

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.

Danielle follows in brother's footsteps with Bengalla Scholarship

Bengalla Mining Company is continuing to support local students from the Upper Hunter by awarding 2016 St Joseph's High School graduate, Danielle Nicol, with a \$34,000 engineering scholarship.

The annual scholarship programme has now run for ten years and is open to students from Muswellbrook High School, St Joseph's Aberdeen, Scone High School and Scone Grammar who plan to complete an undergraduate engineering degree in any of the disciplines of mining, electrical, mechanical, environmental, chemical or mineral processing.

In addition to financial support, the scholarship provides valuable industry experience through ten weeks of paid vacation work at Bengalla each year.

Scholarship recipient, Danielle Nicol said "For the first time in my life, I was speechless when I was told that I had been given the scholarship. I felt very privileged and excited for the opportunity I had received.

Through gaining this scholarship, Bengalla has provided me with the ability to focus my attention and time towards my studies and really

make the most of the time I have at the University of Newcastle. The scholarship will allow me to have more independence and will help towards paying for costs associated with living away from home.

I am looking forward to discovering a new understanding of how the environment and people intertwine and being able to use that new found knowledge towards practical work at Bengalla."

Bengalla Chief Executive Officer, Cam Halfpenny said: "Engineering is an exciting and challenging career and Bengalla is pleased to provide this scholar-

ship to Danielle to support her study and career goals.

I wish Danielle all the best as she prepares for her first semester of an Environmental Engineering degree and look forward to having Danielle join scholarship students from previous years on site to undertake vacation work as part of the scholarship programme."

Danielle's high achievements and hard work ethics must run in the family as brother Hayden was awarded the Bengalla Engineering Scholarship in 2012 and, after five years of Engineering studies, will commence with Bengalla as a Mining Engineer in February 2017.



Pictured L-R: Bengalla Chief Executive Officer, Cam Halfpenny and Scholarship winner, Danielle Nicol

Successful commissioning of Dry Creek project

The Dry Creek Diversion Project is now complete with successful commissioning of the CW1 pump station and pipeline in December 2016.

Approximately 15 community members took up the invitation from Bengalla to visit the completed project. The group was provided with a presentation and the opportunity to tour the Dry Creek site.

The project commenced construction in October 2015 utilising 125,000 man hours to complete the Project including:

- Construction of the Clean Water Dam No. 1 (CW1) located north of Wybong Road including clean water diversion drains and spillways;

- Pump station, pipeline and services corridor around the Bengalla tenement boundary;
- Downstream discharge scour protection channel located south of Bengalla Link Road at the discharge point of the CW1 pipeline;
- Extension and modification of the existing power network to support the clean water system and provide system capacity for the discharge precinct;
- A diversion levee orientated north to south from Wybong Road to Bengalla Road, capturing a portion of the additional flows which contribute to Dry Creek from the west.
- New culverts at Bengalla and Old Bengalla Roads and the

ARTC Ulan Line to support the additional flows redirected from the diversion levee into the Hunter River.

Eight kilometres of overhead powerlines and seven kilometres of overland polypipe was used in the construction with one million cubic metres of material moved.

The project provided jobs for in excess of 100 personnel with local suppliers including Robsons Civil, Downer EDI, ARA and Yore Contracting.

With the Dry Creek project now complete, upstream clean water runoff will be diverted around Bengalla mine, allowing future mining to continue westward.



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.

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