

# COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

BENGALLA

## WATER MANAGEMENT RELOCATION - STAGE 3 DRY CREEK RELOCATION

The initial stages of the Dry Creek Relocation project have been completed (construction of a clean water dam CW1 north of Wybong Road, pump station / pipeline to direct clean water around the mine and return clean water to the Hunter River).

The project scope for Stage 3 of the Dry Creek relocation primarily comprises infrastructure west of Bengalla Link Road being:

- \* Clean water diversion drain;
- \* Discharge Dam (DW1) to replace the existing stage discharge dam;

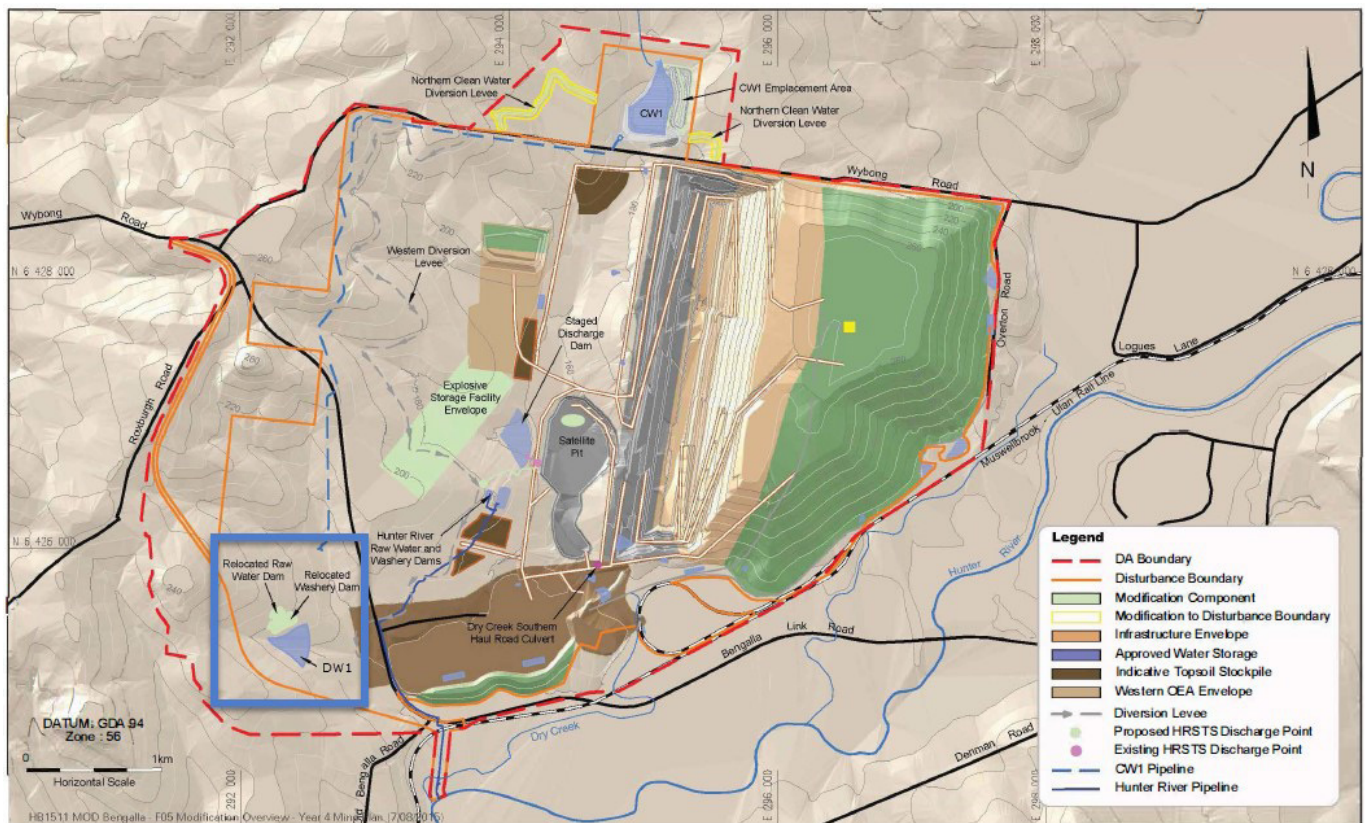
- \* A new Hunter River raw water dam and washery dam;
- \* Pipelines and pumps integrating water management between the dams and mine operation.

Construction is anticipated to commence early 2018 with commissioning in December 2018. Upon completion of the project existing water management infrastructure will be decommissioned and removed to allow the mine development to continue in a westward direction.

The detailed design has been completed with the major construction packages being awarded to Daracon and Moore Management. During the construction phase up to 80 persons will be engaged on the project.

Speed restrictions on a short section of Bengalla Link Road to allow for safe access into and out of the construction site will be in place during the project.

Construction is expected to be complete Q4 2018.



\* The area bordered blue indicates the Stage 3 project

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.



## DRIVING TRANSPORT TO TREATMENT

Transport to treatment in NSW continues to be challenging for cancer patients, their carers and families when attending chemotherapy, radiotherapy, cancer surgery or even post scans or doctors' appointments. In the Upper Hunter last financial year 732 patients were transported over 122,000 kilometres to attend these appointments free of charge.

The NSW Cancer Council Transport to Treatment program is funded through community partnerships and local fundraising supported by the community. Bengalla Mining Company is just one organisation that continues to support Cancer Council NSW and in particular the Transport To Treatment for cancer patients.

Cancer Council NSW Community Programs Coordinator Glen Parsons said, "For a number of years Bengalla has financially contributed to offset the patient contribution and allow the patients to travel free of charge through its transport provider TransCare. This year Bengalla mine went a giant step further and made funds available to purchase a vehicle specifically to transport cancer patients to their life saving treatment."

Bengalla CEO Cam Halfpenny said "Bengalla has been

involved in the Transport to Treatment program since its inception back in 2014. As a rural community, one of the major costs for cancer patients is transport to cancer treatment centres usually in Newcastle and further afield. Anything that Bengalla can do to ease the burden for cancer patients, their families and carers within our community is a privilege and we are pleased to be in a position to be able to provide a vehicle for this purpose.

Bengalla is committed to supporting our local community and through the Bengalla Community Development Fund, we are able to support these initiatives and, in particular, the NSW Cancer Council and those needing its assistance."



## STUDENT EMBARKS ON ENGINEERING CAREER

Bengalla Mining Company is continuing to support local students from the Upper Hunter by awarding 2017 Muswellbrook High School graduate, Talesin Court-Kriesch with a \$34,000 engineering scholarship.

The annual scholarship programme has now run for eleven 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, Talesin Court-Kriesch said "I have always had an interest in science and technology and after completing work experience at Bengalla in Year 10 I became more focussed on my schooling to accomplish my goal of studying engineering at university, which will, in turn, allow for a wide variety of job opportunities in my future.

Bengalla Chief Executive Officer, Cam Halfpenny said: "We want local students to achieve their study and career goals in

the mining sector, which is why we are pleased to provide this scholarship to a local student like Talesin every year.

Engineering is an exciting field to work in and we encourage young people to consider it as a career option."



### CONTACT US

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