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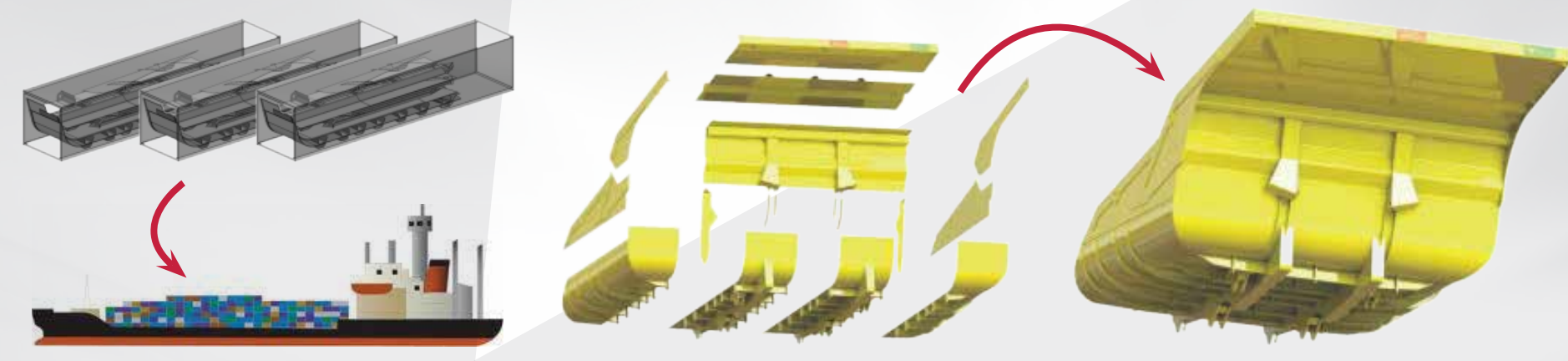


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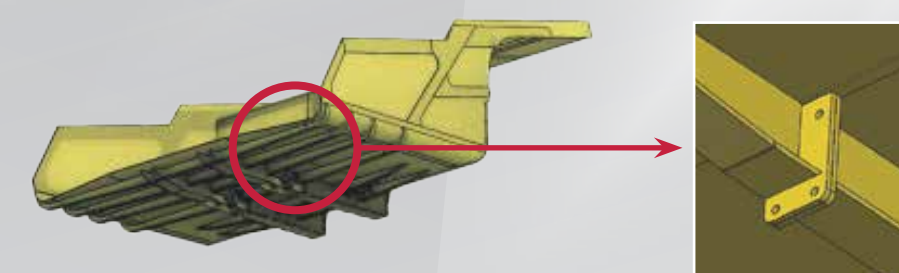


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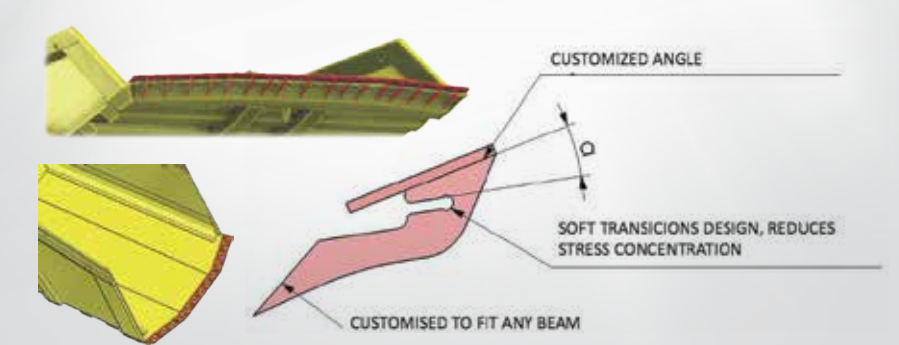
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STRONG SUPPORTERS

SINCE THE RECENT ELECTIONS MINING HAS BEEN FRONT AND CENTRE IN THE MEDIA AS WELL AS WITH MANY OF OUR POLITICIANS. THE STRONG MINING VOTE AT BOTH ELECTIONS HAS SEEN MORE AND MORE SENIOR POLITICIANS PUBLICLY DECLARE THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR INDUSTRY.

It's a positive sign, and a good indication that at least some politicians have taken notice of the recent voting swings in mining electorates that helped decide some key outcomes. It also shows the power of the votes of miners and their families. Those who want to represent mining regions should listen more closely to our concerns in the future, as should those who want to win elections. Our recent annual Health, Safety, Environment and Community Conference was a sellout event again this year with more than 500 people from the Hunter and across NSW gathering to share ideas and listen to a range of speakers from industry and government. **THIS YEAR WE ALSO HAD SENIOR STATE AND FEDERAL POLITICIANS NOT ONLY DECLARE THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR INDUSTRY, BUT COMMIT TO TAKING SOME ACTION.** Federal Minister for Resources Matt Canavan committed to a powerful inquiry into delays on mining approvals to identify what's going wrong and what can be done to speed them up.

NSW Deputy Premier John Barilalro declared he wants NSW to be the number one destination for mining investment in Australia and was seeking changes to the planning system to help make this happen. The Federal Shadow Minister for Resources and local Member for Hunter Joel Fitzgibbon also added his strong support for our industry at our conference and in the media, criticising Sydney politicians calling for mining regions to 'transition' - double-talk for ending the Hunter's mining industry along with the thousands of jobs it provides. Even Labor's Senator Penny Wong, not known for her fondness of coal, also recently declared her support, stating that 'coal remains an important industry for Australia and an important part of the world energy mix.' The NSW Minerals Council will continue to work hard to ensure that those politicians declaring their support for our industry don't forget their public commitments. **Stephen Galilee, CEO, NSW Minerals Council**

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With the growth and resurgence in coal and our other world-class commodities across the Hunter, NSW more broadly and Australia, the industry will be looking for more people from diverse backgrounds to join the sector, develop their skills and forge a career in Australian mining. Mining is an exciting and vibrant sector, with so many different jobs and opportunities on offer for school leavers, apprentices and trainees, trades people and university graduates. **INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE, SKILLS AND INNOVATION MEANS WE CAN STAY AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD LEAGUE IN MINING COMPETITIVENESS.** Companies like BHP, Whitehaven, Glencore, Peabody, Centennial Coal, Bloomfield and many others are looking for the best people to keep delivering our top-quality coal to hungry Asian markets. The MCA recently put together Australia's first More to Mining Careers Guide to show the world the job opportunities on offer in the modern, innovative minerals industry. This includes cutting-edge roles in innovative tech-driven fields such as data scientists and mechatronic engineers, as well as new opportunities for the existing workforce to upskill and take on new roles. **ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY ARE MAKING OUR INDUSTRY SAFER, MORE COMPETITIVE AND MORE SUSTAINABLE.** New technology such as robotics, drones, data science and virtual and augmented reality is being rapidly adopted by Australian mining companies, who have always been on the cutting edge of innovation. This creates a different skills mix for our future workforce. Within five years, 77% of jobs in Australian mining will be different thanks to technology – and the people who make the most of it. Across the mining process – from exploration through to operations, processing, transport and trading – technology is transforming the way we mine. **IN SOME INDUSTRIES, THAT WOULD MEAN LOSING JOBS TO ROBOTS AND AUTOMATION. IN MINING, TECHNOLOGY MEANS SAFER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE JOBS.** Most jobs in mining will be enhanced by technological innovation. For example, a shot-firer working on a drilling team will have the opportunity in Australia's future

minerals workforce to use drone technology to monitor automated rigs. **FUTURE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE MORE FLEXIBLE.** This gives more incentive for prospective applicants from more diverse backgrounds to consider a career in the mining industry. People might want to live away from site and work at a Remote Operations Centre. These centres also offer the chance for a person with a disability to enter the minerals industry. We heard some great stories when we were putting together our More to Mining Careers Guide. We interviewed workers, students, industry experts and researchers who all have two things in common: they love their job and are proud of their industry. It's our mission at the Minerals Council of Australia to take Australians beyond the stereotypes and into the real world of mining and discover the opportunities it provides for world and local travel, new discoveries, lifelong friendships and challenges. There's so much more to Australian mining careers than many people realise! **Tania Constable**
CEO, Minerals Council of Australia

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IN THE NEWS...

MORE LIKE A YELLOW LIGHT FOR DARTBROOK

The Dartbrook Mine, south of Aberdeen has been given the green light to reopen until 2022. The IPC has approved the Australia Pacific Coal project to recommence operations using bord-and-pillar methods in the underground mine.

The company was seeking to restart operations with an extension to their current approval which is until 2022. They did want to extend until 2027.

The Commission concluded that partial approval of the application is acceptable because “mining operations have been approved until 2022 and bord-and-pillar mining has been acknowledged by the Proponent and Department as a less intensive and environmentally-impacting activity than longwall mining.”

The IPC has also listed reasons as to why they haven’t approved the mine to continue until 2027 including noise, air quality, subsidence, groundwater and greenhouse gas emissions “that haven’t been fully considered in this application”.

The IPC added it would not be in the public’s interest.

AGL WILL SWEAT THROUGH SUMMER

AGL has delayed the closure of the Liddell Power Station at Muswellbrook in a bid to help the energy grid through the summer months.

The energy giant announced the first unit at Liddell will close in April 2022 and after an independent engineering assessment the remaining three units will close in April 2023.

AGL as previously indicated that Liddell would close in 2022, which after 50 years of operation will have reached the end of its technical life.

NOT A GOOD MONTH FOR MOUNT ARTHUR

Mount Arthur Coal has avoided prosecution after an incident at the Muswellbrook mine two years ago that saw a contractor suffer serious burns.

The NSW Resources Regulator has accepted what is the highest value work health and safety undertaking in NSW to date valued at \$1,090,750. The investigation found a worker suffered serious burns to his face, neck, torso and arms after a diesel fire that started while the worker was refuelling a tyre handler at the mine.

The Regulator has made a number of recommendations and Mount Arthur have a number of expectations to meet under the enforceable undertaking.

DUST CATCHES UP WITH MOUNT ARTHUR

Hunter Valley Energy Coal fined \$15,000 for alleged excessive dust at Mount Arthur on a day in October last year.

The NSW EPA says the company had allegedly failed to comply with their licence conditions by failing to conduct activities aimed at minimising the generation of dust from vehicles and responding to particular weather conditions that could contribute to dust.

Meantime, a truck ended up on its tailgate in August at the mine.

BHP confirmed a truck came to rest on its tailgate and the site emergency response was immediately activated - the operator sustained minor injuries. An investigation was launched into the incident.

23 MORE YEARS FOR WAMBO

The IPC has given approval, with conditions, to the United Wambo Coal Project near Singleton.

The Glencore and Peabody Energy project worth \$381 million will see the open cut mining operations at the existing United Wambo Coal Mine and United Colliery integrated and expanded.

The approval will facilitate the extraction of an additional 150 million tonnes of run-of-mine coal over a 23-year period.

BYPASS UPDATE

The Roads and Maritime Service Hunter Director Anna Zycki has given an update on the much-anticipated Muswellbrook Bypass.

The timeline now looks like this:

- 2020: Public display of preferred route
- 2021: Environmental assessment
- 2022: Final Business Case and project approval

“At this stage of a project there are always issues that can come up along the timeframe, there might be something we discover through environmental investigations or geotechnical investigations, there is always something that comes up and it wouldn’t be a normal project if something didn’t come up,” she said.

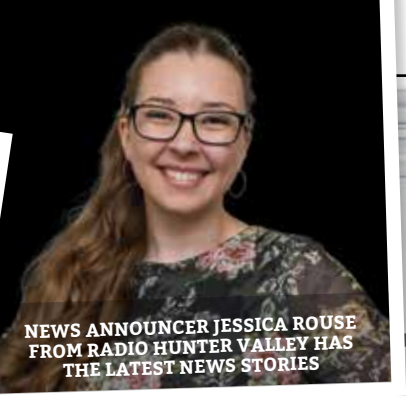
WATER RESTRICTIONS

Water restrictions will soon be introduced in the Lower Hunter.

For the first time in 25 years in what is the worst drought on record for NSW, the Level 1 water restrictions will begin on Monday 16 September.

Water restrictions are enforceable now in Singleton, Muswellbrook, Denman and the Upper Hunter Shire as well.

The level at Glenbawn Dam continues to drop and is now sitting below 50 per cent capacity.



NEWS ANNOUNCER JESSICA ROUSE FROM RADIO HUNTER VALLEY HAS THE LATEST NEWS STORIES

MSBRK COUNCIL VS. BHP

Muswellbrook Shire Council has lost an appeal against a Land and Environment Court decision that upholds the Mount Arthur Coal Rehabilitation Strategy.

In 2017 Council took action against BHP and the mines owner Hunter Valley Energy Coal alleging that the mine wasn’t complying with a 2014 Planning Assessment Commission condition of consent on rehabilitation.

Council argued it had to be applied for the entire site, not just the future parts of the site to be rehabilitated.

But the NSW Court of Appeal rejected Councils appeal against the original decision deciding the mine was in the right.

In a statement BHP has said that they “welcome today’s decision by the New South Wales Court of Appeal to uphold the approval of the Mt Arthur Rehabilitation Strategy document, as required in Mt Arthur Coal’s Project Approval.”

Muswellbrook Shire Council have also released a statement that they “respect the decision of the Court of Appeal and thanks it for its careful consideration of the matter.”

“The community has been woefully let down today by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Planning Assessment Commission as a result of their shoddy drafting of an important document.”

BALL ROLLING FOR MAXWELL UNDERGROUND

Submissions are open for the Maxwell Underground mine project near Jerrys Plains.

Malabar Coal has put their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on public exhibition for the project that would see bord-and-pillar and longwall methods to extract coal for 26 years.

At least 75 per cent of the product coal produced by the Project would be coking coal capable of being used in the making of steel and 8-million-tonnes would be extracted per annum.

Malabar Coal hope to be mining by 2021.

HIGHWAY HELL DEATH ZONE

THE STRETCH OF NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY BETWEEN THE GOLDEN HIGHWAY AND SINGLETON IS BEST DESCRIBED AS A DEATH ZONE AND DAILY TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE. IT’S BEYOND PAST TIME FOR THINGS TO CHANGE.

The Whittingham Road Safety Group was formed in response to the unacceptable human costs and tragedies of this notorious stretch of road. The group is demanding immediate action and @ The Coalface is 100% behind them along with council and others.

Since an initial 2012 Whittingham Community and RMS meeting there has been a staggering 7 deaths, 11 catastrophic accidents and numerous moderate and minor injury accidents.

IF THOSE NUMBERS ARE NOT ENOUGH FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION, THEN WE ARE PERPLEXED AS TO WHAT IS.

The Hunter Valley Police District consider the Whittingham stretch of highway to be in their top 2 for dangerous driving/crashes. Motorist

behavioural records for the year to June 2019 further support that the time for action is now.

The numbers demonstrate that the body count could easily have been much worse if you can believe it, with 789 individual traffic infringements issued with 276 of those for speeding alone, and that doesn’t include drug and alcohol infringements.

25000 vehicles per day pass through Singleton and with around 9000 of those being drive in, drive out mine workers, the potential if not inevitable toll will continue to rise without action.

WHAT IS BEING ASKED FOR IS SIMPLE - DROP THE SPEED TO 80KM/H FROM SINGLETON TO BELFORD PAST THE GOLDEN HIGHWAY INTERSECTION NOW UNTIL THE BYPASS IS DELIVERED.



The group is also asking for a full evaluation of the bypass plan and route in context with Whittingham Road Safety Group data. They believe the current preferred route will amplify road dangers for residents and bypass users and their research and data backs that up strongly. The plan provides no relief along New England highway at Whittingham and it would be unconscionable of the RMS to not look at the group’s recommendations.

Singleton Council Mayor, Cr Sue Moore who strongly supports the group said, “The General Manager and I recently met with the WRSG. Their presentation was quite compelling and very much demonstrated their concerns, the impacts on their daily lives and equally important, the impact for all NEH road users.”

“We realise that this is a state road and a matter for the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). However, we also realise we have an important role to support our community and ensure their voices are heard at all levels of government. We have asked that they, and Council, be meaningfully involved in any consideration RMS will have in regard to this road in the near future and beyond.”

The campaign for these changes and action on the recommendations is now moving to the next level and @ The Coalface will be right behind helping make this happen. Expect to see an extremely vocal and visible campaign ramp up – lives depend on it and we won’t let those who we have already lost to have died in vain.

OTHER URGENT REQUESTS FROM THE WHITTINGHAM ROAD SAFETY GROUP INCLUDE:

- Lights at Racecourse Lane and an urgent design review.
- Installation of a U Turn Bay south of Racecourse Lane with adequate lead in and lead out lanes.
- Installation of a Haggarty’s Lane turning bay, project update and

- detailed communication with residents on design.
- Road design workshop with RMS to provide detailed information on road use, requirements, and dangerous locations.



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"Good working relationships are the key to a successful business foundation, and one cannot work without the other," he added.

"The long-term plan for ProMine is to carry on with the growth off the business, focusing at all times on the customers and their needs as well as the much-valued team that make up the company," Brad finished proudly.

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- They have a second Auto Electrical Workshop located at Rosella Street Singleton.



ANGUS-CHAROLAIS CROSS STEERS ON REHABILITATION OF FORMER OPEN CUT MINING AREAS AT THE MAXWELL INFRASTRUCTURE

PROPOSAL Progress

MALABAR COAL'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE MAXWELL UNDERGROUND PROJECT IS NOW ON PUBLIC DISPLAY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 25.

The Maxwell Project is a proposed underground coal mine located in the Upper Hunter, south of Muswellbrook. It will deliver 350 new jobs and contribute to a stronger and more prosperous local community for decades to come.

MALABAR CHAIRMAN, WAYNE SEABROOK, SAID THE AUSTRALIAN-OWNED, NSW-BASED COMPANY HAD DESIGNED THE PROJECT WITH COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK FRONT OF MIND.

"A top priority for the community is to ensure that the region has a vibrant and diverse economy that supports many different sectors. With that in mind, the

COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN HAVE THEIR SAY ON THE EIS BY VISITING THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT WEBSITE WWW.PLANNINGPORTAL.NSW.GOV.AU/MAJOR PROJECTS/PROJECT/10151.

Maxwell Project has been carefully designed to ensure that the community can enjoy the significant economic boost this project will create, without negatively impacting other local industries and land uses. "We encourage all community members to take a close look at the EIS and to provide their feedback," Mr Seabrook said.

THE MAXWELL PROJECT WILL DELIVER A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT BENEFITS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND NSW MORE BROADLY.

These benefits include 350 new, direct, long-term local jobs and many more indirect jobs. \$55 million in wages will also be injected into the local economy each year along with an additional \$1-1.25 billion to the NSW Government and local Council through royalties, taxes and council rates. \$500 million to \$700 million in annual export income for NSW will be generated by the project.

AS PART OF THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROCESS, MALABAR MADE SEVERAL IMPORTANT DECISIONS TO MINIMISE THE MINE'S IMPACT.

Some of those decisions include revisions to the Exploration Licence to ensure that mining on the site can only ever be underground. This will dramatically reduce potential impacts like dust, noise and light on neighbours.

The mine entry for the Maxwell Project has also been carefully placed in a valley 5 km north of the Golden Highway behind a ridge line that cannot be seen from the Highway or the local horse studs. Access to the mine entry will be via Thomas Mitchell Drive, reducing any impact on the local rural and tourist road networks. Malabar has also committed to only mine below freehold land it owns and has voluntarily relinquished the part of the Exploration Licence beneath and south of the Golden Highway.

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The Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue, the community forum for addressing issues relating to mining in the region, will be led by a new Chairperson.

BHP's Sarah Withell is an experienced mining professional who lives with her family in the region and has had a long involvement in the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue.

As Chair, Ms Withell will head the Dialogue's Joint Advisory Steering Committee which includes community, mining and government representatives. It's an important committee that provides direction for projects seeking to address issues raised by Dialogue participants.

Past projects have included successful cattle grazing trials on rehabilitated mine land as well as initiatives to improve transparency, including the collection and publication of data on industry

water use and mine rehabilitation performance.

Ms Withell is based at BHP's Mt Arthur Coal near Muswellbrook and is the company's Head of Health Safety and Environment Business Partnership – BMC and NSWEC.

MS WITHELL IS HIGHLY REGARDED IN THE COMMUNITY AND AMONGST HER INDUSTRY PEERS. SHE WAS NAMED 2019 "EXCEPTIONAL WOMAN IN MINING" AT THE NSW WOMEN IN MINING AWARDS AND WILL REPRESENT NSW AT THE NATIONAL WOMEN IN RESOURCES AWARDS IN SEPTEMBER.

BHP is an engaged member of the Dialogue and has a number of key people contributing to various projects and working groups.

Ms Withell said she was looking forward to her new role. "The work of the Dialogue is really important and I'm excited about this new leadership role in our community," Ms Withell said.

"I've been a part of the Dialogue for a number of years and it's a fantastic way for the community, regulators and industry to work together on solutions for any issues of concern. An important part of the Dialogue is listening to the community. And I'm really passionate about making sure we continue to deliver projects and information that matter most to the community."

MS WITHELL ALSO PRAISED OUTGOING CHAIR, GLENCORE'S DAVID O'BRIEN. "HE'S BEEN A GREAT LEADER AND CONTRIBUTOR TO THE DIALOGUE," SHE SAID.

"His commitment and involvement over the past few years has greatly contributed to the Dialogue's success and continuing evolution."

NSW Minerals Council CEO Stephen Galilee welcomed Ms Withell as Chair and praised Mr O'Brien for his time in the role.

"We're grateful for David's strong guidance and leadership and the significant progress made in addressing key community concerns during his time as Chair," he said.

"We recognise the significant contributions Sarah has made to The Dialogue so far and we look forward to working with her in her new role as Chair."

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PUBLISHERS OPINION

THE drought is GETTING worse. HOW CAN WE HELP?

THE DROUGHT WAS BIG NEWS NOT SO LONG AGO AND ANYONE AND EVERYONE SEEMED TO BE TALKING ABOUT IT OR HELPING OUT. WELL IT'S MUCH WORSE NOW DESPITE MANY MEDIA OUTLETS MOVING THE CRISIS WAY DOWN THE PRIORITY LIST.

The Bureau of Meteorology says that rainfall deficiencies have affected most of the New South Wales, Queensland and South Australian parts of the Murray-Darling Basin since the start of 2017. The 31 months from January 2017 to July 2019 has been some of the driest on record. Only the 1900-02 peak of the Federation Drought has been drier. The dry conditions of the last three years have been particularly acute during the cool season, which is important in many regions for generating runoff.

ANYONE IN THE HUNTER AND FURTHER WEST ONLY HAS TO OPEN THEIR EYES TO SEE BARREN GRAZING COUNTRY THAT IS BREAKING THE HEARTS AND BANK BALANCES OF OUR PRIMARY PRODUCERS.

Even if it does rain, it will take years to recover. The outlook for rain is grim over the next three months leading into what will be another scorching Summer.

What's does all of this mean? It means that we need to refocus and reignite the campaign to do whatever we can to support.

What can we do? Be it fundraising or helping out, we all need to do something because it is a problem that is getting even worse. Organise something at work. A BBQ, a raffle, anything you can to raise funds to go towards worthy drought relief programs. Especially locally. The CWA knows what is happening on the ground and that's one good place to start. Buy some bales and give them away. Anything and everything will help.

Then there is social media. Instead of uploading your next best selfie, upload a call to action to get the issue back to the top of people's thoughts. Make the issue the most important one amongst your extended groups and family. Share the shit out of it as they say. Make it the number one topic in the pub, at work or wherever you can.

FARMING IS AT THE BACKBONE OF THIS COUNTRY AND OUR REGION. IT IS OUR DUTY TO DO WHAT WE CAN. IF YOU ARE OF THE RELIGIOUS PERSUASION, SAY A PRAYER. THANK GOD FOR OUR FARMERS, MAY THEY GET THE BREAK THEY DESERVE SOON.

OPINION

SECURING COAL'S FUTURE



IN THE 1960's, WHEN AUSTRALIA WAS CONSIDERING EXPANDING COAL EXPORTS TO JAPAN, THE CSIRO ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT SHOULD NOT APPROVE AN EXPANSION OF COAL EXPORTS BECAUSE AUSTRALIA MIGHT RUN OUT OF COAL FOR ITS OWN USE!

Fortunately, the CSIRO's advice was not accepted, and coal went on to become our nation's biggest export producing decades of wealth, royalties and jobs for Australians.

As well, Australian coal helped Japan bring millions out of poverty, and later we did the same for Korea and China. There remain nearly 1 billion people around the world without access to electricity so there is a lot more opportunity for Australian coal exports to expand.

THE NEXT GREAT OPPORTUNITY IS INDIA. SINCE 2000 MORE THAN HALF A BILLION INDIANS HAVE RECEIVED ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY FOR THE FIRST TIME YET THERE REMAIN AROUND 160 MILLION INDIANS WITHOUT THAT NECESSITY.

India is already Australia's biggest market for coking coal but our performance on capturing a share of its growing thermal coal market has not been as impressive.

In 2018, Australia supplied less than five per cent of India's thermal coal imports. The United States

exported nearly double the amount of thermal coal to India than we did. Given the world's best thermal coal comes from the Hunter Valley in New South Wales that record is not good enough.

We have a big opportunity to turn this around. India's need for more high-quality thermal coal is likely to grow significantly. While India has lots of its own thermal coal resources, its coals are much less energy rich than Australian coals and typically contain more ash.

In addition, India's coals are concentrated in the east of the country while much of its industry is in the west. Seaborne coal from Australia has the chance to complement India's domestic coal industry.

As India becomes wealthier, it will increase its demand for the high-quality coals that produce cleaner environmental outcomes. Over the past decade, India has built 123 GW of coal fired power plants. That is more than five times Australia's total installed capacity of coal fired power. India's

newer coal fired power stations will work better if some of Australia's high-quality coal is added to the mix.

THAT IS WHY IT HAS BEEN SO IMPORTANT TO SECURE THE ADANI INVESTMENT. ADANI IS BY FAR THE LARGEST INDIAN INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA TO DATE BUT IT IS JUST THE START.

Already since the Federal election result gave the Adani project a boost, coal companies in India have expressed renewed interest in investment in Australian coal mines, including in New South Wales.

This month I will travel to India to discuss this potential. I will proudly sell the wares of Australian coal and try to secure more jobs for Australians.

There were lots of naysayers about Adani just as there were 50 years ago about Japan. We need to ignore the doom mongers and continue to build on the great, successful, world-enhancing Australian coal industry and take it to even greater heights!



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CFMEU NORTHERN MINING & NSW ENERGY DISTRICT HELD THEIR 24TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 8 TO REMEMBER THE MINEWORKERS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US.

The sun shone over the Jim Comerford Memorial Wall, Federation House on Sunday as the community came together in memory of our miners lost.

Family and friends of Quinton Moore were among those in attendance on the sombre occasion to see his name etched into the golden wall. Quinton was a contractor killed at Bengalla Mine in November 2018.

QUINTON WAS DESCRIBED BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY AS A LOVING AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE MINING AND LOCAL COMMUNITY WHO WILL BE FOREVER MISSED AND REMEMBERED.

This year's guest speaker the Honourable Anthony Albanese, MP and Leader of the Australian Labor Party, showed his strong support and respect for the day through a passionate and emotional speech.

Mr Albanese told the hundreds in attendance of his and Jim Comerford's shared hope, so many years on, that there would be no more names being added to the wall. "Sadly, that job is not yet behind us," he said.

"As we look at all those names, we give thanks that their ranks do not grow at the remorseless and terrible rate that they used to," added Mr Albanese.

This theme was carried on throughout the day, as speakers and guests expressed the importance of continuously improving safety on site.

Previous years have had other Labor leaders join us in the Hunter to speak on this important day including Bill Shorten, Julia Gillard and Kevin Rudd.

The day began with a moving performance of "Minstrel Boy" and "Scotland the Brave" played by the

THE WALL BEARS THE NAMES OF MORE THAN 1800 MEN, WOMEN AND BOYS THAT HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES ON THE JOB IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICTS COALFIELDS SINCE 1801. OPENED IN 1996 BY THE THEN PRIME MINISTER PAUL KEATING, THE WALL WAS NAMED AFTER ONE OF THE UNION'S MOST RESPECTED LEADERS JIM COMERFORD.

Mineworkers' Pipe Band as they proudly marched in.

Bengalla Lodges' Rodney Hamson then carried The Safety Lamp to the stand, a moving moment for all.

The packed audience were welcomed by CFMEU Northern Mining and New South Wales Energy District President, Peter Jordan, who introduced Jason Jenkins from the Maitland Salvation Army to lead us into prayer and a minute's silence for our fallen.

Throughout the day the Mineworkers' Pipe Band played melodious sounds of classics like "Amazing Grace", "Flowers of the Forrest" and "At Long Last", along with Tara Naysmith who sung "Who You'd Be Today" and "Working Man".

The day closed with the floral tribute. The guest of honour Anthony Albanese, General President Tony Maher, District President Peter Jordan and General Secretary Grahame Kelly of CFMEU Mining and Energy placed the first floral arrangements on the wall of names.

Members of Parliament and Local Government, Families, invited guests, national and district officials and lodges and members of the public were soon to follow with their floral tributes as hundreds lined the wall in remembrance.

As Rodney Hamson removed the Safety Lamp, the service came to a close and guests were invited for tea and coffee in the foyer and then across the road at the Caledonian Hotel.

We give thanks to all those involved on the day to help us remember our fallen miners.



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In previous articles we have looked at the role of the Executor and when a Will should be reviewed. Today we look at what happens when a person passes away without leaving a valid Will or did not name an executor or where the named executor is unable or unwilling to act. Where there is no valid Will, this is called an intestacy, or it might be said that the person died intestate.

WHERE THERE IS AN EXECUTOR NAMED IN A VALID WILL THE EXECUTOR APPLIES TO THE SUPREME COURT OF NSW FOR PROBATE.

Once granted, Probate authorises the executor to administer the estate and distribute the assets in accordance with the Will. Where there is no valid Will or executor then, in order for the estate to be administered and assets distributed someone needs to apply for Letters of Administration. Once granted the person appointed as the Administrator can deal with estate in accordance with the law.

The Court will grant Letters of Administration to someone who is entitled to some or all of the estate and usually the grant is made to the deceased's next of kin. However in cases where there is no such person the Court may grant Letters to the NSW Trustee & Guardian but can exercise discretion and make a grant to any other person that the Court thinks fit.

THERE ARE TIME LIMITS FOR APPLYING FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF DEATH.

However if there is a reasonable explanation for delay then an affidavit setting out the reasons can be filed with the Court and the Court may Grant Administration notwithstanding that the application was made outside the six month time period.

This is general advice and because your individual circumstances will vary, I recommend seeking out specific advice for your needs.

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Prior to applying for Letters of Administration the applicant must demonstrate that they have made every effort to locate a valid Will. This might include enquiring of lawyers and banks in the locality where the deceased lived, searching their home or making enquiries with persons or institutions with whom the deceased might have stored their Will or made known their testamentary intentions. It is also necessary to advertise that you intend to apply for a grant of Letters of Administration.

WHERE A PERSON DIES INTESTATE THERE ARE RULES THAT PROVIDE FOR WHO IS ENTITLED TO INHERIT. THERE ARE TOO MANY OPTIONS TO SET THEM OUT HERE HOWEVER THE STARTING POINT IS USUALLY A SURVIVING SPOUSE, THEN CHILDREN AND THEREAFTER THERE IS A HIERARCHY SET OUT IN THE LEGISLATION TO COVER DIFFERENT FAMILY SITUATIONS.

There are costs of obtaining Letters of Administration, depending upon the value of the estate those costs can vary greatly but will often be in the range of \$3,000 to \$12,000. What is required will vary depending upon the particular circumstances and if you find yourself in this situation you would be well advised to obtain advice.

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TEAMING UP

HUNTER VALLEY MECHANICAL EXPERT RAY DAVIS JOINS MINING AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRADERS COMPONENTS ONLY.

Components Only, which began in Brisbane and has since become a world leader in the trade of heavy earthmoving components, has welcomed Ray Davis on board as Resource Partner based in the Hunter Valley.

"We're pleased to welcome Ray Davis to the Components Only

team," said Accounts Director Ben Hailes. "He is a highly experienced and dedicated professional with decades of mining experience that will be invaluable to our customers in the Hunter Valley and beyond."

Ray first entered the industry at the age of 16 when he started an apprenticeship at Hebden Mining Company and now has more than 30 years' experience in the mining and heavy equipment space. He spent over 20 years as a plant mechanic for Rio Tinto before moving to the Reliability Engineering Team at Bengalla Mining Company,

where he was appointed as Defect Elimination Officer.

"My role at Bengalla involved examining recurring maintenance issues and devising solutions to reduce or eliminate them. I also carried out extensive data analysis and managed planned-maintenance strategy and tactical improvements," Ray explained.

HE HAS WORKED ACROSS ALL EQUIPMENT IN THREE DIFFERENT OPEN-CUT COAL MINING OPERATIONS IN THE HUNTER VALLEY REGION, AND ALSO HAS COAL HANDLING PLANT EXPERIENCE.

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Highly experienced with Komatsu 830E AC drive trucks, Ray said his most memorable project involved managing the breakdown of one of these trucks – a project that resulted in permanent regulatory changes across Rio Tinto's entire fleet.

"The trunnion pin fell out of a Komatsu 830E and the truck basically broke in half," Ray recalled. "I project managed its removal from the haul road, transport to maintenance pad and the rebuild of the truck. I also designed and implemented a positive fix to ensure this event would never happen again – this design was subsequently rolled out as a requirement for all Rio Tinto trucks."

Ray said he's looking forward to sharing and extending his expertise as a member of Components Only's growing team. "This role is different from my previous roles and I'm very excited about the new challenge. Here in the Valley we have great industries involved in heavy earthmoving and I'm really looking forward to getting out and about and broadening my relationships."

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MATES ON A MISSION

THE MINING INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR SAFETY CULTURE OVER THE PAST DECADE, WITH IMPROVEMENTS AND INNOVATIONS PAVING THE WAY FOR THE FUTURE OF MINING. BUT THERE'S A BIGGER ISSUE AT HAND.

Evidence found by MATES in Mining (MIM) shows we lose a miner to suicide in Australia every two days. This devastating statistic highlights the importance of a program like MIM.

MATES in Mining provides suicide prevention and intervention skills and suicide awareness to the Mining Industry. Born from the success of MATES in Construction, the program is delivered through a three-tiered approach of General Awareness, Connector and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST).

In 2016, Glencore reached out to MATES in Construction due to the similarities of the two industries. Looking for a program they could implement in their mines across Australia, they piloted the construction program and MATES in Mining was developed.

The MATES program provides both training and support, provided through clear pathways to help case management processes that ensure that workers in need of support are connected to appropriate help, and on site visits by field officers to support the

site and its workers in an ongoing presence until the site closes.

Starting with a general awareness day, Field Officers and Case Managers hand out forms and gather data as a subsidiary, giving people the option to tick 'please call' or 'I want to do more training'. This enables the program to draw those out that may need a bit more help and do second level training. Workers then have the option to complete a two-day advanced level training, providing them with resources, information and ongoing support.

Field Officer and Case Manager for MIM, Kieran Toohey spoke about the similarities of both the construction and mining

industry. "There's a close correlation between construction working and mining, first and foremost they are both majority male in their demographics and also the high-risk environments," said Kieran.

"THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND DID A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE MATES IN CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND FOUND THAT SITES THAT IMPLEMENTED THE FULL THREE LEVELS OF THE TRAINING HAD A REDUCTION IN SUICIDE RATES, SO WE'RE HOPING THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE THE SAME FOR MINING," KIERAN ADDED.



So far, research conducted by the MATES program and partnered research institutions has proven that post training the stigma of mental health has disintegrated, and people are more comfortable to talk about issues in their mind and what they might be going through.

In Australia, a young male worker is 10 times more likely to die by suicide than to die from an accident at work. "So, if I was to open a mine and say right guys work at my mine but I'm not going to have any first aiders, you wouldn't join...and yet we have all these mines opening with no one trained in suicide prevention," said Kieran.

The program is indeed a charity and so there are some great ways to get involved and help raise funds for MATES. Each year they host a trip to Kokoda which is a fantastic way to have a great experience whilst also raising money for the cause.

Earlier this year MATES had their first Luncheon which was a major success and are looking to make this an annual event. Kieran also mentioned preparations of a golf day for the Hunter region. There's lots of ways to get involved.

THE PROGRAM HAS TWO OVERARCHING GOALS FOR THE FUTURE - TO EXPAND AND REACH AS MANY PEOPLE IN AND AROUND THE INDUSTRY AS POSSIBLE AND IN TURN REDUCE THE RATES OF SUICIDE.

"There was the recent unfortunate deaths in Queensland mines which was all over the news, whereas I know

4 miners this year that have committed suicide just in the Hunter and not a single thing has been in the news about it," Kieran said emphasising the importance of awareness.

Kieran said the two main hurdles with suicide intervention is people too scared to get involved and also those that do get involved

sometimes try to give advice rather than listening to what's going on with the person. The program provides you with tools to approach those who may need a hand appropriately.

MATES in Mining is a program that we here @ The Coalface support whole heartedly. "The statistics are devastating, it's an epidemic,"

said Kieran. There's still a lot more to be done and I'm sure we will continue to see the MATES program grow throughout our industry and support our miners.

If you or someone you know could benefit by getting involved with this fantastic program, visit their Facebook page or call their 24/7 hotline.



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Chief Executive of the Waste Management Association of Australia, Gayle Sloan told the ABC, "What we're actually exporting are commodities, it's not waste. What we should be doing is not exporting those to overseas countries but utilising them in Australia because we know we create jobs — 9.2 jobs for every 10,000 tonnes recycled in Australia, compared to 2.8 for export."

Imagine a clean and efficient national recycling mega site where everything from building materials to glass to paper, cardboard, metal, plastic, tyres, textiles, batteries, and electronics could not only be taken to, but repurposed into high value commodities. Those commodities would be worth billions as mentioned earlier.

We are not talking about a stockpile site here. It comes in and gets processed in vast quantities in a highly efficient, relatively short time frame. Surrounding the site could be waste specific processing facilities generating mass scale, high value commodities for export or domestic industry use.

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MAYOR OF SINGLETON, CR SUE MOORE WITH BENJAMIN SINGLETON'S GRAVE AT WHITTINGHAM CEMETERY.

WITH THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE NAMING OF ST PATRICKS PLAINS LOOMING IN MARCH NEXT YEAR, THE COMMUNITY IS BEING ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THE COMMEMORATION.

It's been almost 200 years since an exploration party led by John Howe and including two Aboriginal guides, Myles and Mullaboy, as well as Benjamin Singleton, came upon the Hunter River at Whittingham, proclaiming the area to be "as fine a country as imagination can form".

The date was 15 March 1820, and the area was named St Patricks Plains because of the proximity to St Patricks Day.

WITH THE BICENTENNIAL OF THAT OCCASION LESS THAN A YEAR AWAY, SINGLETON COUNCIL IS ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, ORGANISATIONS AND BUSINESSES TO GET INVOLVED IN THE FESTIVAL OF COMMEMORATIONS KNOWN AS BACK TO SINGLETON 2020.

Overseen by the Singleton Bicentennial Commemorations Working Group, Back to Singleton 2020 is a whole-of-community commemoration focusing on the history of St Patricks Plains as well as what people love about living, working and playing in Singleton.

The official weekend of events will be held on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 March 2020, with a community street party in John Street on Friday night and a community festival at the Singleton Civic Precinct on Saturday afternoon.

A formal event will be held in the Singleton Civic Centre on Saturday night.

Mayor of Singleton and chair of the working group, Cr Sue Moore said the vision was for a program of events over the weekend of

13-15 March and throughout the year to cover the entire local government area.

A BACK TO SINGLETON 2020 EVENT PROSPECTUS IS NOW AVAILABLE TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS TO START PLANNING THEIR OWN EVENTS AND GET INVOLVED.

"We're looking to sporting clubs to host a home game or preseason match that weekend, or your community organisation to hold a concert, a reunion or a historical display," Cr Moore said.

"We'd also love businesses to get into the spirit and pubs and clubs to think about a historical theme for their entertainment, or to organise a special menu or event to reflect on the history of Singleton and the opportunities for our area into the future."

"You don't have to concentrate your theme on early pioneers – you could focus on any historical era, century or decade related to the Aboriginal or European inhabitation of Singleton."

CR MOORE SAID THE COMMEMORATIONS WERE DESIGNED TO BRING PEOPLE FROM ALL CULTURES TOGETHER TO MARK THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SINGLETON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA TO ABORIGINAL AND EUROPEAN SETTLEMENTS, AND ITS CONTINUED HISTORICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE TO NSW.

It's also not too early for locals to plan to be tourists in their own town for the weekend, or for former residents or visitors to plan a trip back to Singleton for the occasion.

"With less than a year to 2020, we're encouraging all community groups, venues and businesses to start planning their own events for Back to Singleton 2020," she said.

"And let us know at Council so we can include it in our event program and promotion, so that people can start planning their weekend – and indeed their year – of commemorations to include a trip back to Singleton."

The Back to Singleton 2020 Event Prospectus is available at WWW.SINGLETON.NSW.GOV.AU or contact Council on 02 6578 7290 to request a hard copy. Expressions of Interest close on 31 October 2019 for inclusion on the official Event Program.

Back to Singleton 2020

Back to Singleton 2020 is a whole-of-community commemoration focusing on the history of St Patricks Plains with the arrival of the exploration party, led by John Howe and including two Aboriginal guides along with Benjamin Singleton, on 15 March 1820. It's also an occasion for everyone in our community to come together to mark what we love about living, working and playing in Singleton.

The Singleton Bicentennial Commemorations Working Group, representing all sectors of the community, is overseeing an inclusive series of events to mark the occasion in keeping with the significance of our area to all cultures.

You can start planning your bicentennial weekend (and invite family and friends to come and stay) with the program to include:

- **Friday 13 March 2020:** Community street party - John Street
- **Saturday 14 March 2020:** Community festival - Civic Precinct
- **Saturday 14 March 2020:** Formal dinner - Civic Centre

The working group is also considering other events and commemorations, based on suggestions from the community, all throughout 2020.

GET INVOLVED

If you're from a community organisation, sports club, a local business or are just passionate about Singleton, you can hold your own event as part of the Back to Singleton 2020 program. It may be on the weekend of 13-15 March 2020, or at another time during the year.

For more information and some suggestions for an event you could host, view the Back to Singleton 2020 Event Prospectus at W.singleton.nsw.gov.au and submit an Expression of Interest form for your event by **31 October 2019**.

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news about Back to Singleton 2020 events, visit singleton.nsw.gov.au/backtosingleton2020



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CHILLI CHAMPIONS

A COUPLE OF OUR MINING INDUSTRY FELLAS HAVE BANDED TOGETHER TO CREATE AN EPIC AND DELICIOUS SIDE CHILLI SAUCE BUSINESS.

If you're a fan of chilli, then you need to get your hot little hands on some of The Newcastle Chilli Bros chilli sauce. Matthew Lethbridge, an underground miner from Intergra and Adrian Drummond, a Truckie in the Hunter mining industry launched the business in May 2019 and the rest is history.

The support has been huge from the boys underground with Integra and Chain Valley Colliery among some of The Newcastle Chilli Bros best customers. With Miners and Truckies scoffing down this amazing sauce, the pair have managed to create somewhat of a network of "Chilli Bros".

Meeting each other in primary school, Matt and Adrian couldn't foresee the chilling success that was to come. "After school we drifted apart and it was years later that we'd cross paths again and found that we shared the same passion for everything and anything chilli," said Matt.



"WE BOTH LOVE ANYTHING CHILLI AND LOVE SAUCES, SO IT WAS A FAIRLY EASY DECISION TO PUT OUR HEARTS, MINDS AND WALLET TOGETHER AND FORM WHAT IS AFFECTIONALLY KNOWN AS TNCB (THE NEWCASTLE CHILLI BROS)," MATT ADDED.

Adrian works on trucks at Beresfield and is responsible for cooking all the sauces, whilst Matt manages the marketing and distribution side of things.

Upon their opening in May this year the boys launched their first 3 sauces; the 'Original Chill Sauce' in mild, hot

and extra hot. This set the platform for the small business with online orders, friends and family chomping at the bit to get a bottle. "I remember our first 100 bottles and saying to Adrian, man we have supportive friends and family," said Matt.

"The following week we sold 200 and the third week 290 and that's when we realised that we were onto something pretty special," he added.

SINCE THEN THE NEWCASTLE CHILLI BROS HAVE RELEASED A CHILLI BBQ, CHILLI KETCHUP, SRIRACHA, AND SWEET CHILLI SAUCE WITH A CHILLI CHOCOLATE AND CHILLI SATAY IN THE PIPELINE.



The Bros also give you the chance to join "The Wall of Flame" which you can be inducted to by uploading or sending in a selfie with your bottle of sauce. So why not give these guys your support and have a flamin' good time adding delicious chilli sauce to your next steak and veg and snap a selfie along the way.

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MARTIN MYTHEN MIGHT BE A MINER BY DAY, BUT HE'S A HORSE BREEDER AT HEART.

Marty works at Glencore's Glendell operation as a water cart operator, having moved with his family from England in 2012 to give the warmer Aussie climate a go. Despite spending half his life in England, Marty still has a great Irish accent and it is music to the ears when he greets you with a 'top of the morning,' or any other Irish-ism.

Marty comes to the job with plenty of experience. In Cumbria, in England's north, he drove tanker trucks, transporting milk and whey. But it seems he's a country lad at heart, and it's a different pastime that we've come to his Mirannie property to talk about.

The house is tucked into a small clearing at the end of a long driveway that winds its way through a small forest of gumtrees. On the left of the driveway near the house is a large enclosure full of plump chooks. On the right, guinea fowls. A huge Rottweiler with a large, boofy head comes out to greet us as well.

BUT IN A Paddock NEXT TO THE HOUSE IS THE STAR OF THE SHOW. HIS NAME IS 'ABS OF LINDALE,' AND HE'S AN IRISH GYPSY COB STALLION.

This is Marty's other job: He and wife Siri breed and sell Gypsy Cobs internationally. If you've never seen this breed of horse, you're missing out. They have extravagant, long manes, and the luxuriant hair on their legs, forelocks and tails is known as 'feather'.

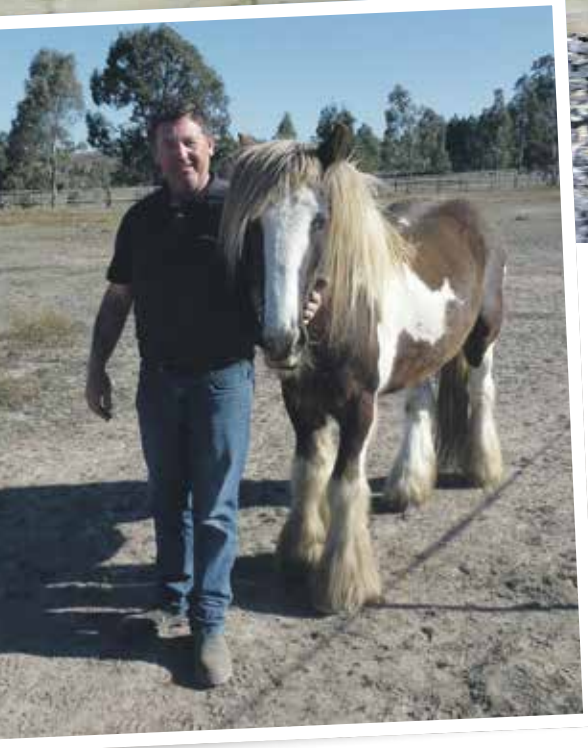
They're a heavy horse, traditionally used as draught horses. They're smaller in stature than the similarly feathered Friesian, standing just 14 to 14.5 hands on average. But their temperament is part of their charm.

"They're the type of horse that will go all day long," says Marty. "They're not built for speed; they're built for comfort. And they'll just plod away all day long. They're willing little souls."

Although the breed is less known in Australia, it's been a part of UK life since the 1800s, when the travelling Romany people (gypsies) used them to pull their 'vardoos,' or gypsy caravans.

Gypsy Cobs have been bred to have very distinctive colours, with good reason. As Marty explains:

"During the First World War, when the military came along, they took all the bay and brown and black horses for the officers. The Gypsies still needed their horses to pull their living wagons. So they bred coloured horses, which the military



him, and he believes in using the least invasive techniques he can to keep his animals healthy and stress-free.

"I'm a very firm believer in letting nature teach nature's ways. To me, there can be too much human input. That first six months is imprinted into them [horses]. They need to learn how to be horses, not humans! We can teach them whatever we like afterwards."

He also acknowledges that the Australian climate can be hard on the breed, and like other farmers in the area, the drought over the past two years has affected them.

"The reality is that the only way you can earn money is by keeping the mares in foal," he says. And although they are a "hardy" breed, nature helps them out in dry times. As Marty says, "nature itself actually shuts them down and tells them to stop producing," which means the mares won't come into season. "It comes down to self-preservation," he says.

SO WHERE DID HIS INTEREST IN HORSES COME FROM?

Marty was born in England, and raised in a rural area of Cork, in Ireland. "Even before leaving school, I was into horses. When I left school, I went to work in the hunt yard, training and schooling huntsmen's horses. That's what I used to ride," he says.

Marty says he enjoys helping animals with 'behavioural problems' that others have given up on. Though he is fond of his horses and his rural lifestyle, he has no plans to leave Glendell. "People often tell me I've got the best job in the Pit," he laughs. "I'm very, very lucky."

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What's your favourite thing about being a kid?
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What do you want to be when you grow up?
Motorbike rider because it's fun to ride.



BRADY DUNCAN - AGE 8

What's your favourite thing about being a kid?
Because I get to go to school and play with my friends.
What do you want to be when you grow up?
I want to be an ambulance driver because they save people's lives.



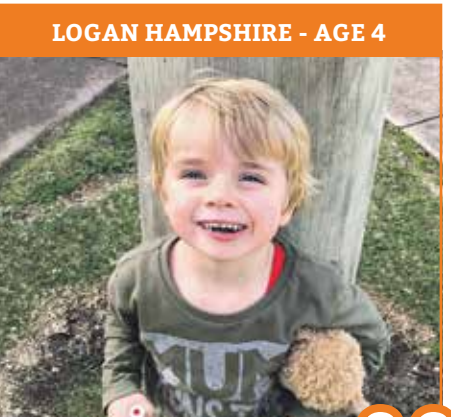
MAX MURRAY - AGE 4
What's your favourite thing about being a kid?
I like playing in the sand pit and running around with Daddy.
What do you want to be when you grow up?
Builder and Running Racer, because I like building things and I like running.

Kids @ THE COALFACE

KIDS LIKE TO DREAM BIG WHEN IT COMES TO THE FUTURE, AND THIS MONTH'S MINI STARS ARE NO EXCEPTION.



MARY JANE PARTRIDGE - AGE 11
What's your favourite thing about being a kid?
Because I can climb really good.
What do you want to be when you grow up?
A firefighter, cos I like it.



LOGAN HAMPSHIRE - AGE 4
What's your favourite thing about being a kid?
Because I get to play with toys a lot.
What do you want to be when you grow up?
I want to be a policeman because they keep people safe and drive fast cars.



TROY HAMPSHIRE - AGE 2
What's your favourite thing about being a kid?
I get to dress up as Ironman.
What do you want to be when you grow up?
I want to be a tree when I grow up because I want to have bark and leaves all over me.



OLIVER BIANCHI - AGE 4
What's your favourite thing about being a kid?
I like playing Ninja Turtles.
What do you want to be when you grow up?
Donatello, because I'll be a big kid. Because I'll be big, big, big when it's my Dad's birthday.



SOFIA BIANCHI - AGE 5
What's your favourite thing about being a kid?
Going caravanning and eating ice blocks when it is cold.
What do you want to be when you grow up?
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Who are you and what do you do?

I'm Dan Repacholi, the Branch Manager at Double R Equipment Repairs Hunter Valley.

Where did you start and how did you end up where you are now?

I started at Double R in 2010 and helped set up there Lineboring division. My wife got sick of me being away all the time and I started with Rio Tinto at Mt Thorley Warkworth in late 2011 and spent 6 years there. In September 2017 Double R opened its Hunter Valley branch at Singleton with a team of 10 hardworking individuals, they convinced me to come across and run the team. Within 12 months we out grew our workshop in Singleton and have moved down to Rutherford into the old MDS work shop.

Describe a typical day at 'The office'.

Start up at 5:50 with the boy's quoting paperwork in the office and out to see customers.

What's the best thing about your business?

The continued growth of Double R Hunter Valley and the great team culture.

What is the big news in your part of the mining industry right now?

With national buying power Double R has established relationships with industry best suppliers of parts, consumables, oils, filters and engineering materials. Passing on direct value to our clients in all areas of operations.

What is the biggest opportunity for your business right now?

In this workshop we have the capacity of full machine overhauls and full engineering capacity, our workshop can fit 4 dump bodies at any one time plus still giving us room in the

other part of our workshop to be able to do full machine overhauls on anything from a little D9 Dozer all the way up to cat 797 dump trucks and everything in-between.

What are the biggest challenges facing your business?

The push for continued growth and expansion.

How long have you been doing business and business in the Valley?

We opened our branch in the Hunter Valley in 2017. Double R Equipment Repairs was founded in 2005.

Community or other causes close to its heart and values?

Double R is an active corporate citizen in the communities that we operate in ensuring our presence provides a positive impact on the community. Each branch is actively involved in sponsorship and community participation. Mudgee, Gunnedah, Hunter Valley, Tamworth, Karratha and Leinster Sponsorship and Community Participation include; Mudgee Chamber of Commerce, Mudgee Clock Awards, Mudgee Carols, Hargraves Public School, Mudgee Wombats Rugby Union, Mudgee Rescue Squad VRA, Mudgee Dragons Rugby League, Mudgee High / Gulgong High Work Experience Programs, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Mudgee Preschool, Little Wings Postie Bike Ride, McGrath Foundation, Pioneer House Charity Golf Day, Gunnedah Red Devils Rugby, Dan Repacholie Commonwealth Games Australian Pistol Shooter, Karratha Motorcross, Karratha KATS Cricket & Karratha KATS Football, Telethon Charity Golf Day, Karratha & Districts Chamber of Commerce, Leinster Golf Club, Leinster District Race Club.



How big is the crew in the Hunter Valley?

50 dedicated staff at our branch we are still expanding our team as we speak, 210 in the company across 6 branches.

What's the best thing about your job?

Growing Double R Hunter Valley to where it is today and building a positive team culture within our employees.

The worst thing?

Having difficult conversations with people if they don't work out being the employees that we are after.

What's a funny story about work that you can tell?

I can't tell the story but what the apprentices get up to on the weekends is very entertaining on a Monday morning start up.

BRODIE AMARO LOVES A CRUISY DAY ON THE JOB AND AS AN OPERATOR AT MT ARTHUR COAL.

Who are you and what do you do?

Brodie Amaro is the name and I'm an operator at Mt Arthur Coal.

Any nicknames good or bad?

Awww I've got a few but I think we'd best leave them out of this... the stories are too long.

Where do you live and how long have you been in the Valley?

I live in Muswellbrook and basically have my whole life. I did get over to Singleton for a few years but then came back here to live with dad at the age of 12 and haven't left since.

When did you start and what's the ride been like?

I started back in 2011-2012 doing an apprenticeship as a boilermaker, that was in the middle of the downturn so unfortunately I got made redundant. I then did a bit of work with Convatech (Rema) for a few years but then landed a traineeship at HVO and then after that ventured to Gunnedah. But home is where the heart is so I came back here to be at Mt Arthur. The ride hasn't been too bad at all, a few bumps here and there but all in all it's been pretty good.

What's a usual day at work entail?

A usual day at work is pretty cruisy. I mean I'm an operator we don't have to get dirty or be out in the elements so there isn't much to complain about other than the night shifts and maybe the air con isn't working haha.

How big is the crew?

Umm the crews out here are pretty big, but I couldn't tell you exactly.



What's the best thing about your job?

Definitely the fact that I don't get dirty or work physically hard and we're always getting sent to different places in the pit so that makes it a little better.

The worst thing?

The worst thing would easily be night shift and the mental drain of the job.

What's a funny story about work that you can tell?

Umm I don't really have any funny stories but my friends made me change crews to be with them and then a few months later left me for another pit, so the joke's on me.

How different is your job to what you wanted to be when you were a kid?

Very different indeed, I wanted to be a lawyer.

What would your mum say about you when you were a kid?

That I'm the favourite child, still says it to this day haha.

Family?

I've got a step brother here but unfortunately it is just him and I here, Mum lives away with my younger siblings and the rest of my family is in Sydney.

What do you do in your downtime?

Usually try and catch up with mates or see the family. Sometimes I might go to the gym but that's it really.

What is one thing about that you that would surprise people to know?

I'm a pretty open book so there aren't many things people don't know about me, I couldn't think off the top of my head to be honest.

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As a result of the skills shortage across our mining industry, Emeco sought innovative ways to attract quality candidates to their operations which led to the engagement of Heavy Vehicle Mechanics from international avenues.

Both Kennedy and Gideon are trade qualified Heavy Vehicle Mechanics and were working for a company in Africa before the opportunity to work for Emeco in Australia came about.

JUMPING AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK IN AUSTRALIA, EMECO BOUGHT KENNEDY AND GIDEON OVER IN 2017 AND BOTH HAVE BEEN THRIVING SINCE, WITH GOALS OF BRINGING THEIR FAMILIES OVER AND DEVELOPING THEIR CAREER.

“My name is Gideon from Ghana, I heard about this company in 2010 when the boss came to Ghana to interview us at a mine site,” Gideon shared.

“Fortunately, I was successful in the interview and was picked up and we started the process and I had to send my documents in for my visa to be processed,” he added.

After having his visa approved

in 2013, the mining downturn in Australia came meaning Gideons visa expired before the company could bring him over. Emeco were fortunately able to bring Gideon over in 2017 and he has never looked back.

Similarly, Kennedy worked for First Quantum Minerals in Zambia. Working for that company for 6 years Kennedy was pleased to accept the opportunity to work in Australia alongside Gideon in 2017. “I should say I thank God for the opportunity to come to Australia because, I mean, it’s all about career development,” said Kennedy.

“Where I’m coming from, when you’re put to work on a section you will just be doing the work that is related to that particular section, whereas when I came into Australia the culture is different, you can be called a Jack-of-all-trades, something like that.”

“I’ve been here now for a year and few days and from the time I joined Emeco, I see what is lacking because learning doesn’t stop in our career,” Kennedy added.

Gideon is working hard to bring his wife and 3 kids to Australia and Kennedy his wife and 2 kids. Both Kennedy and Gideon said they are

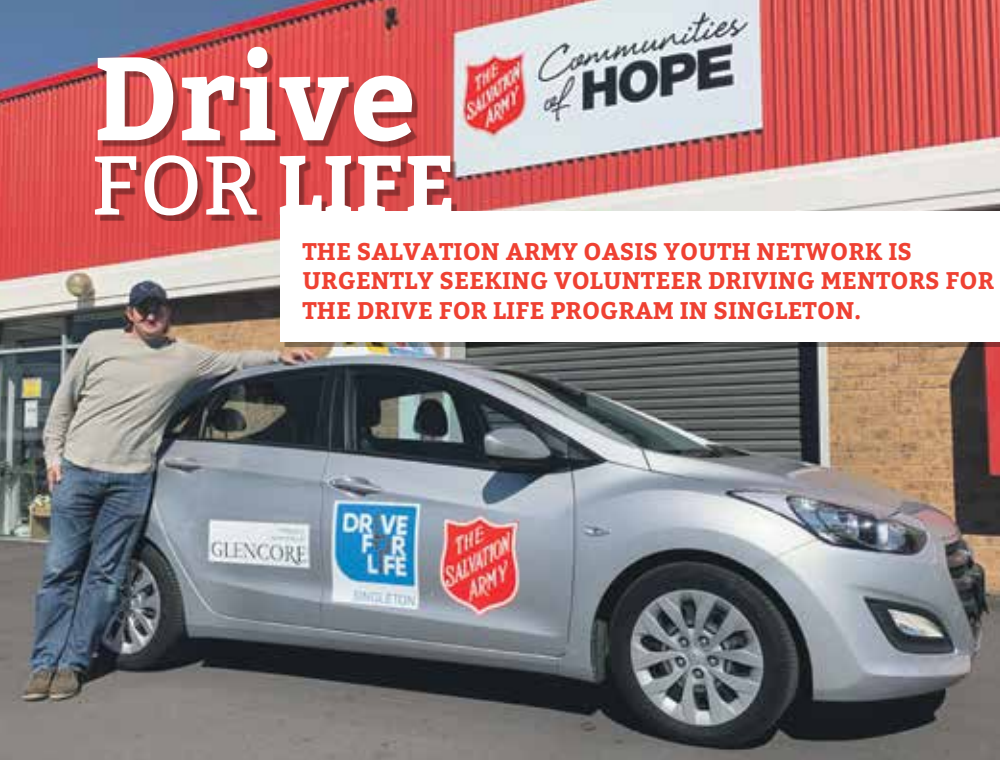


very excited to start their lives with their families in Australia.

“Emeco are always challenging conventional thinking and this situation was no different...a problem presented itself and we worked to identify an innovative solution,” said Emeco’s Business Development Manager Ryan Finn.

With both men flourishing in their roles and developing more and more each day with support from Emeco, it’s no doubt that their families will be here in no time. Keep working it fellas and hats off to Emeco for providing such fantastic employment opportunities.

“EMECCO ARE PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO PLAY A PART IN HELPING KENNEDY AND GIDEON START NEW LIVES IN AUSTRALIA AND ARE EXCITED TO HELP BOTH MEN CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEYS INTO THE FUTURE,” HE ADDED.



Drive FOR LIFE

THE SALVATION ARMY OASIS YOUTH NETWORK IS URGENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEER DRIVING MENTORS FOR THE DRIVE FOR LIFE PROGRAM IN SINGLETON.

This worthy program helps financially marginalised young people achieve their driver’s licence; an important step towards employment and independence. It’s been operating in the Upper Hunter for more than a year but unfortunately due to the lack of volunteer driving mentors there are now quite a few young people on the program’s waiting list.

Volunteer driving mentor Greg Clydesdale is a shift worker at HVO Washery which keeps him pretty

busy, but he says it’s easy to find time to be part of the program due to its flexibility.

“This program can easily work around any roster and once you’ve gone through the initial training all you need is a spare couple of hours each week. Spending a couple of hours a week to help change the course of someone’s life; that’s a pretty good trade,” says Greg.

“IT’S SUCH A REWARDING PROGRAM TO BE A PART OF,” HE ADDS. “WORKING WITH THESE KIDS YOU WATCH NOT ONLY THEIR DRIVING SKILLS DEVELOP, BUT YOU ALSO SEE THEIR CONFIDENCE GROW AND THEIR ATTITUDES CHANGE.”

Greg says the program has also taught him a thing or two. “Patience,” he says with a laugh.

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“Actually, it’s taught me to take a step back from the rush of everyday life and be more in the moment. Then as you begin to connect with these kids it becomes even more rewarding as you see them succeed.”

The Upper Hunter Drive For Life program is delivered by The Salvation Army thanks to a partnership with Glencore. The vehicle, fuel, training and all associated costs is covered, so the only thing a mentor needs to provide is their time.

There are some prerequisites for a volunteer, such as a safe driving record and passing a working with children check, but what they are really looking for are mentors who will be good role models. People who will provide the encouragement a learner needs to prepare for a lifetime on the road.

DRIVE FOR LIFE PROGRAM COORDINATOR, JEAN RENNIE, SAID THE ROLE OF A DRIVING MENTOR IS INTEGRAL NOT ONLY TO A LEARNER’S PROGRESSION THROUGH THE PROGRAM BUT ALSO TO THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LONG-TERM JOB PROSPECTS.

“Our Drive For Life mentors can genuinely transform young lives. We know that when a young person obtains a driver’s licence their world is suddenly open to a host of new opportunities, including securing a job. It may seem daunting to supervise a learner driver’s logbook hours, but we would like to assure anyone interested in becoming a mentor that we have developed this program so that the learner and the mentor receive comprehensive training and ongoing support,” said Jean.

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A PLUS CONTRACTING & POLY WELDING HAVE JUMPED TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY YET AGAIN, THIS TIME ABSEILING DOWN THE FACE OF MCDONALD JONES STADIUM TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE.

Director Andrew Hughes and General Manager Damien Hamilton of A Plus Contracting have hit the top of the fundraising leader board after raising a whopping \$14,616 between them for this year's leaders leap held August 9.

"The reason we got involved is because the company has always been heavily involved in supporting Westpac Rescue Helicopter events, including the A-Plus Contracting Hunter Valley Charity Rugby League Day 2019 which has raised over \$380,000 over the last few years," said A Plus Director Andrew Hughes.

"I got asked to do the Leaders Leap and thought why not, I'll give it a jump, I'll give it a crack," Andrew added.

ALONGSIDE HIMSELF, ANDREW ALSO NOMINATED GENERAL MANAGER DAMIEN HAMILTON AND ALSO GOT MAYFIELD GROUP INVOLVED WITH GENERAL MANAGER MARK KLASSEN TAKING PART, WITH HOPES OF RAISING AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE.

"I was nervous at first, so thought I would take a bit of shine off my nervousness and dressed as Superman, cape and all," said Andrew. Damien also joined the dress up party and leaped off the edge dressed as Top Gun.

The day saw 18 leaders take the challenge, many facing their fear of heights for a great cause. Our local legends didn't get any practice runs, were strapped up and sent straight off the rooftop lowering themselves off the edge back first.

Andrew also commended the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Volunteers who were very helpful on the day making it a fun experience for all leaders involved.

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It's the passionate members of our community like our leaping leaders that keeps the Rescue Helicopter flying 24-7 as a free service in our community through fundraising and support.

TOP 10 LEADERS

Andrew Hughes	Director, A Plus Contracting & Poly Welding	\$9,817
Damien Hamilton	GM, A Plus Contracting & Poly Welding	\$4,154
Jade Leeder	Host, "Novos" 105.3 NEWFM Breakfast Show	\$3,620
Mick Starkey	General Manager, The Stag & Hunter Hotel	\$3,400
Katie Brassil	EGM, Centennial Coal	\$3,066
Pieter Marais	GM, Coal Services	\$2,855
Phil Cox	GM, DSI Underground	\$2,841
Alexandra Russell	Manager, Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley	\$2,605
Tracie McGovern Sportswoman	Former Matilda & Director, The Australian	\$2,562
Ben Murphy	Journalist, The Newcastle Weekly Magazine	\$2,543



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This unique event is a highlight on swine calendar, with Denman's top racing pigs battling it out to be named top hog. But the real winner of the day is the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Last year the event saw over \$20,000 raised for the Service and this year the goal is to raise even more. In addition to the 6 pig races held through the day there will be plenty more to see and do with market stalls, a woodchopping demo and plenty of activities for the kids such as jumping castles and laser tag.

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“Most people think just having a drink of water will stop dehydration, but although it helps replace lost

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- Stages of dehydration
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fluids it does not replace essential salts, minerals and amino acids which are needed to maintain optimum performance and productivity. The workshop will not only educate about dehydration and bust some of the myths, but also provide tips and solutions that are easy to implement and won’t disrupt the working day.”

DATE: Thursday 26th September 2019 COST: FREE
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THE BEST OF THE BEST

WITH ALL 8 OF THE MINES RESCUE COMPETITIONS COMPLETED, THE WINNERS OF EACH DISTRICT ARE NOW GEARING UP TO COMPETE FOR THE TOP TITLE OF AUSTRALIAN MINES RESCUE CHAMPIONS.

The teams that will be representing their district at the Australian Mines Rescue competition in Mudgee on October 17 are the best of the best and it’s guaranteed to be a day of fierce competition. Centennial Coal’s Clarence team who were winners of the Western competition, Hunter Valley winners Peabody’s Wambo Wedgetails and Newcastle champions Team Orange will all be contending for the title.

But all eyes are likely to be on South32 Illawarra’s Appin Pink team. Not only winners of the Southern competition for the second year in a row, these guys will be defending their title as the 2018 Australian Mines Rescue champs.

Representing QLD at the Australian Mines Rescue competition will be Grosvenor, Moranbah North, Kestrel and Oak North. But just like in the State of Origin, we’re betting on NSW to take home that coveted trophy!

THE COMPETITIONS ARE MUCH MORE THAN DECIDING CHAMPIONS. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MINES RESCUE IS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE NSW COAL MINING INDUSTRY IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. THESE COMPETITIONS ALLOW BRIGADESMEN TO PRACTICE AND HONE THEIR SKILLS IN PREPARATION FOR THE UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE THEY MAY BE CALLED UPON.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT
ORANGE: Newcastle winners Team Orange. APPIN: Southern winners South32 Illawarra’s Appin Pink team. WAMBO: Hunter Valley winners Peabody’s Wambo Wedgetails. CLARENCE: Western winners: Centennial Coal’s Clarence team



NSW Mines Rescue training experts designed a range of surface and underground tasks to simulate those which rescue brigades could face should they be called to duty. The emergency response skills of each team were assessed in firefighting, search and

rescue, managing trauma and first aid as well as general mines rescue techniques.

“Our mines rescue competitions aim to be as realistic as possible to truly test the skills of our brigades in high pressure situations,” explained Wayne Green, General Manager Mines Rescue.

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Super SPRINTER

With Nationals fast approaching, Braith is very excited for the trip and needs support from his community to get there. "Nationals means a lot to me and I'm looking forward to representing NSW and our local town and hopefully I can win the Australian title again," said Braith.

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FINAL FEVER

Winning team try scorers: Hayden Topliss with 2 tries, Isaac Austin, Jake Watts, Adam Clydsdale, Jarrod Wicks, Josh Adams and Watts kicking 6 goals.



A large group of young men, the Reserve Grade winners, posing with their trophy and a yellow 'GOX GOLD' chest on a grassy field. They are wearing various sports uniforms, including blue and white striped jerseys and blue shorts. The trophy is a large, ornate silver cup. The chest is yellow with 'GOX GOLD' written on it. The background shows a grassy field and a clear blue sky.

LADIES LEAGUE TAG WINNER THE SCONE THOROUGHBREDS



**Winning team try scorers:
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and Samantha Elphick kicking
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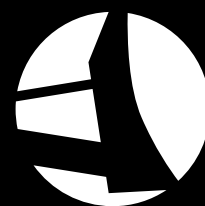


**Winning team
try scorers: Aidan
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Lamb IN LONDON LEAGUE

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS PLAYING FOR WEST MAITLAND REDDOGS TO PLAYING TOP LEVEL RUGBY LEAGUE FOR THE LONDON BRONCOS, MAITLAND'S BROCK LAMB CONTINUES TO CLIMB THE FOOTBALL RANKS.

Born right here in the Hunter Valley, 22-year-old Brock Lamb has already seen a bright career in the spotlight. Currently residing in London, Brock plays stand-off and scrum-half for the London Broncos in the Betfred Super League.

Signed to the Newcastle Knights at just 15, Brock made his NRL debut for the Knights against Sydney Roosters in 2016 until his move to the Sydney Roosters ahead of the 2019 season.

Excited to take his game to the next level, Brock has jumped at every opportunity to improve and grow as a player. Brock had never lived out of home, nor out of Maitland before taking the leap and moving to Sydney for the Roosters.

NOW MAKING THE BOLD DECISION TO PLAY AND LIVE INTERNATIONALLY IN LONDON, BROCK SAID HE'S LOVED THE RIDE SO FAR. "IT'S PRETTY CRAZY TO BE OVER HERE TRAVELLING THE WORLD AND PLAYING FOOTY AT JUST 22," BROCK SAID.

Following the retirement of Cooper Crock, Brock had hopes of taking over the number 7 for the Roosters long term but requested and was granted an early release from the Bondi club when the international opportunity arose.

Lamb has been signed for the remainder of the 2019 campaign, playing with former Newcastle team-mate Luke Yates, who played a big role in tempting him to the London team.

Even after hitting the big leagues and moving to London, Brock still calls his little hometown of Maitland home. "Maitland is always good to come home to, very grounding and easy to wind down and relax, get away from the stress of footy sometimes," Brock said.

After such an impressive start to his career, the young playmaker has a bright future ahead of him. Brock said, "I definitely have goals and want to continue playing good football and just enjoy the ride and be open to anything and see where it all takes me."

"THE FOOTY RIDE IS CRAZY, SO MANY UPS AND DOWNS THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T SEE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME I'M PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR A LIVING, SO IT DOESN'T GET MUCH BETTER THAN THAT," HE ADDED.

If there's one thing for sure this is only just the beginning for Brock Lamb, so keep an eye out for the rising star and show some support for our Maitland local boy.



OVER 400 LOCAL COAL MINERS WILL BE LACING UP THEIR BOOTS FOR THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED A PLUS CONTRACTING HUNTER VALLEY MINING CHARITY LEAGUE KNOCKOUT COMPETITION ON OCTOBER 19.

21 men's teams and 2 women's teams will be competing for the coveted trophy at Singleton's Pirtek Park, with plenty of new teams signing up this year eager to take down defending champs, the Bengalla Badgers.

The Narrabri Knights, Ulan Warriors, Myuna Mudcrabs, Mt

Pleasant Phoenix, Saddlers Creek Sharks and Mangoola Grizzlies will all be playing for the first time in what is guaranteed to be a day of top notch footy.

But it's not just a day of good footy and good fun, the real goal is to raise as much money as possible for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Over the years a total of \$292,000 has been raised, helping to keep this vital service in the air.

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CHAMELEON

WITH GROWTH AND LOCAL PENDANT FOR ORANGE, HITACHI HAS BEGUN TO LEVERAGE THIS OPPORTUNITY ACROSS OTHER MACHINES THAT THEY MANUFACTURE INCLUDING THE HIGHLY REGARDED RANGE OF HITACHI ZW-5 SERIES WHEEL LOADERS.

Recognised as a mining digger of choice in Australia, Hitachi has developed a venerable reputation for their orange excavators. In recent years this standing has extended to their mining dump trucks with the exponential take up of their AC drive haulers.

Albeit not the complete mining range of Komatsu and Caterpillar, Hitachi's line-up of loaders is big enough to garner interest for quarries, the agriculture industry as well as many mine site applications.

RANGING IN SIZE FROM 2 TONNE THROUGH TO 47 TONNES (THINK TOP END SIZE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN CAT'S 980 TO 988-WHEEL LOADERS), HITACHI'S WHEEL LOADERS HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN ORANGE.

In 2010 the then Kawasaki Construction Machinery (KCM) entered into a joint venture with Hitachi to aid in the development of Tier 4 final (more environmentally friendly) loaders for the North American market.

In 2015 Hitachi purchased Kawasaki Construction Machinery as a 100% owned subsidiary, resulting in Hitachi becoming the third largest heavy equipment manufacturer in the world after Caterpillar and Komatsu. Considered a small division in Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Hitachi's acquisition of Kawasaki Construction Machinery proved a big deal for the well-regarded loader division, supercharging the groups knowledge and know-how with a larger parent intent on growing its range and geographical footprint.

Beyond aesthetics, there's a lot to like about Hitachi's Dash-5 series of wheel loaders. These machines are quiet, comfortable and fast on the ground with good torque and power.

A QUICK LOOK AT HITACHI'S JEWEL OF THE FLEET, THE ZW550-5 WHEEL LOADER, REVEALS A HOST OF FEATURES THAT INCLUDE TRACTION CONTROL AND A QUICK POWER SWITCH THAT PROVIDES THE OPERATOR RAPID ACCESS TO EXTRA POWER AS WELL AS AN INSTANT INCREASE IN ENGINE RPM TO ADD BREAKOUT FORCE FOR DIGGING INTO HEAVY PILES OR WHEN CLIMBING STEEP GRADES WITH A FULL BUCKET WITHOUT (IMPORTANTLY) LIMITING THE LOADER'S TOP SPEED.

Albeit still with a steering wheel, the Dash-6 Series now available in North America gives insight of things to come for the Australian market with a steering joystick providing greater operator visibility. Powered by a six-cylinder direct injection Isuzu diesel engine, this loader is well suited to handling tough rock as well as high volumes of soil and fill and depending upon lifting configuration, offers bucket capacities up to 7.2 cu m.

With a sprinkling of machines already operating on mine sites in the Valley, Hitachi's loaders are (excuse the pun) a quiet achiever. While unlikely to impact Cat and Komatsu's dominance on a meaningful scale, Hitachi's loaders are a compelling proposition that can confidently mix it up with the industry's leading brands that include Volvo, Cat, Komatsu and Liebherr.

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REMARKABLE RACER

AT JUST 22 YEARS OF AGE CAITLIN WOOD IS THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN WOMAN TO COMPETE ON THE EUROPEAN RACING STAGE.

From 7-years-old Caitlin loved getting behind the wheel, now racing abroad in Europe and the UK for the past four years.

Growing up in the small town of Tenambit, Caitlin then made the courageous move to Europe on her own at 18-years-old living in Germany for two years before making the move to the UK.

Taking charge of her career on the international circuit, Wood has moved from a KTM XBOW GT4, to a Lamborghini Huracan Super Trofeo Evo and now to a Formula 3 car this year.

CAITLIN WON THE REITER YOUNG STARS CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2016 IN A GT4. SHE THEN BECAME THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN WOMAN TO COMPETE IN THE BLANCPAIN GT SERIES IN A LAMBORGHINI GALLARDO GT3. CAITLIN WENT ON TO FINISH ON THE PODIUM IN A BLANCPAIN ROUND AT MISANO IN THE SILVER CLASS.



Not to mention Caitlin is the first Australian woman to compete in the European Lamborghini Super Trofeo Series and was the only Australian in the inaugural W Series Championship this year with a highlight of finishing 5th at Assen in the Netherlands. And this is just to name a few of this Aussie star's achievements.

Caitlin lives and breathes racing and said there's been many lows and highs. "I've had to sacrifice a lot over the years to just keep the dream alive, I moved to the other side of the world by myself when I was 18, left all of my family and friends behind, had to keep finding sponsors and investors to just keep going in the industry," Caitlin said.

Family has kept Caitlin going during tough times as her number one supporters. "My dad was a plasterer and has just recently retired so hopefully we will be able to see more of each other now that he has a bit more spare time," Caitlin laughed.

The champions ultimate goal is to compete in the famous 24 Hours of Le Mans and become the first Australian woman to win it. And after chatting with Caitlin, it became clear that this is a more than achievable goal with her obvious passion and love for the sport. "I couldn't imagine my life without motorsport now," said Caitlin.

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"BEING A WOMAN IN A MALE DOMINATED SPORT HAS ALSO BEEN SOMETHING THAT I'VE HAD TO DEAL WITH FROM A YOUNG AGE BUT ALL OF THESE EXPERIENCES HAVE MADE ME THE WOMAN THAT I AM TODAY AND I OWE A LOT OF THAT TO MOTORSPORT," ADDED CAITLIN.



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ON THE MENU

It's probably the best time to hit fishing destinations a worthwhile drive to the coast. With the Bass closed season in the creeks and rivers opening back up, the Bass will be waiting for any offering presented to them after moving back up into the freshwater.

As for the impoundments, Lake St Clair and Glenbawn are fishing exceptionally well. What's been working for us so far is suspended divers such as Daiwa double clutch lures fished around the weed edges with plenty of pauses. Other offerings getting the bites are soft plastics and beetle spins.

The bugs are also starting to hit the water and the smaller silent top water lures are attracting plenty of attention as well. There's so much to try with not a lot failing to find a bite.

Snapper and Yellow Fin Tuna continue to be the main attraction along the coast, with Jewies being a close second from the beaches.

The fishing offshore has been interesting, with the weather being the only thing keeping us away from the action around the reefs and along the shelf.

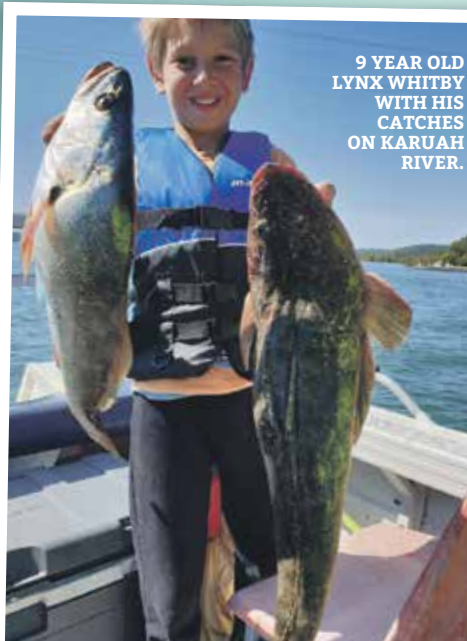
How's this for a double hook up while fishing soft plastics around Broughton Island last month. As we move into Spring we should expect much the same with the Kingfish pushing in as the water warms back up.

Snapper have been the main stay on the reefs attacking soft plastic offerings. Species such as Kingfish, Pearl Perch and Jewies have all been encountered along the mid to mid north coast. As the water warms back up we should start to see more of these species as well.

This amazing run of Yellow Fin Tuna spreading from south of Sydney right up to North of Brisbane are still being seen along and wide of the shelf.

Live baiting and large fresh baits fished along the beaches at the moment have been finding some awesome numbers of Jewies. What a great time of year to spend the warmer days either gathering bait or fishing for a Bream or Tailor. With the slightly cooler nights, it's also a great time to kick back with a fire and a coldy waiting for the Jewie to strike..

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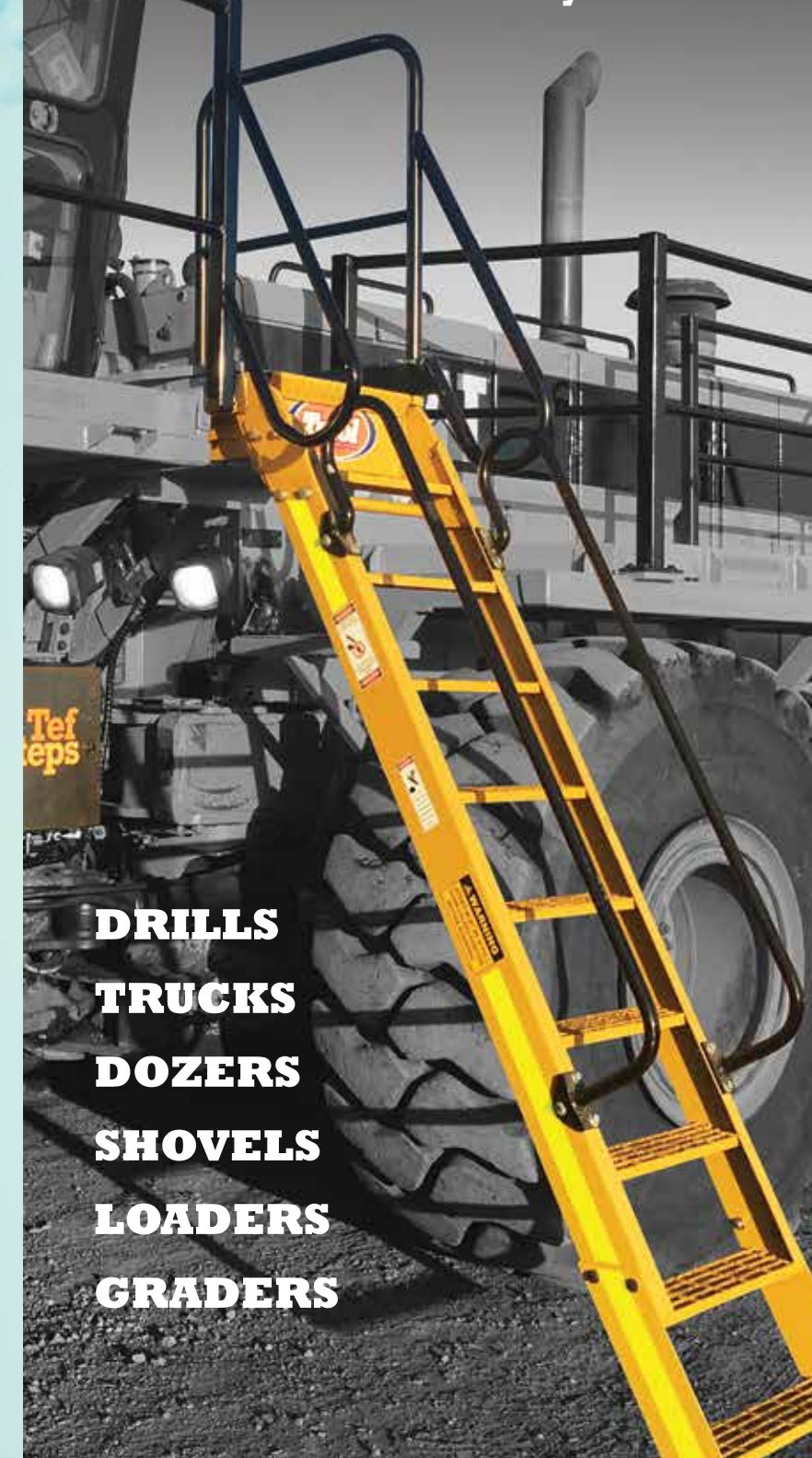
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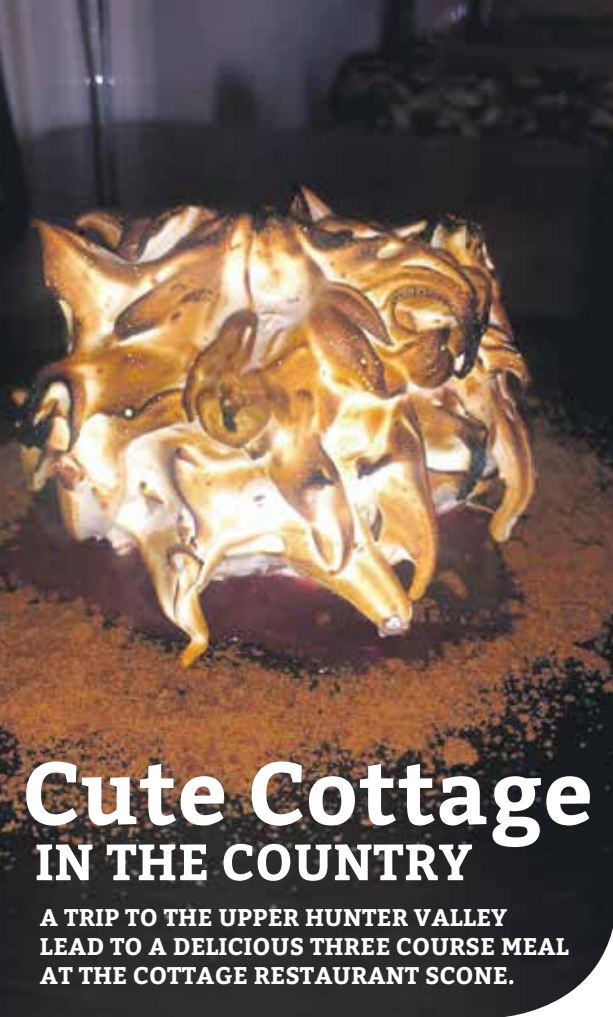
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I started with the Whipped Binorrie fetta, heirloom tomato, roasted baby beetroot & herb oil, a light and refreshing dish. The fetta was divine, and all ingredients complimented one another with each full-flavoured bite. I couldn't wait for the main.

My main was the Chermoula chicken burger with cheese, slaw & mint yogurt served with chips. The Chicken was tender, and the mint yoghurt gave the burger a creamy, tangy touch. I downed the burger and the very crunchy chips and found myself tempted by the dessert menu.

AS I WAS WAITING FOR MY LAST COURSE COLIN SELWOOD, THE CHEF AND OWNER, GAVE ME THE AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THEIR FAMOUS DRY AGING ROOM. THE GRASS-FED BEEF AVAILABLE ON THE MENU IS HUNG IN THIS PURPOSE BUILT, HUMIDITY-CONTROLLED ROOM FOR A MINIMUM OF 6 WEEKS BEFORE BEING SERVED IN THE RESTAURANT, ALONG WITH SOME AGING CHEESES.

My dessert followed, the salted caramel & malt teaser ice cream bombe with raspberry coulis, and they definitely saved the best for last. Each mouth-watering bite had me excited for the next as the rich ice cream melted around the crunch of the crumbled biscuit base. And not to forget the raspberry coulis which was the perfect addition to sweeten each mouthful.

I was devastated when I finished the meal and honestly could have forced down another three plates just to experience that taste again, but I thought I'd give my bursting jeans a break and asked for the bill.

All in all, my sunny day trip to our beautiful Upper Hunter was made truly memorable by my dining experience at The Cottage. I'll definitely be back for more dessert in the near future.



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"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she actually knows how to cook!"



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Well Dorothy, I couldn't agree more, but right now our sweeping plains are a heartbreaking sight. Our farmers haven't seen any of the wet stuff for way too long. This is not only bad news for them and everyone else in the country, but bad news for all the things I hold dear to my heart.

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And then there is all that flaky stuff we call pastry. Well guess what that is made of? Yep, you guessed it, wheat and butter. Crops are failing everywhere and between that, the cheap Coles and Woollies milk and the drought, dairy farmers and graziers are flat out trying not to do their arse as well.

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a pie and iced coffee milk will be as fond a memory as our last decent Prime Minister, me old mate Hawky.

Then there is the beer! Yep you guessed it. No farmers means no raw ingredients for the liquid gold.

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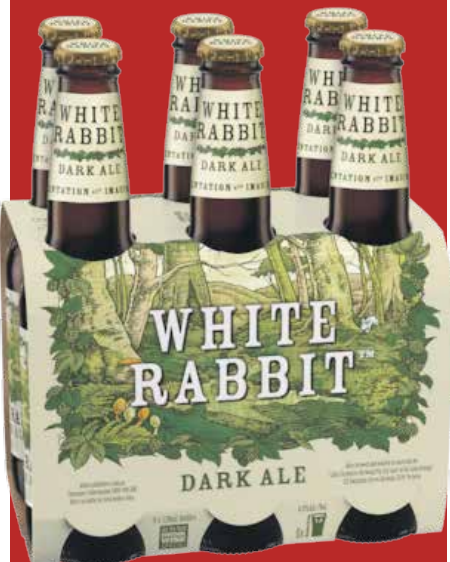
This is a national emergency people. Lend a hand, say a prayer, donate some folding stuff and raise a glass to our farming friends and raise your voice to all levels of government to do more to help keep these Aussie legends on the land 'till things turn around. Let's hope things turn around soon. We're all in this together. Fight for our farmers! **Good luck... Sol**

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BOWDLER'S BEER REVIEW

@ THE COALFACE BEER EXPERT RICHARD BOWDLER BRINGS YOU THIS MONTH'S BEER REVIEW.

WHITE RABBIT DARK ALE

Name: White Rabbit Dark Ale
Made: Victoria, Australia
Info: A dark, malty craft beer that is open brewed for a fruity nose. Made with Carafa, Crystal and Pale malts, this excellent ale is bursting with flavour.
Cost: \$26 / 6pak
Alcohol: 4.9%
Color: Dark Chocolate

Nose: Surprisingly fruity. I wasn't expecting that at all but it's only the smell. No fruitiness at all in the taste. A complex and well-crafted beer.
Taste: Really Smooooooth with a mellow chocolate malt overtone. Balanced.
Mouth: Silky full bodied and easy drinking. A beer the blokes will love for the body and taste and the girls will love for the smoothness and lack of a bitter hops hit. Winner!

Aftertaste: A very smooth, refined finish with a complete lack of bitter hops.
Comments: A truly amazing dark ale that is a big favourite with seasoned drinkers and part timers alike. This beer is a huge hit on the uni student scene in Newy and Sydney and it's not hard to see why.
Score: 9.5 / 10



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PRIZE WINNERS

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Components Only Crib for the Crew	Nikki Glover
Roberts Meats Raffle	Nathan Priebbenow
Café La Luna Cake	Natasha Harvey
Beer's On Us	John Lunn
Crib Bag	Steve Wylie
F45 Cessnock	James McIntyre
Exact Hair Co	Belinda Lever

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!

THIS MONTH'S
@ THE COALFACE TRIVIA
COALFACE CONUNDRUMS

- Q1. The more you take away, the more I become. What am I?
Q2. If seven people meet each other and each shakes hands only once with each of the others, how many handshakes will there have been?
Q3. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
Q4. What 7 letter word is spelled the same way backwards and forwards?
Q5. What travels around the world but stays in one spot?
Q6. How many three cent stamps are in a dozen?
Q7. I can be cracked, I can be made. I can be told, I can be played. What am I?
Q8. I walked through a field of wheat, I picked up something good to eat, It was white and had no bone, In twenty-one days it walked alone. What did I pick up?

A2: 21	A5: A Stamp	A8: An Egg
A1: A Hole	A4: Racecar	A7: A Joke
A3: Footsteps	A6: A Dozen	

WINNERS!

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IF THERE'S A TOWN IN AUSTRALIA THAT COULD BE SAID TO BE REMINISCENT OF AMERICA'S WILD WEST, THAT TOWN IS KALGOORLIE-BOULDER, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

It's isolated – located six hours east of Perth - it's flat and it's dusty. It was founded on gold and thrived during a gold rush – like California. It has its historic saloons – still functioning – and its historic brothels. Also still functioning. But it also has a distinct Australian flavour. Possibly that's because of its weather – Kalgoorlie has a true desert climate, with harshly hot summers and surprisingly cold winter nights. Or possibly it's the sense that you're a part of a small community, huddled on the edge of Western Australia's vast wilderness. Either way, Kalgoorlie still has a frontier feeling to it. Kalgoorlie's original settlers were the Wongai people, and it's from their

language that the town's name comes. European settlers began flocking to the area in 1893, when prospectors Patrick (Paddy) Hannan, Tom Flanagan and Dan Shea discovered gold deposits. **KALGOORLIE'S MINING HERITAGE STILL DOMINATES MOST ASPECTS OF ITS LIFE TODAY. OUT OF ITS 30,000 RESIDENTS, A QUARTER ARE EMPLOYED BY MINING COMPANIES, AND MOST OF ITS ATTRACTIONS ARE MINING RELATED.** So perhaps the best way to dive into Kalgoorlie's mining culture is to start with a visit to Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mine's (KCGM) Fimiston Open Pit, also known as the 'Super Pit'. It's Australia's largest open-cut gold mine, and by the time it closes in 2034, it will be 1.5 kilometres wide, 3.5 kilometres long and 700 metres deep. Visitors can watch a blast (at scheduled times) or watch the mine's operations from the Super Pit Lookout, which is open daily. The most fascinating thing about the Super Pit is that despite its imposing size, there are still original workings underneath it. Paddy Hannan and his peers managed to tunnel an astounding 1200 metres below the surface and mined a total area of 3,500 kilometres over 100 years. The Hannans North Tourist Mine was set up to show visitors how this incredible feat was managed. It's an interesting combination of old and new. You can pan for gold, learn about Goldfields history, or climb aboard a 793C Haul Truck.

IF YOU'D RATHER CHECK OUT KALGOORLIE'S HISTORIC PUBS THAN ITS INDUSTRY – FAIR CALL – THERE ARE SEVERAL IN THE AREA THAT ARE WORTH A LOOK.

There's the Broad Arrow Tavern, which is located in – get this – a ghost town, 20 minutes' drive North of Kalgoorlie. It's well-known for its "Broady" burgers and its artfully graffitied interior. Back in Kalgoorlie there's The York Hotel, built in 1900, and The Kalgoorlie Hotel (Judd's), built in 1897. The Exchange Hotel, established in 1901, is now home to Kalgoorlie's infamous "skimpies", or lingerie bar staff, who serve in the hotel's 'Wild West Saloon'. If you're keen to keep exploring Kalgoorlie's naughtier side, Questa Casa on Hay Street should be your next port of call. Known locally as the 'Pink House', it's the last of the city's historic brothels, and it offers tours daily. (It's also still open for business, so if you'd rather book a

more – erm – 'personal' tour, go for it! No judgement here.) **KALGOORLIE HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS IN SHAKING OFF ITS SLIGHTLY WILD REPUTATION IN RECENT YEARS.** Job opportunities are more likely to attract families than single lads these days, and there are plenty of family-based activities that cater for the city's diversifying community. But there's no escaping the fact that Kalgoorlie-Boulder was born out of a gold rush, and still maintains its cheeky sense of fun. And really, who doesn't love a good Aussie larrikin anyway?



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