

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.

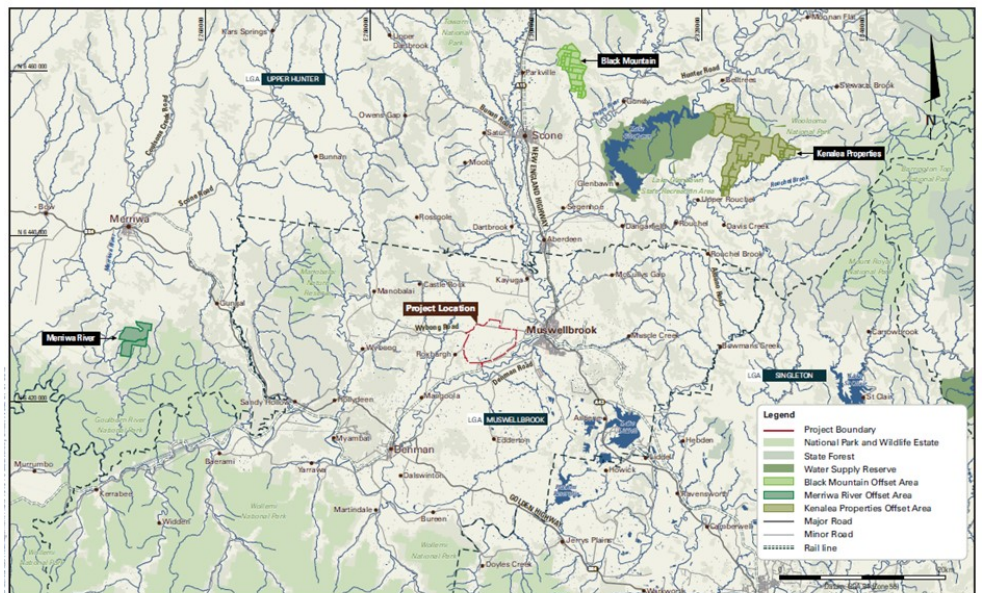
Bushfire Preparation

Bengalla Mining Company operates Bengalla Mine west of Muswellbrook and manages three large properties remote from the mine. These properties offset the mine ecological disturbance. These properties are shown in the image below and are named the Kenalea Properties, Black Mountain and Merriwa River.

BMC are managing the offset properties according to our environmental obligations and have sought to establish links to the communities near the offset properties and to minimise risk such as bushfire risk. Controlled burns have been undertaken at the Kenalea Properties and Black Mountain.


BMC is required to 'ensure that the development is suitably equipped to respond to any fires on site and assist the Rural Fire Service and emergency services as much as possible if there is a fire in the surrounding area'.

BMC have procedures and equipment in place to manage bushfires at the mine and other properties.



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Biodiversity Offset Areas



Accessories:	
UHF 5W Two way and external speaker Orange flashing light/beacon 3 x McLeods/fire rakes 1 x axe 1 x shovel 3 x 9T tow straps 3 x 8.5T bow shackles 2 x fire drippers 1 x First Aid kit disposable respirators ear plugs 4 x rolls toilet paper clear safety glasses tinted safety glasses riggers style gloves 2 x Drafting pipes for refill from dam etc 20L foam applicator 3 x 20L backpacks 2 x 25m hose reels 1500L water tank on rear of truck 39mm hydrant refill hose large 125 litre drinks esky	In toolbox on rear of truck: 1 x chainsaw chaps/helmet spare chains, files Sidchrome 1/2" socket set 1 x screwdriver set side cutter pliers fencing pliers In toolbox on side of truck: 1 x 5L chainsaw 2 stroke fuel 1 x 10L Rear water pump fuel 1 x 20L Dripper fuel mix (75% diesel, 25% petrol)
	
LV178 Fire support unit	



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2020 Apprentices start at Bengalla

Every year Bengalla employs four apprentices through the MIGAS apprentice program, with a focus on targeting local students. On 18th November four apprentices commenced work and had a day of inductions hosted by Craig loose And Luke Holz.

The apprentices will also spend time at the Mining Skills program, where they learn about a range of skills such as time management, public speaking, fatigue management and financial literacy.



Pictured left to right (above) Luke Holz (Field Maintenance Superintendent), Patrick Tillemans (Electrical), Darcy LeGrange (mechanical) Emily Fear (mechanical), and Marlow Court-Kriesch (electrical).



The apprentices have been involved in the Community apprentice project. This year the project was at Denman Public School and they have built an interactive vegetable garden area as well as an accessible path and chicken pen. These projects give the 3rd year apprentices the opportunity to coordinate, budget and plan for a project, as well as identify a project that is valuable for our local community.

Bengalla Community Open Day

On the 26th October, in very windy condition, we hosted our Bengalla Community Open Day at the showground. With great support from our suppliers and community partners, a large crowd attended on the day and were treated to a huge array of activities such as kids activities including face painting to a virtual reality simulator and truck, engines and machinery. The guided bus trips to Bengalla Mine were also popular with 17 buses touring the mine site including the pit and the CHPP and driving past the Bengalla agricultural land where there has been lots of work done in recent times including fencing and baling of our first crop of barley. The whole Bengalla team took great pride in preparing for the day and having the opportunity to share their knowledge and make the day a success.



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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