

BENGALLA MINE

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.

Rehabilitation Update

During 2020 High Density Woody Vegetation was installed over previously rehabilitated land and on new rehabilitation. HDWV installation included the planting of approximately 17,000 trees - 12.8Ha (yellow area) and HDWV seeding of approximately 74Ha (red areas). Pasture seeding occurred on approximately 7Ha (green area).

Meteorological conditions for the HDWV tube stock and seeding installation were favorable. A maintenance program is underway to manage weeds where required. The germination of HDWV trees has been observed see image below.



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Bengalla Undergraduate Scholarships

Bengalla first offered 4 Undergraduate Scholarships to Muswellbrook High School students in 2000. We are now pleased to be able to offer 8 Undergraduate scholarships across Muswellbrook High School, Scone High School, St Joseph's Aberdeen, Scone Grammar School and to an employees child each year in order to support local students tertiary pathway. To date Bengalla has supported over 100 students achieve their tertiary aspirations.

Students can study any Undergraduate Degree at an Australian University and this year students will be undertaking a wide range of studies in degrees such as Nursing, Criminology, Diagnostic Radiography and Teaching.

We are looking forward to hearing about their success in 2021 and beyond. Pictured to the right is Ashley Halliwell (Bengalla Scholarship) and Alexander Bates (St Joseph's High School Scholarship).



Apprentices Start Onsite

The recruitment process for our Migas apprentices has now been completed and we are pleased to welcome onsite our 4 new apprentices for our 2021 intake. Helping locals succeed in their chosen career is something we are passionate about, and through guidance and support from the Apprentice Coordinators, their leaders and team mates, this will see them successfully complete their 4 year apprenticeship and gain valuable hands on skills.

These 4 young locals Ty, Jake, Lachlan and Aidan, have joined our 16 Year 1 to Year 4 apprentices onsite and will work towards gaining an electrical or mechanical trade qualification. They will have the opportunity to work on a wide range of equipment and throughout various departments onsite. They are onsite from now until early in the New Year and then they will begin their first year being an initial 16 weeks at Muswellbrook TAFE in the Mining Skills program.



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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