jonathan Walsh, IT support officer, has been working behind the scenes to refurbish site computers and put together computer packages so they are suitable for donation to groups and organisations in the community.

Jonathan has been working with a number of sporting clubs, community groups, the Rural Fire Service, not for profit organisations, schools and volunteer groups to donate computers that will be used for things such as training. These computers have gone to groups in Muswellbrook, Denman, Merriwa and Scone. The latest batch of 15 computers will find a home in a school in Muswellbrook.



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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Mrs Llewellyn Bates	Ph: 6547 9170	Mr Craig White (Bengalla)	Ph 6542 9500
Mr Cam Halfpenny (Bengalla GM)	Ph: 6542 9500	Mr Jonathon Moore	Ph: 6547 9164
Mrs Fiona Hartin (Bengalla)	Ph: 6542 9500	Mr Peter Madden (Bengalla)	Ph 6542 9500
Ms Sharon Pope (Muswellbrook Council)	Ph: 6549 3700		

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