

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.

Bengalla Offset Land Fire Management

Bengalla Mining Company manage approximately 6,215ha of land on behalf of the Bengalla Joint Venture for biodiversity conservation.

Bengalla is required to manage many risks over the land including bushfire. Bushfire risk management occurs through hazard reduction burning. Hazard reduction burns are approved by the NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services.

During July 2018 Bengalla undertook a bushfire assessment to determine the fuel load across the biodiversity conservation land. The assessment identified four areas that required hazard reduction burning.

LRM Fire & Rescue were commissioned to execute four hazard reduction burns over an area of 918ha which occurred from August to November this year. The hazard reduction burns were successfully completed.



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Bengalla Welcome First Year Apprentices for 2019

Bengalla welcomed four new apprentices to their ranks in November joining the workforce as electrical and plant mechanic apprentices.

The new apprentices, Connor Brown, Jackson Dunbar, Zac Haworth and Jaidan Smolders, are employed through the group training employer MIGAS and will join twelve other apprentices at Bengalla.

Bengalla Mining Company's Chief Executive Officer Cam Halfpenny said "Bengalla is very pleased to welcome the new apprentices to site. We are committed to providing employment opportunities for young people in our local area and are proud to partner with MIGAS to deliver our apprenticeship programme."



Zach Haworth said "I applied for an apprenticeship at Bengalla as I have heard a lot of positive things about Bengalla and I was also aware of the of all the events around the town that Bengalla sponsor."

Connor Brown said, "I feel greatly appreciative to be selected to work as an apprentice at a great company."

Bengalla Offer Unique Experience to High School Students

The Bengalla Badgers were the outright winners in the recent A-Plus Contracting Hunter Valley Mining Charity Knockout Rugby League Competition.

The Bengalla Badgers dominated on the day making their way through to the end undefeated but only just, by scoring a try in the very last minute of the final.

Bengalla are not only proud of the team that played on the day but also the coaching staff and trainers that gave up their time to build a strong and cohesive side.

Thankyou to Pit Express and MMS Engineering who joined Bengalla as sponsors of such a great team

This event has now been running for five years and raises vital funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. The total money raised this year was over \$85,000 dollars and Bengalla are proud to be associated with an event that raises money for such a vital service.



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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