

# 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.

### Noise Management

The Bengalla Mining Company (Bengalla) development consent requires Bengalla to monitor noise emissions from the premises to ensure compliance. Bengalla undertakes various noise monitoring activities during the night period, including real-time noise monitoring, supplementary attended noise monitoring and monthly compliance attended noise monitoring.

#### Compliance Noise Monitoring

Bengalla are required to engage an independent noise consultant to undertake the monthly compliance noise monitoring. Compliance noise monitoring is undertaken during the night period (10pm to 7am) at locations

representative of the nearest private receivers. When an exceedance occurs, the consultant is required to contact the Open Cut Examiner (OCE) and inform him of the noise levels.

Following a second reading 75 minutes after the first reading, and if the second reading exceeds the noise criteria, a noise exceedance is deemed to have occurred and the result shall be reported to the relevant government authorities.

#### Supplementary Noise Monitoring

Supplementary noise monitoring is undertaken twice each night at three approved locations surrounding Bengalla mine. This noise monitoring is completed by competently trained Bengalla staff. When an

exceedance occurs, the Bengalla noise sampler is directed to contact the OCE and inform him of the noise levels received. The OCE will then take measures to mitigate the noise levels until Bengalla are operating within compliance.

#### Real-Time Noise Monitoring

Bengalla operates two real-time, unattended noise monitors located east and west of the mining area. The noise monitors are linked to the mine dispatch and programmed to alarm when noise levels are approaching or exceeding the noise criteria. Following a noise trigger, Dispatch will assess the noise level and report to the OCE. The OCE is then able to manage the operation to reduce noise.

*Bengalla Mining Company extends a warm invitation to the community to attend our Open Day.*

With a large range of displays and activities for all the family, enjoy a free BBQ, entertainment and go behind the scenes on a guided bus tour of Bengalla mine.

## Bengalla COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

10am - 2pm Saturday 14th October 2017 Muswellbrook Showground



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## Leading the way in connecting with local businesses

Bengalla Mining Company is leading the way in community support in a manner not seen before in the Hunter. Bengalla is participating in a project that will deliver services that will inform, strengthen and enable local companies via a process new to this region.

The project is a collaboration between Bengalla, Austmine, and the Federal Government's Department of Industry, Innovation & Science, along with support from local organisations such as the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce.

The Bengalla Supply Chain Facilitation Project will provide genuine and relevant support to develop the capabilities of current and prospective suppliers. The end goal is to assist proactive local companies move towards "strategic supplier" status with their key customers, in tune

with, and capable of meeting, their customers' needs.

Austmine Business Facilitator and project manager, Anthony Holzwart, commends Bengalla's participation in the project, stating that it demonstrates a clear commitment to their social responsibility. "Research tells us that vibrant and healthy regional communities don't happen by chance. They rely on local leadership, collaboration, local business vitality and a practical development agenda. Via their participation in this project, Bengalla is ticking all of those boxes and more."

Bengalla has long been a strong advocate for community development. "We take our social responsibility very seriously at Bengalla," states Bengalla CEO

Cam Halfpenny. "We understand that a healthy and vibrant community is underpinned by a strong and sustainable economic base".

Mr Halfpenny is confident that offering transparency around their needs, matched with a clear and practical pathway for local businesses to further develop their capability will help to create stronger and more resilient businesses, and ultimately a stronger local community.

In excess of 120 current and prospective suppliers to Bengalla attended the Bengalla Supply Chain Forum on 20<sup>th</sup> June for an update on what's happening at Bengalla, with a large number of companies expressing interest in the programme.



## Community Development Fund established

Bengalla's contribution to the local community extends beyond the immediate economic benefits of our business. Bengalla supports a wide range of projects and partnerships to build stronger and more sustainable communities. Most importantly, we invest in the local communities surrounding our operation.

The Bengalla Community Development Fund has been established to support and build community capacity, address development challenges and to take advantage of emerging opportunities.

If you have a project or new initiative that benefits residents within the Muswellbrook Shire, results in direct and lasting benefits to the local community or responds to a need in the local community, you may be eligible to apply for funding under the Bengalla Community Development Fund.

If you would like more information on the Fund or an application form please contact Debbie Day by emailing: [Debbie.day@bengalla.com.au](mailto:Debbie.day@bengalla.com.au)

*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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Bengalla Environmental Complaints Hotline number: 1800 178 984

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