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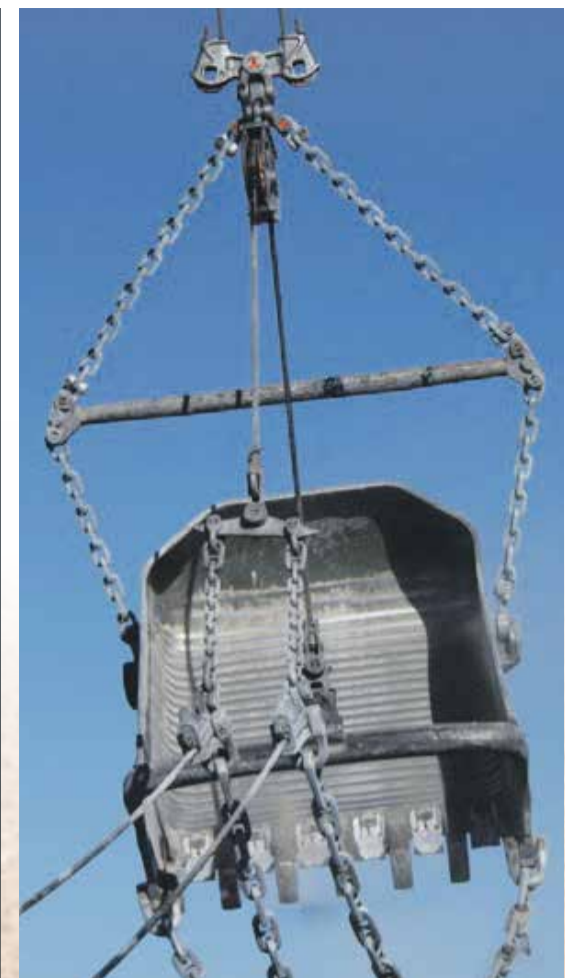
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SHINING A SPOTLIGHT

THIS MONTH IT'S ALL ABOUT SHINING A LIGHT ON SOME OF THE VERY DESERVING PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES IN OUR INDUSTRY.

Where do we start? This month we celebrate some of the exceptional women in our industry as we bring to you the 2020 NSW Women in Mining finalists. Not only showcasing women in our industry, these awards also recognise those who champion gender diversity.

Also featured this month are the finalists for the 2020 NSW Industry & Supplier Awards. We are proud to see the Hunter is strongly represented in both awards and can't wait to see who will take home the trophies on April 4.

We are overflowing with community stories this month. From Bengalla's support for the McGrath Foundation and Beyond Blue, to Mount Pleasant Operations, Thiess and SGS helping to clean up the neighbourhood as part of Clean Up Australia Day, to Quarry Mining raising money for Singleton Family Support through their annual Mailrun Charity Bike Ride. It's one incredible initiative after another.

We also put the spotlight on Glencore's first-rate rehabilitation this month. In a first for the NSW coal industry, their Westside open cut coal site has received Government certification for a section of its rehabilitated mined land under contemporary mine rehabilitation criteria. But it's not just their Westside rehab that's achieving accolades, Glencore's approach to rehabilitation across their entire operations has them setting benchmark after benchmark.

We hope you enjoy this month's edition!



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FUTURE BRIGHT FOR HUNTER MINING

HERE WE GO AGAIN. RECENTLY THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER ROUND OF CLAIMS FROM THE SO-CALLED 'EXPERTS' THAT DEMAND FOR OUR NSW COAL IS IN DECLINE.

These claims are simply not backed up by the facts or evidence.

Demand for NSW coal among our international trading partners is strong and will remain so for the foreseeable future securing jobs and economic benefits for key mining regions like the Hunter.

Over the past few years we've seen record amounts of coal being exported out of NSW and figures to date show that 2019 was another bumper year.

THE LATEST FIGURES FROM COAL SERVICES SHOW THAT TO OCTOBER 2019, THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN COAL EXPORTS FROM NSW OF 4.1 PERCENT OR 2.3 MILLION TONNES COMPARED TO 2018.

We're seeing very positive growth in exports among our traditional markets like China and Korea as well as increased demand from emerging markets like Vietnam and the Philippines.

This growing demand for our high quality NSW coal is expected to continue over the coming decades with the highly respected International Energy Agency forecasting

demand for thermal coal across Asia to double by 2040.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 2485 COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS IN OPERATION AROUND THE WORLD, WITH OVER 1600 OF THESE IN EAST, SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA.

Another 220 or more are under construction, with almost all of these in countries that are customers for our NSW coal. For example, at least 14 new plants are under construction in Japan, 8 in Vietnam, 4 in Bangladesh, 5 in the Philippines, over 30 in India, and over 100 in China.

This presents a fantastic opportunity for NSW and the Hunter in particular as meeting this demand will mean more jobs and greater investment for our region as we supply our high quality coal that can produce electricity with lower emissions than coal from elsewhere.

With the right government policies in NSW that support mining, our local industry will continue to deliver more jobs and economic benefits for the next generation.

STEPHEN GALILEE, CEO, NSW MINERALS COUNCIL



TANIA CONSTABLE

OPINION

MAKING THE MOST OF MINERALS

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN SURPRISED BY THE DIVERSE USE OF AUSTRALIAN MINERALS.

For example, the global transition to low emissions technologies – including advanced coal, nuclear energy, solar, wind, batteries and gas – depends on the metals and raw materials provided by the minerals sector.

The MCA's popular 30 Things publication on how mining supports modern life has been picked up by many of our politicians, who are keen to promote the contribution of our world-leading sustainable minerals companies.

THIS SHOWED THAT 200 TONNES OF METALLURGICAL COAL IS REQUIRED TO BUILD ONE WIND TURBINE,

MAKING OUR GREAT COAL SECTOR ESSENTIAL IN THE DELIVERY OF RENEWABLE ENERGY.

The 30 Things series also shone a light on how minerals are used in modern healthcare – everything from copper to reduce infection to uranium in nuclear medicine and lithium in medical implant batteries.

In recent weeks, the MCA has stepped up our approach in showing Australians how important minerals are in modern life with new ads to tell the story of how Australian minerals support innovative healthcare.

The next stage of the MCA's 'There's more to Australian mining' campaign includes national ads on TV, radio, digital, print and out of home channels showing how Australian gold is being used in innovative healthcare.

Along with many traditional uses

of gold – making jewellery, storing wealth and in dentistry – a host of new uses have emerged such as mobile phones and other electronics, aerospace and medicine.

One example is the use of gold nanoparticle technology as an emerging form of treatment for cancer patients who undergo chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

AUSTRALIA HAS A LONG AND PROUD HISTORY OF MINING WHICH HAS SHAPED OUR COUNTRY, GENERATING WEALTH AND BUILDING AND SUSTAINING REGIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Like our coal industry, Australia's gold miners lead the world in setting new benchmarks in technology, sustainability, safety and community engagement.

New technology, data and innovation has unlocked new resources, made workers safer and boosted

productivity.

It also means that we can create and sustain highly skilled, highly paid jobs while better protecting the environment and creating huge value for the wider community.

As the world needs more complex and reliable materials in the future, the need for our minerals will only increase.

That includes meeting the energy needs of rapidly growing economies in Asia, who understand that Australian coal is some of the best in the world and that its high energy value means fewer emissions compared to competing coal.

That's good news for our regional communities as well as our great mining companies and the broader METS sector!

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IN THE NEWS...

IPC IN FOR A REVAMP

The NSW Independent Planning Commission is in for an overhaul after an extensive review.

The NSW Government has accepted all of the recommendations that have been made including establishing the IPC as a separate and independent agency; the IPC will act as a decision-maker on the State’s most controversial projects rather than re-assessing the Department’s technical work; and introducing accountability benchmarks for decision-making timeframes to ensure timely determinations.

The review came after numerous calls for the IPC to be looked into after many questioned decisions.

BUSINESS NOT SO CONFIDENT

Business confidence in the Hunter and state-wide has taken a hit due to the combined impact of bushfires, ongoing drought conditions and weak household demand.

The NSW Business Chamber latest quarterly survey reveals while the Hunter had avoided the worst of the bushfires, the economic impact of the fires was still significant in some parts of the region, exacerbating business downturns brought on by prolonged drought.

The December quarter survey showed that weak household demand is hurting business, with respondents’ perceptions of the performance of the economy down.

SPIRITS RISE AS FIRES DAMPEN

After months of firefighting efforts across NSW, fires in the Hunter region are now classed as being “out”.

The Kerry Ridge fire that started from lightning and merged with the Gaspers Mountain fire was burning across the Wollemi, Nullo Mountain, Putty and Coricudgy State forests in now out.

The Gaspers Mountain blaze is also out and is understood to be the biggest fire in Australia since records began having started by a lightning strike in remote forest in October last year - since then it has burnt through more than 512,000 hectares of land.

LIDDELL FOR LONGER

Environment groups slammed a potential Federal Government plan to spend \$300 million keeping the Liddell Power Station operating even longer.

Energy Minister Angus Taylor was reportedly pushing to keep it open past the 2023 closure date, and instead leave it running at a cost to the taxpayer.

The Nature Conservation Council

NOSEDIVE AT RAVENSWORTH

A worker was lucky after a light vehicle drove over an open edge at Ravensworth Open cut mine near Singleton.

The NSW Resources Regulator is investigating after a worker who was completing clearance duties before an overburden blast, drove the light vehicle through an opening in the bund and continued driving thinking it was an access ramp, but instead, drove over the edge of a bench and the vehicle fell 12 metres.

The worker freed himself, called for help and was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital before being flown to another hospital.

ROADS TO SOMEWHERE

More than \$6 million is being invested into the Upper Hunter’s road network.

The New England Highway at Parkville will see \$1.18 million in funding, \$575,000 will go north of Segenhoe Road, Aberdeen, and \$150,000 is for 1.5km south of Gordon Street, Aberdeen.

There’s also \$2.3 million dollars for the New England Highway and Range Road intersection at Whittingham.

says the power station is a “dud” and should be shut by 2023, and also that “it would add more than 12 million tonnes of carbon pollution to the atmosphere and the draft report found it makes the grid more unstable.”

AGL is already spending \$200 million to upgrade the Bayswater Power Station as a part of the plan to replace the energy that will be lost when Liddell closes.

HEAVY LOADS BYPASSING SCONE

The \$137 million Scone Bypass project has been finished, just about, ten months ahead of schedule and this month traffic will start to flow over the new road.

More than 2,000 completed the official Community Walk with NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole, New England MP Barnaby Joyce, Upper Hunter MP Michael Johnsen and Mayor Wayne Bedggood.

WILPINJONG MINE HANDRAIL ISSUES

The NSW Resources Regulator is investigating after a hand rail on the access ladder of a Caterpillar 789D failed on February 18 causing a worker to fall about 1 to 1.5 metres to the ground - the worker had to be taken to hospital for treatment on arm and leg fractures that later needed surgery to repair the fractures.

The Regulator has so far found that the handrail failed as a result of wear and tear and following an inspection of the mine’s fleet similar defects were identified on six other haul trucks.

Investigations are continuing and the mine owner Peabody Energy is cooperating.

MOUNT ARTHUR SALE RUMOURS

Despite numerous rumours around town, mining giant BHP says “they will always consider opportunities to deliver value for their shareholders” when it comes to talk of the sale of Mount Arthur.

Speculation has been building for the past year and Yancoal is understood to be the likely buyer should Mount Arthur be sold.

Yancoal have said in a statement that they’ll continue “to consider both organic and acquisitive growth opportunities as they arise and is committed to acquiring appropriately priced assets of genuine future value”.

BHP SELLS UP PORT PORTION

BHP has sold a portion of its port capacity in Newcastle.

The company has reduced its shareholdings in the Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group and sold a portion for an undisclosed sum.

BHP has told Radio Hunter Valley: “September 2019 BHP sold some of its shares in NCIG and the corresponding capacity entitlement in order to better balance its port portfolio. Dual port access provides operating flexibility and enhances BHP’s ability to navigate supply chain disruptions.”

IT MIGHT BE GREEN, BUT WATER RESTRICTIONS HAVE INCREASED

Changed water restrictions are now in place for various areas of the Upper Hunter.

Muswellbrook, Singleton, Aberdeen and Scone are now all on Level 2 water restrictions.

Cassilis and Merriwa will remain on Level 1 and Murrurundi will remain on Level 6 restrictions until the Scone to Murrurundi Pipeline Project is complete and then they will be dropped back to Level 2 as their water source will be coming from Glenbawn Dam.



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



Women Empowering Women

HUNTER BUSINESS MINING CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY WITH THE INSPIRING STORY OF SARAH WITHELL ON MARCH 6, 2020.

Leaders from the mining industry gathered on March 6 in celebration of women in the industry. As the first Hunter Business Mining event for 2020, the day saw men and women come together at Merewether Surfhouse to listen to guest speaker, Sarah Withell, Head of HSE Business Partnership - BMC & NSWEC at BHP.

It was fantastic to see women of all professional levels in the audience, including women who work at the coalface and women in executive roles. There was a strong representation of women in the room, but also men in attendance.

After their long-standing support of the Chamber, Orica have stepped down as sponsor with Strata Worldwide taking their place. Strata Worldwide General Manager, Tony Lobb, started by singing his praises for the women in his life and around him before welcoming Sarah to the stage.

The room was silent with anticipation as BHP’s Sarah Withell, chair of the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue and guest speaker stepped to the

stage, and she was nothing short of amazing.

FROM THE MOMENT SHE STARTED SPEAKING, SARAH GAVE RAW STORIES AND ENCOUNTERS FROM HER CAREER. SHE SPOKE WITH CONFIDENCE AND YOU COULD TELL HOW MUCH SHE BELIEVED IN HERSELF. SARAH WAS EASY TO RELATE TO AND HAS EXPERIENCED MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE ALL EXPERIENCED. WHEN YOU THINK OF THE WORD INSPIRING, IT’S EASY TO THINK OF SOMEONE LIKE SARAH, A DOWN TO EARTH, STRONG WOMAN WHO HAS CARVED HER WAY TO THE TOP.

“I remember my dad asking me what I would do and what I would do next, and I said something along the lines of I might like to be a personal assistant or I might like to travel or I might like to do this and he turned around and said ‘Funny I always thought you’d be the boss,’” Sarah said.

“So he has always been one of my greatest supporters deeply with my success, and has encouraged

me to stretch myself into challenging roles.”

Sarah welcomed the changes to the industry over the years as we strive our way to equality in the workforce, but acknowledged there is still more to be done.

When addressing what advice she would give to any female looking to make their way up in the mining industry, Sarah spoke passionately of both the benefits and challenges that may lie ahead.

“We should never underestimate the value of having a path forwards, a role model to look forward to. Pathways show women the what, the why and the how to aspire to leadership,” Sarah said.

The speech finished with a huge round of applause from the audience, and a flood of smiles as you looked around the room. It was a fantastic lunch, with a truly inspiring leader sharing with the audience their life and career experiences and a brilliant event for our industry.

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The Government sign-off on 38 hectares of the rehabilitation - equivalent to more than 60 football fields - means the rehabilitation of these former mining areas has met all rehabilitation objectives and closure criteria set out by the Department of Planning and Environment, the Resources Regulator, and the Division of Resources and Geoscience. The mine, located on the north-western shores of Lake Macquarie, produced coal for domestic power generators between 1992 and 2012. Westside Environment & Community Manager, Ben Clibborn, said the mine had maintained a very strong focus on progressive rehabilitation during its operations and set a high standard under rigorous criteria being applied to mine closure.

“The focus on progressive rehabilitation throughout the operational phase meant final rehabilitation of the mine was completed in April 2012, just two months after mining finished,” Mr Clibborn said. “The site has been returned to bushland consisting of native vegetation communities that are characteristic of the local environment and landform type. Our ongoing monitoring had shown that natural ecosystem functions were returning, with recent surveys identifying 69 native fauna species in the rehabilitation, including 11 threatened species.” “We’re very pleased to have reached a point at which this area of rehabilitation has been accepted by Government as meeting completion criteria.”



GLENCORE’S WESTSIDE OPEN CUT COAL SITE NEAR WAKEFIELD HAS RECEIVED GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION FOR A SECTION OF ITS REHABILITATED MINED LAND, A FIRST FOR THE STATE’S COAL INDUSTRY UNDER CONTEMPORARY MINE REHABILITATION CRITERIA.

A COMMITMENT TO REHABILITATION AND LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT IS SOMETHING GLENCORE IS DEDICATED TO ACROSS ALL THEIR SITES.

At every site they have in place land management and rehabilitation requirements that aim to minimise their active mining footprint and assist with making sure mined land is returned to either self-sustaining native ecosystems, agricultural use or other suitable purposes that meet requirements set down by Government. The final land use design is done in consultation with the local communities they operate in. This strong focus on rehabilitation commenced in 2010 when they implemented a more systematic approach to rehabilitation. Since

then more and more challenging rehabilitation targets have been set and achieved. The certification for Westside follows a similar first for coal mine rehabilitation at Glencore’s Newlands operations in Queensland’s Bowen Basin. The Newlands Open Cut operation is the first in Bowen Basin coal mining history to have mine spoil certified by regulators as being successfully rehabilitated while operations continue. Glencore soon followed this with further certification of rehabilitation at their Rolleston Open Cut mine in Queensland. Here in the NSW they have also been busy. Glencore has undertaken cattle graze rehabilitation pastures at some of their sites which included a six-year trial at Liddell Open Cut mine. Results have demonstrated



CATTLE GRAZING AT LIDDELL

that mined land can be returned to productive pasture. At Mangoola Open Cut mine they have pioneered the use of natural landform in its rehabilitation and the mine has been lauded as an industry leader when it comes to rehabilitation.

They’ve also been rebuilding Ravensworth State Forest at Mt Owen Open Cut mine. Their work there has been recognised internationally and has been used as the model for published guidelines on re-establishing




native vegetation on disturbed land. More certification is soon to come too. At Westside, further areas of rehabilitation are being prepared for sign-off assessment. In addition, areas at Ulan Coal operations in the mid-west will soon be signed off on. “PLANNING FOR REHABILITATION AT ALL GLENCORE OPEN CUT OPERATIONS STARTS AS EARLY IN THE MINE LIFE AS POSSIBLE; WITH OUR CONTEMPORARY MINES THIS TAKES PLACE BEFORE FIRST COAL IS MINED,” EXPLAINS GLENCORE’S LAND & PROPERTY MANAGER, NIGEL CHARNOCK.

“Rehabilitation is then incorporated into daily mine plans and annual plans to ensure the work is adequately resourced, budgeted and delivered. These annual plans include targeted areas for disturbance, shaping and seeding for the budget year ahead, as well as forecasts for rehabilitation across the life of mine to minimise the area of rehabilitation required at the end of mining.” Mr Charnock said Glencore’s coal operations across NSW and Queensland had again achieved more than 1000ha of rehabilitation in 2019 with over 1300ha being seeded, the fourth successive year this ambitious target has been realised. “But it is not just about quantity. Our site rehabilitation has to be quality as well; that is, capable of meeting an agreed end land use, as is the case with Westside,” he said.



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OPINION

MINING AND AGRICULTURE CAN LIVE TOGETHER



THE AGRICULTURE AND MINING SECTORS HAVE SEVERAL THINGS IN COMMON. THEY BOTH RELY ON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, THEY ARE ESSENTIAL UNDERPINNINGS OF URBAN LIVING, THEY ARE BOTH THE VICTIM OF SHIFTING SOCIAL ATTITUDES AND THEY ATTRACT ACTIVISTS WHO ARE PREPARED TO BE DESTRUCTIVE IN ORDER TO MAKE THEIR POINTS.

However, the attempts of the activists to set agriculture and mining against one another – as they have tried to do in relation to the Santos gas development at Narrabri – are not supported by reality.

The resources industry, overall, works very well with agriculture. In the eight years from 2000 to 2018, the gas industry paid \$500 million to Queensland farmers, for hosting their wells.

Queensland and South Australian farmers receive low-priced, reliable irrigation water from the gas industry – subterranean water taken from gas wells.

IN THE HUNTER VALLEY, SOME MINING COMPANIES HAVE DECIDED TO NOT TAKE THEIR WATER ENTITLEMENTS FROM THE HUNTER (AND TRIBUTARIES) AND INSTEAD TREAT MINED WATER FOR THEIR OPERATIONS. MINE REHABILITATION IS ALSO BEING DONE IN CONSULTATION WITH FARMERS – THE REHABILITATED MINE LANDS AT RIX'S CREEK IS NOW BEING USED FOR CATTLE GRAZING, WITH VERY GOOD RESULTS.

In Queensland, New Hope's New Acland mine has rehabilitated 490 hectares of mined land and 290 hectares is used for grazing, producing very healthy cattle. They're also planting trees on the rehabilitated land.

Add to that list Peabody's Wilkie Creek mine and AngloAmerican's Dawson Mine – operations that are committed to returning hundreds of hectares of mine lands to agriculture, with watering points, wetlands and wooded areas.

In Victoria's Latrobe Valley, the rehabilitation effort around the Yallourn open-cut coal mine has produced a system of wetlands, lakes and woodlands that has essentially returned the area to wilderness.

LET'S NOT FORGET THAT THE COST OF HIGH-QUALITY MINE REHABILITATION IS MEASURED IN THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

This doesn't mean there are no conflicts between farmer and miner. The resources industry has an absolute responsibility to ensure that its own successful operations are not at the expense of agriculture. That includes considerations about water, dust, chemicals, noise and road-use. And we have very strong environmental regulations in this country when it comes to the resources sector.

I am convinced that the two sectors can co-exist. The interactions between them are usually more positive than they are negative. And both agriculture and resources are the lifeblood of modern nations, even as some of the recipients of their products complain about their existence. If nothing else, the two sectors should come together over the activists who would love to shut them down.

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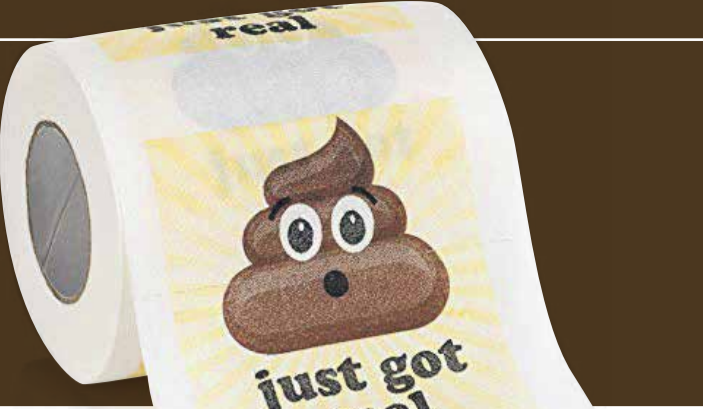


PROUDLY SUPPORTING AND SUPPLYING SOLUTIONS TO THE MINING INDUSTRY

PUBLISHERS OPINION

TOILET PAPER VS ELECTRICITY

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT 'THE GREAT TOILET PAPER FAMINE OF 2020' HAS LEFT ME ALMOST SPEECHLESS WITH LAUGHTER AND BEWILDERMENT. DON'T GET ME WRONG, THIS CORONAVIRUS STUFF IS SERIOUS BUSINESS AND THE CONSEQUENCES ARE YET TO BE FULLY PLAYED OUT BUT IT'S ALSO HIGHLIGHTING ANOTHER TRUTH.



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What this whole global pandemic has shown me is that the world (me, you and everyone we know) are nowhere near able to cope with a serious crisis.

As it stands, borders are being closed, trillions of dollars are going up in smoke and businesses large and small are starting to feel the effects of a situation that will most likely get worse. That goes for our part of the world too.

KNOW ONE KNOWS HOW THIS WILL PLAY OUT.

Our Government, the Opposition and the same ruling parties of every country in the world are simply playing a guessing game at this point in time. Let's hope it starts getting better and not worse.

So, what's my point? The severe summer season we just experienced reignited the fire in the bellies (Pun intended) of climate alarmists everywhere. That crisis has seemed to drop off the radar now that we can't buy toilet paper. I am surprised they haven't tried to draw a link between the two though.

NO, I AM NOT A CLIMATE DENIER, BUT I AM A CLIMATE REALIST.

What the Great Toilet Paper Famine has shown me is that now more than ever, we need to approach what everyone calls energy transition way more sensibly and out in the open than we have been.

That means as has been sensibly pointed out, that coal fired energy needs to be a part our lives for the foreseeable future until viable alternatives are up to the job.

WITHOUT IT, THE 2020 TOILET PAPER RIOTS WILL LOOK EVERY BIT AS RIDICULOUS AS THEY ARE.

Imagine if you will, that the climate warriors get their wish and stable base load power is compromised with the abolition of coal and the energy it produces around the world before we are ready. Shit will really hit the fan then. Every society on the planet will likely collapse and we would not have a global pandemic, we would most likely have civil and probably global wars. Yes, even here in Australia.

THE WHOLE TOILET PAPER COMEDY HAS SIMPLY SERVED TO SHOW US AS A SOCIETY HOW TOTALLY UNABLE TO HANDLE, AND ILL EQUIPPED WE ARE TO DEAL WITH ANY KIND OF MAJOR OR PERCEIVED DISRUPTION TO OUR LIVES.

I am kind of glad that this weakness in everyday society has been exposed. It is a perfect example of why we need a sensible, timely and bipartisan approach to our energy future. Without it we haven't got a hope.

On final note, don't forget to jump on Facebook and enter our competition to win a 12 pack of Sorbent, and yes, it's the really good soft stuff.

Coal might not be able to save the world, but it sure can help us when we're up shit creek.



Fostering FUTURES

NSW MINERALS COUNCIL (NSWMC) AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA (RDA) HUNTER LAUNCH A NEW PARTNERSHIP TO BUILD AWARENESS OF MINING SECTOR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

The new two-year partnership is called PRIME (Pathways to Resource Industry and Mining Employment) and will see NSWMC leverage RDA Hunter's strong reputation for implementing industry-skilling and workforce development initiatives to increase awareness of the NSW mining industry and its career opportunities.

The new collaboration will assist Hunter secondary school students better appreciate how science, maths and geography subject matter applies

across the lifecycle of a mine, and the types of skills and jobs that are required to support a mining operation. The project will include the implementation of mining-specific content, scenario-based learning activities and real-world problem solving in the classroom. This year will see 20 participating Hunter high schools receive 2 x Oculus VR sets and deliver programs to give students a 'real' mining industry experience.

Stephen Galilee, CEO of the NSW Minerals Council said the organisation is very happy to be working with RDA Hunter to promote the breadth of mining industry career opportunities that exist in the Hunter.

"NSW'S MINING SECTOR CONSISTENTLY INNOVATES TO IMPLEMENT LEADING EDGE TECHNOLOGY, AND INTERNATIONAL BEST-PRACTICE ACROSS ITS OPERATIONS. OUR AIM IN DEVELOPING THIS PROJECT WITH RDA HUNTER IS TO BUILD A MOTIVATED FUTURE TALENT POOL BY ENCOURAGING INTEREST IN THE DIVERSE AND INTERESTING JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN THE INDUSTRY."

According to its Chair, Mr John Turner, RDA Hunter works to support innovation-driven industry development and jobs growth in the Hunter and is pleased to support young people considering a mining industry career.

"The mining sector continues to be a large employer and important driver of economic growth in the Hunter region. We're delighted to be NSW Mineral Council's partner of choice for this new project. We have significant experience connecting Hunter schools with industry

to deliver graduates with relevant industry knowledge and skills.

Careers Adviser and Learning Support Teacher at PRIME participating school All Saints' College Maitland, Kim Wickham, said of the partnership, "As teachers of young, enthusiastic and energetic learners we know there is no better teacher than 'real-world' life experience and we see great benefit in joining this mining industry partnership to bring that into our classrooms.

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Eight-year-old Sally brought her report card home from school. Her marks were good...mostly A's and a couple of B's. However, her teacher had written across the bottom: "Sally is a smart little girl, but she has one fault. She talks too much in school. I have an idea I am going to try, which I think may break her of the habit."

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OPINION

DEMYSTIFYING ENERGY

DURING HEATED AND PASSIONATE DEBATES ABOUT ENERGY, IT'S INTERESTING TO OFTEN WITNESS MISCONCEPTIONS AMONGST THE GENERAL COMMUNITY. AFTER COLLABORATION WITH OTHERS, HERE IS A COLLECTION OF SOME OF THE KEY ITEMS EXPLAINED IN GENERAL LAYMAN TERMS.

STEEL PRODUCTION

Steel can only be produced by combining iron ore and coal. The carbon in coal is an essential component in the manufacture of steel. Steel continues to be an important element for the developed world as it is widely needed, particularly for vehicles, rail, infrastructure, bridges, household goods, housing and many other daily activities. China is the largest producer of steel, producing approximately 700-800Mtonne pa of crude steel. Japan the second at 100Mtonne. China sources most of its coal internally from domestic mines. The three largest resources of coal are China, Russia and North America. The total production from Australian Coal Mines is less than 5% of the world production.

ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION

Aluminium in Australia is produced using Alumina (Bauxite from Northern Territory) and it is refined with the aid of electricity to run the smelting furnaces. As an example, Tomago Aluminium is a state-of-the-art refinery located in the Hunter Valley and it uses approximately 25% of the total power generation of NSW. Aluminium is used extensively around the world and it is needed for manufacturing, construction, aircraft, packaging and food production just to mention a few. Aluminium Smelters are a 24hour/7day a week continuous process and cannot be shut down completely even for a short time. South Australia has focused on renewable energy production and to give perspective to that State's renewable production the total renewable energy capacity

of South Australia would run Tomago Aluminium for 8 minutes in a 24hour period. During periods of peak demand for energy by the NSW domestic consumers (i.e. extreme hot or cold weather), frequently Tomago Aluminium is requested to reduce its production to ensure domestic energy supply can be maintained. Renewable energy has become an important part of the total energy mix but currently it is not sufficiently reliable or developed to ensure consistent continuous supply. Continued refinement and development of renewable technologies and storage must be encouraged and supported.



CLEAN COAL

The quality of exported Australian coal is most sought after in Asia as it is amongst the cleanest burning coal on the world market and generally highest energy output coal compared to other world coal sources. Traditionally, Australian coal has been selectively mined so that the coal in its raw form has less impurities by comparison to other sources. It has then been further processed through a coal processing plant to remove impurities prior to export. The reduction in these impurities such as sulphur and ash, reduces emissions during coal burning thus providing cleaner energy for the production of electricity in those regions. Most countries that have coal reserves produce and use their own reserves domestically for their Base Load energy needs. Japan, Taiwan and Korea have no coal reserves and rely on other countries to provide coal for some of their energy needs. Australia, whilst it is a small producer, is the largest seaborne trader, followed by Indonesia. This coal is mostly traded to the Asian rim. Indonesian coal is generally considered of lower rank (i.e. poorer quality with higher impurities that generate higher greenhouse gas emissions). When Australian coal is unavailable, coal of less quality from Indonesia and other countries fill the market demand.

CEMENT

When coal is burned the remaining ash (potash) is used in the production of cement. Cement is a fundamental construction material around the world.

HELE - HIGH ENERGY LOW EMISSION POWER PLANTS

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BASE LOAD ENERGY

Is the energy that is required to make electricity to immediately meet the electricity demand to satisfy domestic, commercial and industrial needs of any community at any time. Currently, Base Load energy is provided by using of Gas, Coal, Nuclear, Oil, Hydro and Renewables. With ongoing advances in technologies renewables have increased their contribution to the energy mix of Base Load energy. Base Load energy is required to enable continuous supply to be available to meet demand. The available supply and supply reserves need to be equivalent to or greater than the consumption level of the domestic, commercial and industrial needs of any community at any given time. Base Load energy is energy in a form that can be immediately available to satisfy the fluctuations in electricity demand of a community at any given time. Currently the only energy producers that can guarantee that capacity and reserve rate are Gas, Coal, Nuclear, Oil and some Hydro. In NSW, Base Load energy is generated by coal and topped up by the renewables of Wind, Solar and Hydro, when these are available. When the renewables are in abundance coal burning can be minimised, but remains the primary generator. With continued advances, it is hoped that one day renewables will be able to provide a more significant proportion of Base Load energy. All energy production has some detrimental impact in some form. Combining the most reliable and least damaging energy production for humanity and the planet remains a balancing act that will journey well into future.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

All energy sources need to be increased to meet the wellbeing, housing and health needs of the World population. Without access to electricity many nations have to resort to burning solid fuels of all sorts for the cooking of meals and heating. Australian industry and government already have a strong stance on supporting renewables and advances in renewable technologies, particularly where it is practicable and economic. Funding initiatives for research and development, to ensure energy security into the future, is already a significant focus. Transition and parallel production of Base Load energy will be a cornerstone for all future government bodies.

FUTURE

World predictions are that coal will reduce in the energy mix but will still be significant due to its low cost and effective output of Base Load energy. As technological advances are made, renewables will take on a greater role. Further renewable sources that can produce reliable power that can be delivered to the consumer immediately on demand need to be found. Some exciting advances have been made with alternate technologies, particularly around hydrogen and battery storage. When those advances are fully developed and refined to be reliable and sustainable then a true transition from fossil fuels will be possible. Other industries are always emerging that will fill the economic voids as that transition takes place. However, right now our economic ability to feed, clothe, educate, house and keep healthy the current generations of Australians is very reliant on the country's primary exports of resources and agriculture.

REMEDIAL ACTION

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STUART BARNETT IS OUR MINING INDUSTRY'S LEADING PERSONAL INJURY LAWYER. THIS MONTH HE HAS SOME IMPORTANT ADVICE ABOUT POTENTIAL LUMP SUM BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR PAIN AND SUFFERING FOLLOWING AN INJURY IN THE COAL MINING INDUSTRY.

In the previous article we discussed a lump sum that is available to persons injured in or about a coal mine when they suffer permanent impairment or loss of use of parts of the body or bodily function. Where that level of impairment or loss of use exceeds a defined threshold, the injured workers is entitled to a second lump sum for what is called Pain and Suffering, which is a tax-free lump sum. Pain and Suffering compensation is not available to persons injured outside of coal mines. **IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A PAYMENT FOR PAIN AND SUFFERING THE INJURED WORKER MUST HAVE SUFFERED PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT OR LOSS OF USE THAT AT LEAST 10% OF THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE FOR PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT OR LOSS OF USE.**

Whether the injury leads to an impairment or loss of use that crosses the threshold depends on the part or parts of the body injured and the degree of impairment or loss of use. Because each part of the body is allocated a different percentage of the whole body it is not possible to make a general comment as to which injuries will cross the threshold. For example, impairment of the back represents 60% of the maximum available for the whole body whereas loss of use of a dominant arm at or above the elbow represents 80% of the maximum.

It is possible to combine impairment or loss of use to different parts of the body arising out of the same injury in order to get over the threshold to receive a payment for pain and Suffering. For example a person with a back injury may have a permanent loss of use of a leg as a result of nerve damage in the back, in those circumstances both parts of the body could be taken into account to reach the pain and suffering threshold.

The current maximum payment for Pain and Suffering is \$66,200.00.

This is for a most extreme case; most injured workers will receive a proportion of that amount. The amount that will be received is taken as a percentage of the most extreme case and determined either by agreement or if not, by a Judge in the District Court. The amount determined is very much based upon the individual circumstances of the case.

IMPORTANTLY, MAKING A CLAIM FOR PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT AND PAIN AND SUFFERING DOES NOT FINALISE AN INJURED WORKERS RIGHTS TO FUTURE COMPENSATION.

The worker will still be covered for ongoing weekly compensation, medical expenses and possibly further lump sum claims if the condition deteriorates. Whilst such a claim can be made even if you are still at work consideration should be given as to whether giving your employer notice of a permanent impairment will jeopardise your ongoing employment.



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

STUART BARNETT, SLATER & GORDON LAWYERS

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BUY ANY TORO MOWER AND YOU COULD WIN THE PRICE OF YOUR MOWER BACK

On their honeymoon, the new husband told his bride, "I have a confession to make that I should have made before, but I was concerned that it might affect our relationship."

"What is it?" his new bride asked lovingly.

"I'm a golf fanatic," he said. "I think about golf constantly. I'll be out on the golf course every weekend, every holiday, and every chance I get. If it comes to a choice between your

wishes and golf, golf will always win."

His new bride pondered this for a moment and said, "I thank you for your honesty. Now in the same spirit of honesty, I should tell you that I've concealed something about my own past that you should know about. The truth is, I'm a hooker."

"No problem," said her husband, "just widen your stance a little, and overlap your grip, and that should clear it right up."



FULL STEAM AHEAD

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Air Force One crashed in the middle of rural America. Panic stricken the Secret Service mobilised and descended on the farm in force. When they got there, the wreckage was clear. The aircraft was totally destroyed with only a burned hulk left smoldering in a tree line that bordered a farm. Secret Service descended upon the smoking hulk but could find no remains of the crew or the President's staff. To their amazement, a lone farmer was plowing a field not too far away as if nothing at all happened. They hurried over to surround the man's tractor. "Sir," the senior Secret Service agent asked, panting and out of breath. "Did you see this terrible accident happen?" "Yep. Sure did." The man muttered

unconcernedly.

"Do you realise that is the President of the United States airplane?"

"Yep."

"Were there any survivors?" the agent gasped.

"Nope. They's all kilt straight out." The farmer sighed cutting off his tractor motor. "I done buried them all myself. Took most of the morning."

"The President of the United States is dead?" The agent gulped in disbelief.

"Well," the farmer sighed, obviously wanting to get back to his work. "He kept a-saying he wasn't ... but you know what a liar he is."

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PEITA HEFFERNAN, TRAINER ASSESSOR AND OPERATOR, GLENCORE

Peita made a career change to the mining industry after a career in customer service. Peita's determination to make the switch saw her make huge sacrifices.

Peita's first break came by way of a traineeship with a mining contractor, which lead to a permanent role with that contractor, and ultimately to a permanent role at Bulga Coal. Peita has been promoted to trainer in recognition of her ability to impart knowledge to others. Her dedication to coaching and mentoring employees has seen her further promoted to Head Trainer. A decade of persistence and exemplary work has paid off for Peita, and she now shares those experiences as she mentors new female employees.

ROBYN WESTWOOD, MINEWORKER, YANCOAL

Robyn is currently training to gain her Open Cut Examiner's Certificate.

Robyn was working as a bus driver and raising her three girls on the Central Coast when the opportunity came to undertake a mining course in Mudgee. Robyn, who had grown up in Gulgong and seen the quality of life of mining families, jumped at the opportunity to find a better life for her family.

After many applications, Robyn secured a job at Moolarben. Initially starting her training as a truck operator, Robyn can now operate a dozer, drill rig, grader, water cart and multiple trucks. Robyn is the first woman at Moolarben to operate a face shovel and the only woman to operate a dozer. She recently became the first woman on site to do a step-up position and commence study for the Open Cut Examiner's certificate.

Robyn now leads a team of 50 and is recognised as a leader and trail blazer for women at her operation.

EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY PROGRAMS AND PERFORMANCE - SPONSORED BY HETHERINGTON

WIMNET NSW MENTORING PROGRAM

In 2015 WIMNet launched its WIMNet Mentoring Program.

While many companies offer internal mentoring, in 2015 there weren't many opportunities for women in the NSW mining industry to seek independent guidance and support to achieve the next steps in their careers.

The WIMNet program has successfully filled this gap, matching women at different stages of their careers in the mining industry with a mentor to provide them with career guidance and advice on goal setting and enhancing business acumen.

EMBRACING FLEXIBLE WORK ARRANGEMENTS WILPINJONG MINE, PEABODY AUSTRALIA

Wilpinjong Mine were losing skilled and qualified female operators who found that it was too difficult to return to a full-time roster while caring for children. These valued operators were long term and loyal employees and a significant asset to the business.

Wilpinjong turned to their employees and worked together to come up with a solution which could meet both the employees' needs and those of the business. The result has been to use Individual Flexibility Agreements, which allow employees to work part time on their return to work. Six Wilpinjong employees have taken up this opportunity, five women and one man.

GENDER DIVERSITY CHAMPION - SPONSORED BY THIESS

KATE SWAIN, PARTNER, MCCULLOUGH ROBERTSON

Kate has been a lawyer for 12 years and specialises in the energy and resources sector. During this time Kate has made a significant contribution to increasing gender diversity in the mining and mining services industry.

Kate was a co-founder of the Hunter Branch of the Women in Mining Network (WIMNet). Kate is currently chair of the Hunter WIMNet Committee and is responsible for the Committee's program of events that seek to connect women in the industry and provide them with the network and tools to succeed.

Kate is a WIMNet Mentor, guiding and empowering a number of women in their careers. In her role at McCullough Roberston Kate has advocated for the importance of supporting gender diversity initiatives including through sponsorship.

DAVID SALIM, PRINCIPAL, HETHERINGTON EXPLORATION AND MINING SERVICES

David took up the role of Principal at Hetheringtons in 2016. David has been a long advocate for greater gender diversity in the workforce and took the opportunity to implement policies and programs within the organisation to help women employees both stay in work and excel.

Those initiatives include maternity and paternity leave programs, flexibility for staff with caring responsibilities, an 'open door' policy that

encourages staff to feel free to discuss personal, health and other sensitive issues with David and other senior staff. Other smaller but important initiatives which have contributed to an inclusive culture include celebrating International Women's Day.

In 2019 under David's leadership, Hetherington commenced an internal mentoring program for both male and female staff.

EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG WOMAN - SPONSORED BY EVOLUTION MINING

LEAH MILLER, COAL HANDLING AND PREPARATION PLANT MAINTENANCE DELIVERY SUPERINTENDENT, YANCOAL

Leah's is an amazing and unusual career story. She does not have a trade or engineering qualification, Leah started work in the coal industry as a coal analyst in the commercial area of the business. In that role Leah worked closely with execution teams during the industry downturn to identify millions of dollars of cost savings.

This led Leah to take up roles outside the support teams and her leadership and commercial aptitude have seen her career accelerate in the last two years to the position of CHPP Maintenance Delivery Superintendent. She is responsible for leading a large team while managing maintenance priorities.

Leah is committed to a more gender diverse workforce and is an active WIMNet member, participates in the Hunter Valley Operations Inclusion and Diversity Committee, as well as mentoring colleagues to pursue careers outside their traditional fields.

KATIE GRANT, HUMAN RESOURCES LEAD, SOUTH32

Katie commenced her career with BHP Billiton and soon found herself in the middle of one of the largest corporate transactions in Australian history as the company demerged what is now South32. Katie embraced those challenges and played a key advisory role in the demerger. From there Katie moved to the corporate operations of South32 and was involved in designing the South32 HR Business Partnership.

Katie broadened her experience with a stint at South32's Worsley Aluminium Operations before returning to the Illawarra. In her current role at IMC, Katie is part of the Operational Leadership Team. One of her key achievements has been the timely leading and resolution of two enterprise agreements.

In addition, Katie actively participates in the IMC Diversity Committee and was one of the drivers of the creation of the IMC Women's Network.

NSW MINING YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY EVOLUTION MINING

STEVEN FORDHAM, MANAGING DIRECTOR, BLACKROCK INDUSTRIES

A proud Kamilaroi man, Steven Fordham is the Managing Director of Blackrock Industries based in Muswellbrook, which provides labour services such as earthworks, construction and cleaning to the mining industry.

Following a serious medical diagnosis doctors told Steven he probably wouldn't live past 18. Steven says this meant he didn't give much thought to his future nor take his education very seriously. After eventually teaching himself to read and working through a boilermaking apprenticeship, at age 25 Steven decided he wanted to 'do something big' with his life. He scraped together some savings, bought an old tipper truck, and Blackrock Industries was born.

Three years down the track and Blackrock industries is a multi-million-dollar company with 22 locations across the nation employing 120 people. Through Blackrock Industries, Steven started a programme called Second Chance for Change which works within the NSW prison system to give incarcerated indigenous men an employment opportunity and a way of creating a better future for themselves.

Steven's goal is to be the first indigenous company to have a \$1 billion dollar a year turn over as well as the first indigenous company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange.

ELLIE HAWKINS, SCHEDULING ENGINEER, CMOC NORTH PARKES MINES

Ellie's goal was to forge a career in the mining industry right from the start. While studying at Wollongong University, Ellie was elected President of the AusIMM Illawarra Student Chapter. In 2017 Ellie joined CMOC Northparkes as a graduate mining engineer.

In her first year, Ellie completed a term working as part of an underground crew as the only female member. During this time, Ellie put together a business case for wireless blasting technology. Within her first 12 months Ellie transitioned from her position as a graduate to the role of Drill and Blast Engineer with the concurrent role of Project Team Leader for the trial of a wireless detonation technology. The trial resulted in enhanced safety for charge crews as well as productivity improvements.

In addition to being a strong advocate for gender diversity, Ellie's goal is to see more innovations in technology implemented in mining operations at Northparkes to further boost safety and productivity.

NSW MINING SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY WHITEHAVEN COAL

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Ampcontrol was established in Newcastle in 1968 and has become a leader in the provision of safe and reliable electrical solutions for the NSW mining industry.

A focus for Ampcontrol has been investment in R&D and the pursuit of technological innovation. A team from Ampcontrol spent 30 months bringing the Rockstarter multi-function starter system to life. The Rockstarter offered improved monitoring with a smart-phone-style display as well as vastly superior functionality, able to be used with a broad range of equipment. The results of the Rockstarter system have been increased 'up-time' for equipment, time saving with regard to coordinating post-blast operations and increased productivity. As part of their focus on technological innovations, Ampcontrol also participates in the Australian Government's P-TECH program, a collaboration of education and industry to help students develop skills and knowledge for a trade related career.

NAMOI WASTECORP

Established in 2001, Namoi WasteCorp is a family-owned business that operates in and around the Narrabri Shire. The company employs 22 local workers, has a fleet of 20 trucks and specialises in general waste pickup, recycling, liquid waste removal, potable water delivery and hydro excavations for the region's mining operations.

Over the past 18 months, Namoi WasteCorp has invested in technological and mechanical innovation to enhance safety, improve service for customers and reduce their environmental footprint. This has included new trucks with an increased carrying capacity that can collect three times the amount of waste per trip, saving fuel and reducing time on public roads.

As well as meeting the challenges of improved environmental performance and enhanced safety, Namoi WasteCorp has achieved revenue growth of 35-40 percent since 2017 as well as providing almost one million dollars of work for local subcontractors in 2019. Namoi WasteCorp are proud to source their supplies locally to keep the money in the Namoi region and are long term supporters of local charity and sporting teams.

NSW MINING OPERATION OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY QUARRY MINING

SOUTH32, ILLAWARRA METALLURGICAL COAL OPERATIONS

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) operates in the Illawarra and Wollondilly regions of the southern coalfields and has two underground metalliferous coal mines, Dendrobium and Appin. IMC employs around 1,200 people, ninety percent of whom live in the local region, as well as providing work for nearly 1,000 contractors. IMC also spends around \$160 million annually with approximately 400 local suppliers.

The focus of IMC at both its southern coalfield mines is long term sustainability based on more efficient performance and enhanced innovations in safety. A good example is the challenge of reducing dust exposure while increasing production at the longwall operation at the Dendrobium mine. IMC implemented and enhanced the leading-edge control and automation operation of the longwall miner, which not only allows for more accurate mining, but moves employees further away from

in front of the long wall cutting zone. This innovation has improved health and safety outcomes and increased production by 18 percent.

IMC is also proud to work closely with the Illawarra community, contributing over \$4.1 million in trust grants since 2004.

YANCOAL, MOUNT THORLEY WARKWORTH MINE

Yancoal's Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW) mine operates 15km from Singleton and encompasses two integrated open cut mines employing approximately 1,300 people.

Yancoal acquired the mine in 2017 and set in motion an employee driven programme of cultural change to drive productivity, safety and to secure the future of the mine amid the challenges of a cyclical coal market. The Yancoal Our-Way programme was designed to empower employees to own the drive for improvement in safety, production and efficiency. At the heart of the programme, Yancoal rolled out the Culture Improvement Collaboration.

The results were outstanding with an unprecedented level of transparency and collaborative communication; the establishment of an employee driven 'culture vision' including benchmarks for efficiency, communication and whole-of-team excellence; and fostering the potential of those within the business.

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Golf is big business. With that in mind and the fact that mine and buffer land in the Hunter gives us huge amounts of pristine potential 'Golf Course Ready Land', let's create a world class golfing Disneyland.

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Add into the plan the fact that mine sites have all of the necessary heavy equipment to carve out the individual courses, along with the enviro and planning experts to pull it all off, and we are ready to tee off.

Thousands upon thousands of big spending golf tourists would infest our communities dropping cash everywhere, new accommodation, restaurants and other supporting businesses and jobs would explode everywhere.

SINGLETON AND MUSWELLBROOK WOULD BE TRANSFORMED. WE COULD EVEN PUT A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GOLFING ACADEMY IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL.

In appropriate locations, residential golfing communities could be developed to become gold mines on coal mines. It would give us some seriously cashed up new community members to help drive local economies.

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LAST STAND NYMBOIDA

FEBRUARY 17 MARKED 45 YEARS SINCE THE HISTORIC WORK-IN BY SACKED COAL MINERS AT NYMBOIDA COLLIERY AND A TURNING POINT FOR THE MINeworkERS FEDERATION.

In February 1975, Nymboida coal miners were told by their employers that the mine was closing and they were given one weeks' notice. They were also told that their employer had no money to pay them the tens of thousands of dollars they were owed in severance pay, annual leave and other entitlements.

Many of the 30 coal miners had spent much of their working lives at Nymboida and the news was devastating. At the time, unemployment rates in the region were among the highest in Australia and the nearest coal mines were hundreds of kilometres away. In desperation for their livelihoods, the miners turned to their union, the Miners Federation, who advised them to fight, or rather, to work.

With the support of the Union and the community, the Nymboida mineworkers began a work-in on February 17, 1975, the day that the mine was due to close. After this followed a series of negotiations involving the Union, the Joint Coal Board and the NSW Government which concluded with ownership of the mine being handed over to the Miners Federation.

For the next 4 years the Union and the workers ran the mine, selling the coal to the nearby Koolkhan Power Station. This continued until the closure of the Koolkhan Power Station and the exhaustion of the mine's reserves in August 1979.

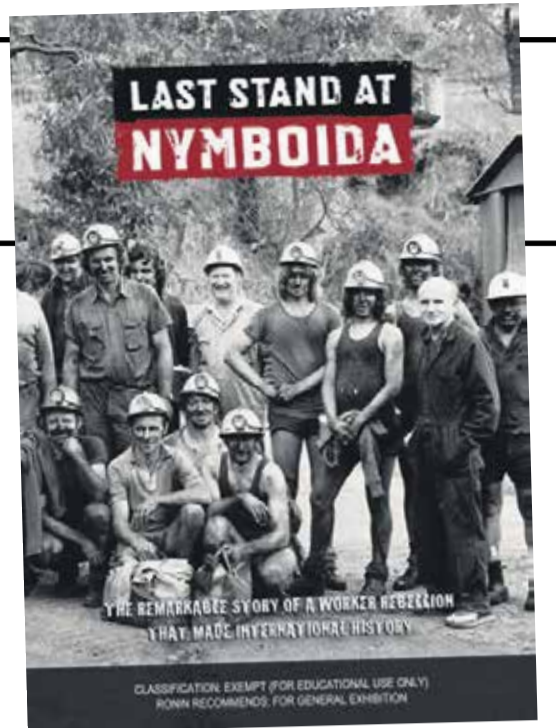
DURING ITS OPERATIONS UNDER THE UNION, EVERY WORKER KEPT THEIR JOBS AND RECEIVED THE WAGES THEY WERE DUE, AS WELL AS FULL BENEFITS WHEN THE MINE CLOSED.

When the mine closed it wasn't the end though. Legislation at the time entitled mine owners to a new lease once their existing one was finished. The Miners Federation applied for a replacement lease and in October 1979, the NSW Government approved a lease in the Upper Hunter Valley.

Having proved themselves as successful coal mine operators, the Mineworkers Federation had no shortage of interested business partners for the new lease. And so began the joint venture project United Collieries.

DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE MINE, UNITED CREATED MANY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND HAD A POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE REGION. ALTHOUGH LONG CLOSED, UNITED CONTINUES TO SUPPORT MINeworkERS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH THE MINeworkERS TRUST.

The Mineworkers Trust was set up to benefit mineworkers' families and the communities they work in. Funds from the royalties of coal sales



from United have for decades funded countless projects in local communities, hospitals, sporting groups and schools as well as an annual scholarship program. So far, the Trust has returned more than \$10 million dollars to Australian mining communities.

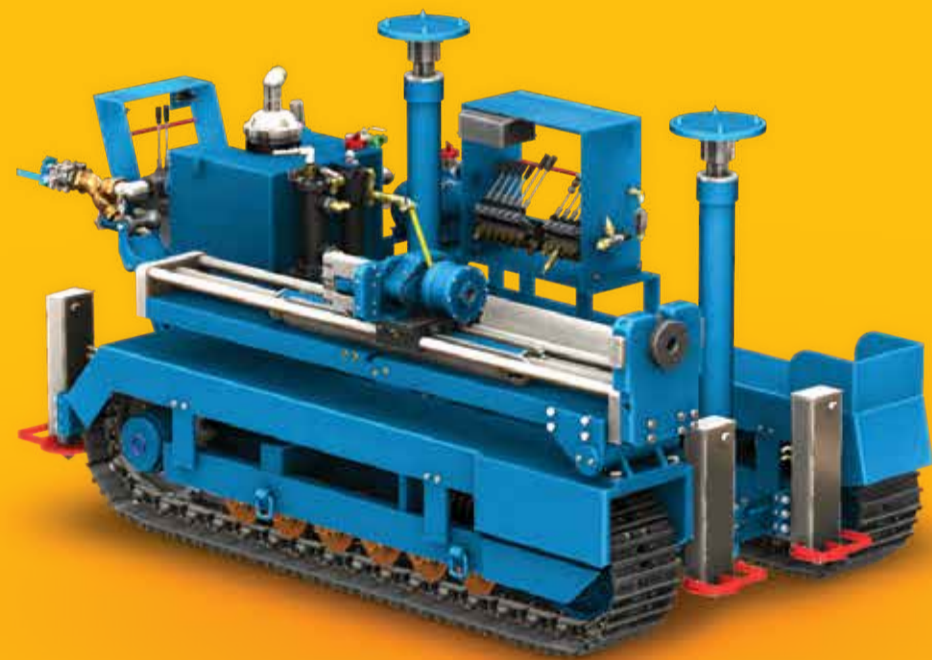
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The story of Nymboida has been celebrated in books and in film. Check out the fantastic book by Pete Thomas and Paddy Gorman. 'The Coal Mines the Workers Ran - From Nymboida to United: a remarkable chapter in

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BRAXSEN ANDERSON • AGE 4

If you could ask a genie for 3 wishes what would they be?
I wish to be like Chad Reed and race my motorbike, I wish I had a big jet plane to go everywhere I want, and I wish I had lots of lollies they make me crazy.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
I would want sticky grip so that I could grip to houses.



ISABELLA ANDERSON • AGE 5

If you could ask a genie for 3 wishes what would they be?
Can I please have a real unicorn and a baby unicorn and a little big unicorn.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
Flying like unicorns.



MIA DUNN • AGE 4

If you could ask a genie for 3 wishes what would they be?
I wish every day was my birthday, I wish I was at Disneyland in America and I wish for a barbie aeroplane and a barbie.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
It would be to fly so I could fly onto the top of buildings and see Santa.



RUBY MCDONALD • AGE 7

If you could ask a genie for 3 wishes what would they be?
I could ride a unicorn, that I could be an expert about dinosaurs and their bones, and that I could ride a butterfly.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
My superpower would be to solve problems.



EMMY DOALMAN • AGE 10

If you could ask a genie for 3 wishes what would they be?
To be a billionaire, to be famous on Tik Tok and to be a famous singer.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
To read minds.



MILEYJANE ANDERSON • AGE 6

If you could ask a genie for 3 wishes what would they be?
I would wish for my own house to fit all my toys in, I wish I could go to the North Pole to see Santa and I wish I could be a police officer.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
My superpower would be to fly around the world



LIAM MCDONALD • AGE 5

If you could ask a genie for 3 wishes what would they be?
I want a real dinosaur and Batman; I want all the cars in the whole wide world, and I want to be the greatest drifter.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
I want to be a big strong man.



MADDISON LETCHER • AGE 4

If you could ask a genie for 3 wishes what would they be?
Help Mummy clean up then Mummy play hide and seek and a soft, pretty, smelly dolly.
If you could have a superpower what would it be?
A super superpower and maybe to fly around, swoosh!

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SUPPLIER INSIDER

MICKALA LIGHTING TOWERS

Who are you and what do you do?
Damien Englebrecht – Managing Director of Mickala Lighting Towers. Born and raised in the Hunter Valley. Mickala manufacture state of the art extra Low Voltage LED Lighting Towers for the Mining, Rail, Gas and Construction industries
Where did you start and how did you end up where you are now?
I completed my apprenticeship at Ravensworth mine 25 years ago as a Diesel Mechanic. In 2007 I started the business in Mackay, North Queensland. I saw a significant gap in the market for lighting towers while I was contracting myself as a diesel mechanic. I started the lighting tower design based on the issues I was repairing daily causing poor availability. In my opinion suppliers were not concentrating on the small things to get the big things right, which was causing significant downtime for customers
Describe a typical day at 'The office'.
I start the day early by hitting the gym to start the day fresh and to deal with the pressure of managing a successful international operation. My role in the business is to keep our products ahead of the market with our technology. Our Lighting Towers are all built in house keeping our IP secure. Being the largest privately-owned OEM of extra Low Voltage towers gives us greater flexibility to partner with clients. I'm very lucky to have

a team around me that creates sustainability with the significant growth internationally.
What's the best thing about your business?
Our customer support has enabled us to still maintain our first contract 13 years ago. I was lucky enough to meet Sir Richard Branson to discuss business which allowed me to reflect on our journey and the importance of our customers, staff and most of all the integrity of individuals within any organisation.
What is the big news in your part of the mining industry right now?
The significant gap in the supply chain the "Coronavirus" is going to cause internationally. As we manufacture 95% of our products internally, we have this covered as we do not have to rely on 3rd parties to supply us parts or any other service. Very interested in how others are going to manage this.
What is the biggest opportunity for your business right now?
People are recognising the build quality and the attention to detail in our products. Internationally the business has unlimited potential as no other OEM has the internal supply chain we have developed.
What are the biggest challenges facing your business?
Our biggest challenge is our growth strategy locally and internationally. Our technology is becoming popular with our



international clients as they deal directly with the OEM, not a 3rd party agent which is common in our industry.
How long have you been doing business in the Valley?
We have had lighting towers in the Hunter Valley for 3 years. We have just successfully completed a large project. We have purchased 3 acres of land in the industrial estate in Muswellbrook and are working on plans to submit to council for a multimillion-dollar purpose-built facility.
Community or other causes close to its heart and values?
Mickala 100% employs locals in all 3 facilities. This is part of our inclusion and diversity policy. Last year we

invested over \$250,000 into our local communities and charities.
How big is the crew in the Hunter Valley?
Currently we have a small crew which is expanding with the contracts we are securing in the Hunter Valley. Internationally Mickala employ over 320 staff to support our operation.
What's the best thing about your job?
Delivering large scale projects knowing our client is about to save millions of dollars by introducing Mickala Lighting Towers to their site.
The worst thing?
Being away from my family for long periods of time

due to our international capabilities.
What's a funny story about work that you can tell?
I was once told "You can't do that". I look back now 13 years later and laugh. I was taught very young "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." Mum must be credited for this value of hard work raising us on a dairy farm in Denman.
Anything else you want to say?
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MY MINING LIFE

Colby KERVIN

Who are you and what do you do?
My name is Colby Kervin and I'm a mechanical fitter for WorkPac on crew out at Hunter Valley Operations.
Any nicknames good or bad?
Kervo. It's just a nickname I've had since I was young.
Where do you live and how long have you been in the Valley?
I live in Cessnock and have lived in this area my whole life.
When did you start and what's the ride been like?
I started on crew a year and a half ago and it's been great. You're always working as a team with good people and finding challenges for yourself.
What's a usual day at work entail?
So, it's a 12-hour shift and we start off with the pre start meeting where we are told where we will be allocated in the workshop for the day. There are usually 1 to 2 fitters on a machine at a time, sometimes more. We all have a chat and decide what each employee will do and hook in as a team either doing the service work or breakdown work on the dump trucks.
How big is the crew?
There is roughly 20 of us allocated to trucks.



What's the best thing about your job?
The learning experience as you're always going to be challenging yourself and you do meet some great, genuine people.
The worst thing?
Honestly can't think of anything.

A GRADE GOLFER COLBY KERVIN SCORED A HOLE IN ONE WHEN HE SECURED HIS DREAM JOB IN THE MINES.

What's a funny story about work that you can tell?
Listening to the older permanent employees and contractors with their stories that they have seen happen in the past in the mines. It's always a good laugh and you never know what you're going to hear.
How different is your job to what you wanted to be when you were a kid?
I've always wanting to work in the mines, and it has taken me a few years to be able to get into it and now I have it's a dream come true.
What would your mum say about you when you were a kid?
That I was ambitious and cheeky.
Family?
I have a very small family - parents, grandparents, aunty and uncle - and they mean the absolute world to me.
What do you do in your downtime?
I love going camping and fishing in my ute with the rooftop tent setup and also doing a lot of free diving and spearfishing as it's a big passion of mine.
What is one thing about that you that would surprise people to know?
That I've played A grade golf since I was a junior member at Stonebridge Golf Club.

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CLEANING UP OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

MOUNT PLEASANT OPERATIONS TEAM MEMBERS JOINED THIESS AND SGS TO CLEAN UP OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AS PART OF THE CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY CAMPAIGN.



MACH'S CHRIS, LEFT, AND MATT GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE DAY.

Passionate employees came together to do their part and give back to their community, cleaning up local roads and land on Australia Day, 1 March 2020.

Clean Up Australia started around thirty years ago by 'an average Aussie bloke', known as Ian Kiernan. Now a nationwide initiative and annual event since 1990, Clean Up Australia Day inspires communities to work together and clean up our beautiful environment.

Joining in to spread the clean-up message, MACH Energy have again teamed up with some of their site contractors and local businesses to clean up their town earlier this month. External Relations Manager at Mount Pleasant Operations, Ngaire Baker, said the initiative has been

close to the hearts of employees at MACH Energy.

"In 2019 I thought about asking for volunteers to join the clean-up day in Muswellbrook, however, I was constantly stopping to and from work to pick up rubbish on Wybong Road," said Ngaire.

"So I spoke to representatives from our site contractors, Thiess, Sedgman and Fyfe and they agreed the best way to pitch in was to clean up our backyard, that is the section of Wybong Road from Bengalla Link Road, the stretch of road all employees take to get to and from Mount Pleasant."

The team tackled the day with the goal of collecting every bit of rubbish from the stretch of road. In 2019 the

team collected more than 20 bags of rubbish, pushing local business SGS to join in and lend a hand this year. "The clean-up message must be getting through as we only filled five bags, mostly bottles and cans with a few shopping bags and general rubbish thrown in," said Ngaire.

IT WAS A POSITIVE DAY, WITH ALL VOLUNTEERS KEEN TO LEND A HAND, CHAT TO THEIR COLLEAGUES, MEET NEW PEOPLE DURING THE CLEAN UP AND GET A LITTLE EXERCISE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. ENJOYING THE WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE, EMPLOYEES SAID THEY WILL BE BACK AGAIN IN 2021.

Ian started the initiative all those years ago wanting to make a difference in his own backyard, which was a fitting theme for this year's crew. With SGS employee William's parents still living on the property he grew up on next to Mount Pleasant. They truly were cleaning up their own backyard!

"Thanks must go to William and Tim, also from SGS and their management for allowing them the time to support this important community initiative," said Ngaire.

It's great to see local businesses getting involved to clean up our neighbourhood. If you'd like to see how your business can get involved head to www.cleanup.org.au.



TEAM PHOTO - SOME OF THE CLEAN-UP CREW PRIOR TO THE CLEAN-UP.

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With 4 rides to choose from, including a 20km ride, 40km ride, 65km ride and a 100km challenge, there is something for everyone. The ride will start and finish at the Singleton Civic Centre in Civic Avenue.

All entrants will receive a free lunch and drink at the finish area and free entry into the pool at the Singleton Gym & Swim adjacent to the finish site for a refreshing shower and/or swim after sweating your backside off.

This year, riders can choose to fundraise for SFSS instead of paying the entry fee. So, jump on your bike and start fundraising now for this great cause!



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COMMUNITY GIFT

GET ARTY!

THIS MONTH THE COMPLETE PARTS AND @ THE COALFACE \$500 COMMUNITY GIFT GOES TO THE MUSWELLBROOK PCYC DISABILITY ARTS PROGRAM.

This brand new program has just kicked off its first term and is already proving to be a success. Held each Thursday at Muswellbrook PCYC, the program offers participants the opportunity to be creative, make new friends and have lots of fun.

Muswellbrook PCYC Manager De-anne Douglas said they have been working on the program with Hunter Disability

Services with the aim of engaging people in art as well as proving a social outlet.

"We wanted to offer a program that would help fill the gaps on what is already out there," said De-anne. "After looking into it and talking to people we decided that an art program was needed. We have a very talented and artistic staff member here leading the program. Each week the participants work on a different art project which they can take home with them. We also welcome the participants input to direct what the next project will be."

"For this first term all the funding for the program has been from the club so we really welcome generous donations like this one from Complete Parts as it

will go towards making sure we have enough art supplies. Donations also help ensure that the program is free to all participants."

The program runs every Thursday with a workshop at 12pm and another at 2pm. If you would like to join the program or find out more contact Hunter Disability Services on 0467531902 or email hunterdisabilityservices@gmail.com. Carers are welcome to participate.



TIME TO BOOGIE!

THE MUSWELLBROOK PCYC HAS ALSO STARTED RUNNING AN INTERACTIVE DISCO FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. CONTACT THE CLUB TO FIND OUT MORE ON 6541 1434 OR EMAIL MUSWELLBROOK@PCYCNSW.ORG.AU



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The proud 70-year heritage of Liddell Underground will be celebrated with a get together at Singleton RSL on March 27 starting at 12.30pm.

Past crew including Scott Brittliffe, Shane Hardy and Mick Dunn are pulling it all together to remember the good times, funny moments and other goings on not fit for publication.

Scott said, "We were all proud to be a part of it and the lifelong friendships and memories made there will no doubt be discussed at length with plenty of laughs over a few drinks."

It will be a great day to catch up and rekindle old friendships while remembering those no longer with us.

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THE 2020 EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO IS BACK AGAIN ON MARCH 28 AND WILL SHOWCASE THE HUNTER'S AMAZING EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Throughout the day there will be a range of demonstrations with highlights being the RFS chainsaw demonstration and the always fun mascot race. There will also be a best dressed competition for the kiddies who come dressed as their favourite emergency service.

The Salvation Army will be serving up hot dogs and beef rolls, there'll be a coffee van and ice cream truck and plenty of stalls from other vital organisations such as Rural Aid, Red Cross, Coal Services, NSW Parks & Wildlife and many more.

Mr Linnane also said the day provided the opportunity to thank the emergency services personnel and volunteers who have been there to see us through the tough recent months.

"WE'VE SEEN UP CLOSE THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS TO KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE THIS SUMMER, AND HELPING THOSE IN NEED IN THE WORST SITUATIONS OF THEIR LIVES," HE SAID.

"The expo puts names and faces to the people who are there to help you when things get bad, including the hundreds of people who helped to fight the fires that have threatened our community since November 2019. This is a chance for all of us to come together as a community and say thanks."

Singleton Council is joining forces with emergency services including NSW Police, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW Ambulance, Fire and Rescue, the State Emergency Service and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter to demonstrate the skills and expertise of first responders in an emergency. But most importantly, it's an opportunity for people to learn how to be best prepared.

Singleton Council General Manager Jason Linnane said the event would see a range of displays from all of our emergency services, including simulations where our first responders will demonstrate their skills and experience in just what happens in an emergency event.

"Given the bushfire emergency situation we experienced over the past few months, it's a great opportunity to talk to the experts about how to prepare your family and your home in the event of a fire or flood," said Mr Linnane.

"YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU'LL NEED ASSISTANCE FROM OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND THIS IS A FUN MORNING OUT WITH A VERY SERIOUS MESSAGE ABOUT HOW TO BE PREPARED."

THE SINGLETON EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2020 AT CIVIC PARK FROM 9AM TO 12PM. ENTRY IS FREE.

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The event is an initiative of the youth and community services agencies within the Lower Hunter Region and aims to connect people within the Lower Hunter to services and supports in a friendly setting.

The day will see people connect to vital services such as accommodation and housing providers, health and wellbeing agencies, legal and financial assistance, employment study and youth programs as well as general supports for people who are doing it tough or who might be at risk of homelessness. There will be plenty of food and entertainment provided on the day as well as birth certificates, toiletries and clothing and basic beauty services.

The event is being hosted this year by Maitland Basketball Association who have generously offered us their space. "Maitland Basketball is very much a part of the Community and it is our pleasure to assist our community come together to make genuine connections with local supports and services," said Stacy Jacobs, President Maitland Basketball Association.

ALTHOUGH SIMILAR EVENTS HAPPEN IN LARGER CENTRES LIKE NEWCASTLE, THIS INITIATIVE WILL ENSURE THE EVENT AND SUPPORTS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN THE CESSNOCK, MAITLAND AND LOWER HUNTER DISTRICTS.

"We would love services and agencies to be part of this inaugural Lower Hunter event by contacting me at Headspace on 4931 1000," said Liz Murphy-May, Committee Member.

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KOMATSU AND CUMMINS HAVE JOINED FORCES TO SUPPLY BLUE PAINTED ENGINE MODULES TO KOMATSU 830E HAUL TRUCKS TO BENGALLA MINE IN SUPPORT OF BEYOND BLUE.

To celebrate, a fundraising BBQ was held onsite raising money via gold coin donations and a raffle with all proceeds going to the cause.

The engine itself represents several years of development and delivers the latest in emission reduction with a 63% reduction in diesel particulate matter compared to the standard engines that came with the trucks.

DURING PROCEEDINGS IT WAS HIGHLIGHTED THAT 1 IN 5 PEOPLE IN THE MINING INDUSTRY SUFFER DEPRESSION, WHICH IS MUCH HIGHER THAN THE POPULATION AVERAGE OF 1 IN 7.

Jason Linke, the Mining Business Manager for Cummins said on the day, "We are proud to join



with Komatsu today to launch this program. We hope that the blue engine serves as a reminder to all who work on the truck and operate it to be on the lookout for signs of depression or distress amongst colleagues or if they are struggling themselves."

Despite the upbeat mood on the day, the whole team was very passionate and serious about the cause with

some opening up about personal stories that have affected loved ones. Clearly, it's a subject close to everyone's hearts and an important initiative to get off the ground.

Here @ The Coalface we regularly see examples and hear stories about the struggle and applaud all involved on helping to keep the conversation top of mind.



Think Pink

To support the initiative, funds were raised on site through BBQ breakfasts, raffle items donated by suppliers, and generous donations from our employees.

To get the machine ready, PPG supplied the paint and WesTrac completed the work to get it ready for site. Trick Group provided the signs and The Chop Shop provided the produce for the BBQs.

ALL UP, \$10,000 WAS RAISED AND PRESENTED BY WARWICK GLOSTER, THE MAINTENANCE MANAGER AT BENGALLA, TO THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION FOR THEIR ONGOING WORK WITH BREAST CARE NURSES.

BENGALLA MINING COMPANY RECENTLY CELEBRATED THE RECEIPT OF A PINK PAINTED CAT D11T IN RECOGNITION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION FOR BREAST CARE AWARENESS



The cheque was accepted on their behalf by Bengalla Operator Kristy Newton who has been a recipient of the benefits provided by the McGrath Foundation.

Warwick said, "Similar to its impact at Jeebropilly, the pink dozer is a reminder for our teammates about the importance of regular breast screens and the important women in our lives. Thank you Jeebropilly for the colourful addition to our fleet and to everyone for their donations."

A great job all 'round we think here @ The Coalface. Well done and keep up the good work.



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Let's Talk About SEX

YOU GET PADDED UP TO PLAY FOOTY, ALWAYS WEAR YOUR HELMET WHEN RIDING YOUR BIKE AND WOULD NEVER HIT THE WEIGHTS RACK WITHOUT YOUR WRIST GUARDS. SO WHY DON'T YOU COVER YOUR STUMP BEFORE YOU HUMP?

With about 16% of Australians reporting having a sexually transmitted infection (STI) in their lifetime, taking care of your sexual health is a subject that everyone should be intimate with.

An important part of ensuring good sexual health is protecting yourself and your sexual partners from STI's. That's where safe sex comes into play. Safe sex means preventing your partner's body fluids (blood, semen, vaginal fluids) from entering your body.

The simplest and most effective way to reduce your risk of STI's is by reducing your number of sex partners. But the safest option? Always use a condom or a dental dam. And don't forget you are also at risk of infection if you are sharing sex toys so make sure you wash them thoroughly.

Every person who is sexually active should have regular check-ups with their doctor or at a sexual health clinic. In nearly all cases of STI's, early detection is key in ensuring there are no long-term ill effects.

HERE'S A RUN-DOWN OF THE MORE COMMON STI'S.

Chlamydia is caused by a bacteria called 'Chlamydia trachomatis' and affects both men and women. Most people who have chlamydia don't notice any symptoms. If it isn't treated with antibiotics the infection can sometimes spread to other parts of your body and lead to serious long-term health problems such as pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility.

Genital herpes is caused by the herpes simplex virus (HSV) — the same type of virus that causes cold sores. As many as 1 in 8 sexually active Australian adults has genital herpes which can cause outbreaks of blisters or sores on the genitals and anus. Once infected, you can continue to have

episodes of symptoms throughout your life.

Genital warts are bumps that appear on areas such as the vagina, penis, anus and scrotum. They are usually harmless but can be annoying. Warts are caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV).

Gonorrhoea is caused by bacteria and is commonly referred to as 'the clap'. It can affect the urethra, cervix, anus, throat or eyes. It often has no symptoms and if untreated can cause serious health problems.

Hepatitis B is an inflammation of the liver. It has many causes, including viral infection. Viral hepatitis can be caused by hepatitis A, B, C, D and E viruses. It can also be caused by the glandular fever virus (EBV) and cytomegalovirus (CMV). In hepatitis B, the virus infects the liver cells and causes an immune response which can lead to liver damage over time.

HIV and AIDS. The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is the virus that causes Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The late stage of HIV infection is called AIDS though not all people with HIV have AIDS. People with HIV who take effective treatment are unlikely to develop AIDS and have a near-normal life expectancy. But without treatment, HIV damages the immune system and can lead to serious infections and cancers over time. Early diagnosis is important and can improve the long-term course of the illness.

Syphilis is caused by bacteria and can cause serious health problems if left untreated. However, it is easy to cure with antibiotics if found early. The first sign is usually a sore or ulcer around the site of infection. Although rare in Australia, the numbers are increasing.

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DON'T BE A DUD DRIVER

WITH MORE AND MORE PEOPLE COMMUTING TO WORK IN THE HUNTER, IT'S TIME TO REMIND YOU HOW TO STAY SAFE ON OUR ROADS.

FIGHT OFF FATIGUE

Long hours of shift work and long hours behind the wheel are a recipe for disaster. Fatigue-related crashes are twice as likely to be fatal as drivers who are asleep can't brake. Did you know more people die in fatigue-related crashes than drink driving crashes?

Caffeine and breaks might temporarily help but there is no substitute for sleep. If you're tired take a 20-minute nap before you leave work to help make sure you get home safely.

TAKE SOME TRAINING

Nearly all crashes are due to driver error. In rural areas, the most common crashes are at intersections followed by losing control or veering off a straight road. Other common causes are rear ending, crashes involving pedestrians, changing lanes and head ons.

Advanced driver training, defensive driving, safer drivers' courses, there are plenty of different types of training available that can improve your driving skills and reduce risks. When it comes to training there's no such thing as too much, regardless of your age or years behind the wheel.

DON'T BE DISTRACTED

Driving is a complex task. Anything that takes your mind or eyes off the road, or your hands off the wheel not only compromises your safety, but that of everyone else on the road. It's not just your mobile phone that's the issue, but eating, smoking, playing with music devices, even talking on hands free. It's all going to increase your chances of having a crash. Keep your focus where it counts.

KEEP YOUR VEHICLE SAFE

Regular maintenance is incredibly important in keeping you safe as even a small fault could cost lives. In addition to seat belts and airbags, consider safety features like reversing alarms, cameras and proximity sensors.

When buying a car check its safety rating. The ratings, between 1 and 5 stars, are based on how well the vehicle protects you in a crash. Your choice of car can be the difference between you surviving or being killed.

WATCH OUT FOR ANIMALS

With the drought causing feed and water levels to fall, more wildlife and livestock are wandering

onto roads than ever before.

Watch out for temporary warning signs. Animals are more active near waterholes and are harder to see at sunrise and sunset. Animals are extremely unpredictable and can move fast, so always slow down even if you can't see any. Although it goes against instinct, it is safer to hit an animal than swerve and lose control of your vehicle.

DRIVE TO CONDITIONS

Always adjust the way you drive in weather. Wear sunglasses on sunny days, slow down when it's wet or icy and leave extra distance in front for safe braking. Always use headlights on low beam to help other road users see you in overcast and wet conditions. Keep your wipers in good condition as whether it's smearing bug carcasses off your window or driving in rain, they can make all the difference.

CHECK YOUR EYES

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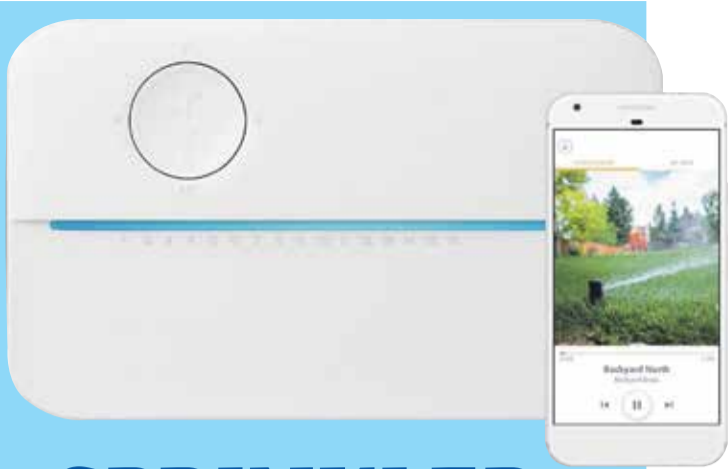
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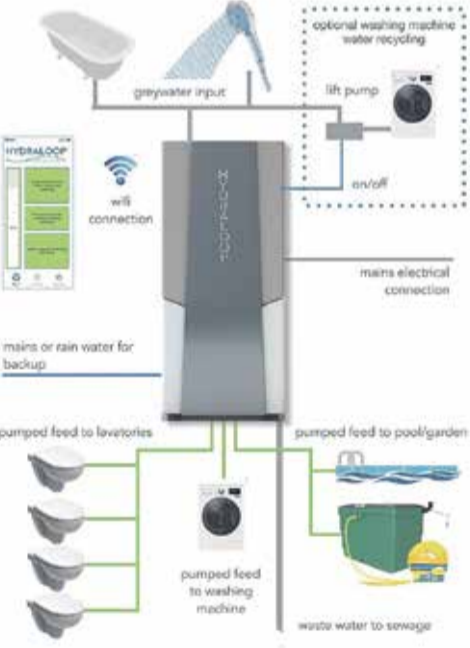
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TENNIS CLUB TAKES ON NEW YEAR

ALL WERE WELCOME AT THE HOWE PARK TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 29, 2020.

Following a successful year of tennis in 2019, the Howe Park Tennis Club (HPTC) is back for another year of strong competition and fun. The annual general meeting saw athletes, coaches and community members come together to discuss the new initiatives and goals that will help them strive through the next 12 months. Established in 1910, HPTC offers a range of competition and social tennis, with competitions catering from beginner level and A Grade to C Grade. The club, along with the Hunter Tennis Academy, have driven a number of programs and initiatives over the past year and aim to continue this growth throughout 2020.



HOWE PARK TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS LACHLAN EVANS, CASSIE BOTES, LAURA SNEDDON, CRAIG MILES, TERRY HORNE, KATE PERRIN AND HEIDI STANFORD. ABSENT: MARK RIX, GARY BRENTON, MITCH RYAN

WITH EVENTS LIKE ‘GET YOUR RACQUET ON’, WHICH AIMS TO BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR A NIGHT OF ‘UNSERIOUS TENNIS’, NO SKILLS OR GEAR REQUIRED, HPTC HAS SPARKED NEW INTEREST WITH PLAYERS OF ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS COMING TOGETHER FOR A NIGHT OF FUN. The local club features 8 natural grass and 6 synthetic grass courts and aims to host additional competitions including the Junior Development Series. “Last season wasn’t too bad,” said Club President Craig Miles. “We hosted two successful JDS (Junior Development Series) formats, as well as a seniors’ tournament. More than 90 players entered that event - the largest figure we’ve had.” Craig, a passionate tennis enthusiast, was re-elected as Club President for 2020 and has held the position 5 times over the past 25 years.

“Our member numbers are up, especially the juniors. A lot of the credit for that goes to Heidi Stanford, she’s doing a great job,” said Craig. “We’re offering many more programs for the youngsters, such as Get Your Racquet On and school holiday clinics. We have also got a fortnightly junior comp on a Friday night. In fact, there’s tennis here every day of the week, so the interest in the sport is still high.” NEXT ON THE EVENT AGENDA WILL BE THE FREE FAMILY FUN DAY ON MARCH 14, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BACK TO SINGLETON 2020 WEEKEND. “THE MEMBERS WILL PLAY WITH OLD WOODEN RACQUETS, USE THE WHITE WILSON TENNIS BALLS AND DRESS UP - IT SHOULD BE TERRIFIC!” SAID CRAIG. The seniors’ tournament will then follow on April 3, 4 a 5 and JDS competitions will return on May 17 and August 28. It’s a jam packed next few months with lots of tennis to look forward to in Singleton. To conclude, Craig said ““Newcomers are welcome to come down anytime.” If you’re looking for a new hobby or love a hit of tennis, head down to Howe Park Tennis Club and join a sporting community that spans over 100 years.

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SOPHIE CLANCY IS A PROFICIENT SPORTSWOMAN WITH A LOVE FOR AFL AND IS ALREADY KICKING GOAL AFTER GOAL IN HER YOUNG CAREER.



SOPHIE CLANCY WITH TEAMMATE PLAYING FOR UNDER 15S BLUEBIRDS NSW TEAM, ADELAIDE 2018

Singleton High School’s Sophie Clancy continues to reach new heights after representing NSW at the National Youth Sevens in 2019. The youngster plays every sport she can and jumps at the opportunity to get on the field, and it shows in her performance during competition. In 2018 Sophie was selected into the under 15’s NSW Bluebirds AFL team, travelling to Adelaide to play other states and placing 2nd in the Grand Final against Victoria. “I broke my nose in the process, going too hard, too early but ending up playing the entire Grand Final,” said Sophie. “I always have been rough when playing sport, only because I grew up with two older brothers who wrestled and teased me my whole childhood, which I always loved and always lost at.” Sophies oldest brother Max played AFL from age 8-18 and second older brother Harry played rugby

league and rugby union from age 7-19, leading her to jump in on some footy action. LAST YEAR SOPHIE WAS SELECTED INTO THE UNDER 16S, NSW/ACT AFL TEAM. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO MELBOURNE AND HAD A TRIAL GAME AGAINST THE UNDER 16’S VICTORIA TEAM. “WE LOST UNFORTUNATELY BUT DIDN’T GO OUT OF THE GAME WITHOUT GIVING IT A GOOD CRACK,” SOPHIE SAID. The ambitious footy fanatic doesn’t plan on stopping there, with goals for the 2020 season to be selected into the Under 18s NSW AFL Rams team and to travel to another state for another carnival. Sophie also hopes to be selected to trial for the under 18s Knights team for the Tasha Gale competition after missing out last year. With already so much experience under her belt, Sophie has developed a bit of a routine when

it comes to preparing to play big games. “I try to relax with some thoughts on what I want to achieve during the game and what I want to work on.” “MY BIGGEST STRENGTH IN MY SPORT I BELIEVE IS MY SIGHT, I FEEL LIKE I KNOW ENOUGH OF THE GAME AND THE SKILLS THAT I CAN PREDICT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN AND PUT MYSELF IN THE BEST POSITION AGAINST THE OPPOSITION WHETHER ATTACKING OR DEFENDING.” Sophie has her sights set on international AFL with her long-term goal of representing Australia saying, “I would be honoured to play rugby union or league for Australia. I hope eventually I can put my skills on a screen and show everyone what I can actually do.”

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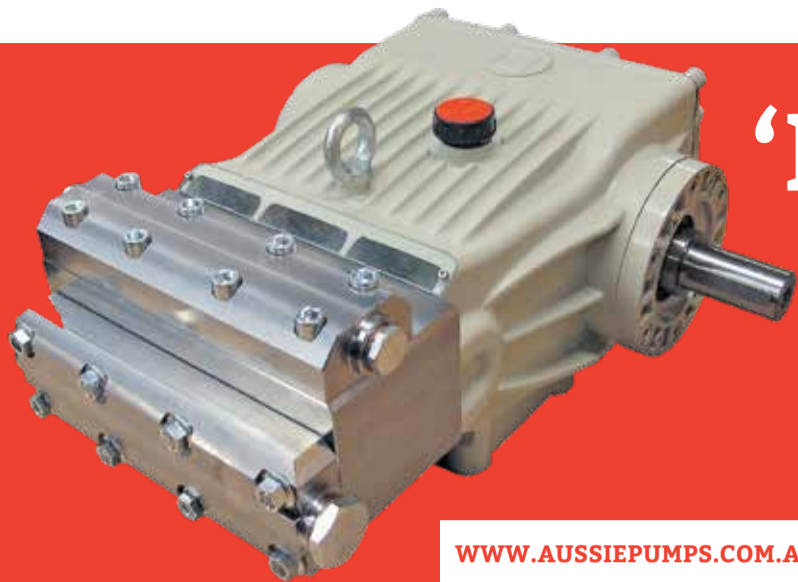


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Today, I take a quick look at four of the largest trucks that you’ll likely see in the coal mining regions of Queensland and NSW:

LIEBHERR T 282C / T 284 DUMP TRUCK

The Liebherr T 282C and its newer, T 284, are the lightest (lowest empty vehicle weight) and most capable (highest payload capacity) mining trucks in the world today. With an industry-leading ‘lightweight’ frame (237 tonnes...), this truck has the capability of hauling 363 metric tonnes, making them highly fuel-efficient.

CATERPILLAR 798 AC DUMP TRUCK

Previously known as the Terex Unit Rig MT6300AC and Bucyrus MT6300AC, this truck has been repackaged, repainted and relaunched as the Caterpillar 798 AC. Carrying a 363 metric tonne load



and capable of reaching 64kph, we will see many more these proven machines in the coming years.

CATERPILLAR 797F DUMP TRUCK

A true stalwart in Cat’s lineup, the Caterpillar 797F was one of the first big ‘ultras.’ Capable of transporting up to 363 metric tonnes it is one of the only mechanical driven

trucks that remain today. Despite its age, this truck maintains a loyal following and today is powered by Cat’s new generation C175-20 diesel engine.

KOMATSU 980E-4 DUMP TRUCK

A late-comer to the party, the Komatsu’s 980E measures up to its competitors in every way. With

a 363 metric tonne capacity, the 980E-4 electric haul truck is the largest of Komatsu’s range and is an optimal match with the big bucket loading machines found in large scale mining applications. As the big brother, it builds upon the success achieved with their 830E, 930E and 960E haul trucks.

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THINGS HEATING UP AT WORK?

HOW HSR’S CAN HELP COOL THINGS DOWN

A FEW WEEKS AGO, DURING THAT ... DELIGHTFUL ... WARM SPELL WHERE IT AVERAGED OVER 40 DEGREES DAILY, I WAS OPERATING A WATER CART AT MY WORK SITE. I HAD PICKED IT UP FROM THE WORKSHOP AROUND MID-MORNING AND IT WASN’T NEEDED DURING CRIB, SO I PARKED IT UP.

By the time I got back in, the air conditioning was struggling to cool the cab... and because the cab of a water cart is essentially a glass box mounted next to a hot engine, it never did catch up.

In theory I knew should park it up. Realistically I knew that if I stood that machine down, the other water carts would struggle to keep up. Trucks that day were hauling all over the place, and there was a strong, hot wind that dried out the roads as fast as we could put water down.

In the end, I operated the bloody thing in my singlet, and jammed

paper towels in the windows to give myself some shade.

Sure – maybe I was being soft – (that’s entirely possible, I won’t lie) – but on the other hand, tradies who work in the heat are legally entitled to stop work at a certain temperature. If we work through the heat, aren’t we also entitled to have machine systems that can cope with that heat?

THE WHOLE EPISODE GOT ME THINKING ABOUT OUR WORKING CONDITIONS IN GENERAL.

Whether it’s a non-critical machine issue, a sub-standard two-way system, or even a lack of amenities,

at what point can a crew member justifiably say that working conditions aren’t good enough, and what can we do about it?

For a start, I should have stood that machine down because it could have affected my health. That’s the bottom line.

And yes, I know what you’re thinking - ‘if I stand my machine down, my supervisor will crack the shits.’

Probably.

They’re not the ones sitting in those machines, though, and stewing in their own sweat like a certain water cart operator (eww).

And does it really matter if you annoy your boss, if it makes your working conditions safer and healthier in the long run? I mean, let’s face it, people – pissing off supervisors is as easy as shooting fish in a barrel (trust me on this). But

they’ll get over it, and so should you.

Going back to my water cart dilemma, what could I have done in that situation? Well, the usual – notify my supervisor and the relevant maintenance department.

OR – DRUM ROLL, PLEASE - I COULD HAVE APPROACHED MY SITE’S HEALTH AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE (HSR).

These ladies and gents can be somewhat of an underused resource, but they have a lot of clout!

There’s a whole Factsheet on the NSW Minerals Council’s website that explains their role and powers. (Yes, they have powers!)

Essentially, they’re elected by a group of workers, from within that workgroup, and their job is to represent those workers in anything related to health and safety in the workplace.

Not only do they investigate complaints from workers and mediate disputes, they monitor the business to make sure any issues are fixed, and – get this – if the workplace doesn’t comply, an HSR can issue them with a ‘Provisional Improvement Notice’ or a ‘Direction to Cease Unsafe Work.’

As a crew member, there’s every chance they will have come across the same issues you’ve identified; they’ll understand on a practical level how it’s affecting their colleagues, and they can push to change it.

So, I’m off to my HSR to see what we can do about those water carts. I’m thinking shades for the side windows, or something. I’ll keep you posted.

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THE AUTOMOTIVE BRAND AUSTRALIANS HAVE GROWN TO KNOW AND LOVE HAS ANNOUNCED THEY WILL BE DISCONTINUING SALES IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. GOODBYE HOLDEN!

General Motors (GM) have announced the exit of Holden, making the decision to retire from sales in Australia and New Zealand.

GM International Operations Senior Vice President Julian Blissett said GM had taken the difficult decision after implementing and considering numerous options to maintain and turn around Holden operations.

“Through its proud 160-year history, Holden has not only made cars, it has been a powerful driver of the industrialisation and advancement of Australia and New Zealand,” said Julian.

“After comprehensive assessment, we regret that we could not prioritize the investment required for Holden to be successful for the long term in Australia and New Zealand, over all other considerations we have globally.”

ONLY 24 HOURS SINCE THE SHOCK ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RETIREMENT OF THE HOLDEN BRAND FOR GOOD, THE VALUE OF HOLDENS HAVE PROJECTED TO HAVE AT LEAST DOUBLED. CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER FOR LLOYD AUCTIONS, BRETT MUDIE, SAID THEY WERE FLOODED WITH ENQUIRES THROUGH THEIR CLASSIC CAR DIVISION NATIONWIDE.

“It really shows that the market has responded immediately and is indicating that the market for Holden’s will sky-rocket as we have seen the interest soar in the last day,” said Brett.

“The value of Holden Classics has always been strong but this evidence

that has come to us in the last day suggests that it is more than likely to create a booming market for them.”

In the past Lloyds have broken multiple records across different model Holden Classics, where the very first Holden Dealer Team HT Monaro 57D also sold for \$500,000 in the same year.

“We actually anticipate that the HT Monaro 57D has doubled in value overnight being worth 7 figures just under 3 years later,” said Brett.

YOU REALLY NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU’VE GOT UNTIL IT’S GONE. WITH PEOPLE SCRAMBLING TO GET THEIR HANDS ON VEHICLES LIKE THE BELOVED ‘COMMIE’, BUYERS BETTER GET IN QUICK.

GM Holden Interim Chairman and Managing Director Kristian Aquilina said that given the significance of Holden through its history, it was critical the company worked with all stakeholders to deliver a dignified and respectful wind-down.

“Today’s announcement will be felt deeply by the many people who love Holdens, drive Holdens and feel connected to our company which has been with us for 160 years and is almost ubiquitous in our lives,” said Kristian.

“Unfortunately, all the hard work and talent of the Holden family, the support of our parent company GM and the passion of our loyal supporters have not been enough to overcome our challenges.”

We’re going to miss you Holden!



March Marlin MADNESS



THE PORT OF GOLD IS ON FIRE. IF TANGLING WITH ONE OF THESE AWESOME FISH HAS BEEN ON THE BUCKET LIST NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. SCOTTY THORRINGTON FROM HAVEN CHARTERS TERRIGAL IS THE MAN TO SEE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN, HE’S BASED AT PORT STEPHENS FOR THE MARLIN SEASON.

OFFSHORE

The Marlin season off the Bay should continue to gain plenty of traction with inshore Blacks and Blues over the edge and Stripes in between keeping everyone covered when it comes to Marlin fishing.

Dolphin fish should also stack up around the fish traps along the 90-meter line along the coast, especially east of Cabbage Tree Island off Port Stephens.

The Mackerel run has been hindered by the recent much needed rain, but things look to be cleaning up day to day. The fish are being encountered in great numbers at Coffs and reports of fish turning up at Southwest Rocks and Hat head and down to Port Mac.

If the past is anything to go by a fresh always seems bring a really good Mackerel season even if we have to wait a fraction longer.

We should see the run of Long Tail Tuna anytime from now for those wanting a bit of inshore or LBG action from the Rocks.

BEACHES

Another area well worth putting in some

effort in as we tend to see some great surf conditions with the start of the westerly’s and some mild temps.

All the common targets are firing up, whether it’s spinning up a Tailor and Salmon or fishing for Bream and Whiting along the gutters.

The main attraction is its big Jewie time of year as the Mullet start to run.

INSIDE THE HEADS

If you’re restricted by range or would rather hang about inside in protected waters, then get out in the estuaries as it’s one of the best times to fish for just about anything.

Inside the bay at Port Stephens provides some pretty insane fishing as the Long Tail take up residency for a couple of months and most other species become active as they get ready to spawn.

Jewies will be the main stay in the local estuaries and breakwalls, especially with a flush from recent rain and again the schools of Mullet on the move.

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1

YOUTH WEEK LAUNCH CESSNOCK PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE • 6PM – 9PM

Join the 2020 Youth Week Ambassadors as they launch the 2020 Youth Week Program. Finger food and beverages will be provided but numbers are limited so get in quick. For bookings contact youthcentre@cessnock.nsw.gov.au.

2

TEDX NIGHT CESSNOCK PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE 6PM – 9PM

The young people of Cessnock will be given the opportunity to take the stage to share ideas and engage in conversations on what matters to the local community.

3

BARISTA TRAINING KURRI KURRI 3PM – 8:30PM

Learn all the barista basics. For bookings contact youthcentre@cessnock.nsw.gov.au.

4

SUN STREET FESTIVAL SUN STREET STUDIOS 246 HIGH ST, MAITLAND 5PM – 10PM

The festival has a huge line-up this year of fantastic local music and performances. There will also be a photo booth, food and face painting.

5

MINDARIBBA CULTURAL AFTERNOON 49D ABERDARE RD 2PM – 6PM

Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council presents a fun-filled afternoon of cultural activities and events for young people.

6

WESTON COOKING CONNECTIONS 35 STATION ST, WESTON 4PM – 5PM

Head along to a free cooking workshop and learn all the cooking basics needed to make a delicious meal.

7

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8

YOUTH WEEK KAHOOT • INTERACTIVE TECH-BASED TRIVIA NIGHT • 80'S THEME DRESS UP KURRI KURRI COMMUNITY CENTRE • 251 LANG ST, KURRI KURRI • 6PM – 9PM

Join in on a trivia night with a difference. Teams of 7 young people can sign up and compete for prizes and trophies in an interactive tech-based trivia night. There'll be food and drinks provided. To pre-register, contact 0401 107 413.

9

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP MAITLAND GAOL MAIN YARD 12PM – 6PM • 4TH & 5TH APRIL

UON School of Creative Industries is putting together a musical workshop. Anyone interested in music can gain the experience of designing a performance for a festival stage.

10

GABFEST MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY GARDEN, 11AM – 3PM • 5TH APRIL

Headspace Maitland and Youth Express will provide a platform for young people to have a voice through visual and performing arts. There will be access to virtual reality and mini drones and even robotics.

Time to Fly

HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO SKYDIVE BUT YOU'RE SCARED OF HEIGHTS? THEN INDOOR SKYDIVING IS FOR YOU.

When I was a kid and would dream of having a superpower, it wasn't invisibility or teleportation, it was always flying. Funny then that I'm so petrified of heights that even the thought of skydiving leaves me sweating and shaking. So when I recently heard about iFLY Downunder, I was excited that at long last a childhood dream could be fulfilled. Finally, it was time to fly.

If you've not heard of iFLY, it's an indoor skydiving simulator where the simulation of freefall is created by fans generating extreme upward winds. Entering the wind tunnel, you are cushioned by a column of air allowing you stay suspended in place or, with a bit of practice, try a few rolls and spins.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SIMILARITIES TO ACTUAL SKYDIVING, THIS ACTIVITY IS VERY DIFFERENT.

Instead of jumping from a plane and falling thousands of feet to an often rough landing, here it begins with a gentle lift off. There's no bad weather to worry about, no need to have an instructor attached to your back and best of all no parachute to risk getting stuck in a powerline.

Which brings me to the biggest difference. Safety. The likelihood of



injury is extremely minimal, which is why the let anyone from the age of 3 up can have a go. 3! That's an age that you're not even trusted to wipe your own butt properly, but you're allowed to indoor skydive!

iFLY have locations around Australia, but the closest to us is Sydney, located next to Penrith Panthers (which made it very convenient to celebrate my newly acquired superpower with a couple of coldies). The Penrith facility can also lay claim to being the largest and most powerful indoor skydiving facility in the Southern Hemisphere.

So back to the flight. It's a simple process right from the start with self check in. Then on to a quick orientation, watch a video, listen to some simple instructions, gear up. Flight suit, helmet and glasses donned, I'm ready to go.

The activity is done in small groups, with each flyer getting to go twice for around 1 minute each time. It's funny how a minute can seem both exceptionally long and way too quick at the same time!

THE FIRST TIME IN THE TUNNEL WAS SPENT TRYING TO MAINTAIN A STABLE BODY POSITION AS I WAS BUFFERED AROUND BY THE SUPER STRONG WINDS. BY THE SECOND TIME I MANAGED MOVING BACK AND FORTH, UP AND DOWN AND EVEN PULLED OFF A SOMERSAULT. OKAY, THE SOMERSAULT WAS UNINTENTIONAL...

In between turns you wait outside the tunnel as the other participants have a go. I still can't decide what brought a bigger smile to my face, the exhilarating feeling of flying, or sitting on the sidelines watching

my husband struggle to rise up in the air. This is where I should point out that you are weighed before you start as depending on how heavy you are is how high they have to turn on the fan. After my husband failed to achieve lift off a few times they adjusted the intensity and he was soon soaring. But it had been such a hilarious sight watching him fumble around that I suspect it's a trick the wind operator often plays. And it wasn't just his antics that kept me amused. Watching many of the participants felt like I was watching a Monty Python skit. Flying circus, you bet.

I recommend indoor skydiving to everyone. It's a thrilling and fun experience. I even more encourage you to convince your friends and family to have a go. And have a good laugh at their expense.

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A beautiful Saturday afternoon saw us drop into the Lambton Park Hotel (LPH) for lunch. Located in Morehead Street, Lambton, the pub features a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere and a modern locally sourced menu. The menu has all your pub favourites with a range of schnitty's and burgers, while also putting a modern twist on some dishes, both familiar and unconventional.

It was a stinking hot day so my dad, his misses and I sat in the airconditioned bistro to escape the heat. A couple of ciders and beers later, we ordered a feed and chucked on a keno for the wait.

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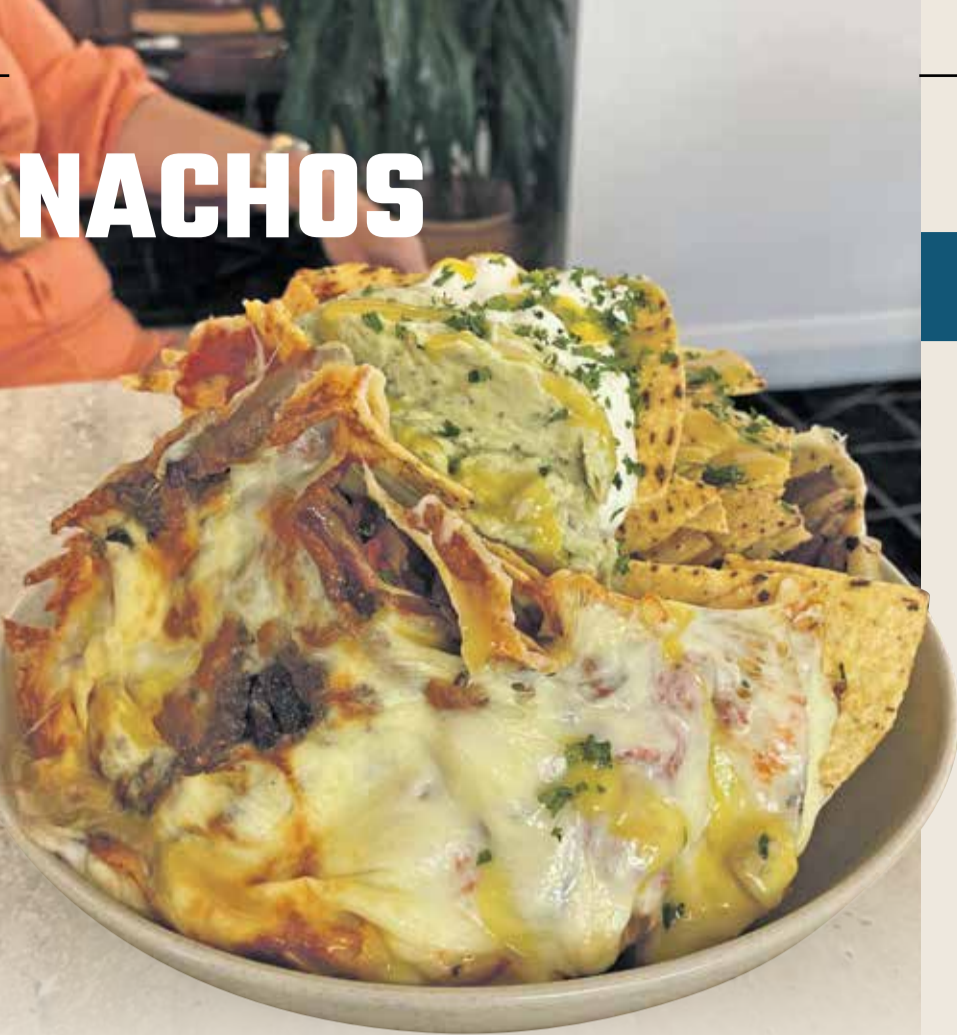
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Why did the blonde take his new scarf back to the store?
It was too tight.

NOT EVEN 15 TO 20 MINUTES LATER OUR DISHES CAME OUT AND I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, ONE IN PARTICULAR MADE MY JAW DROP. MY DAD AND THE MISSES ORDERED THE TRASHCAN NACHOS WITH HOUSE-SMOKED BRISKET, MOZZARELLA, GUACAMOLE AND SALSA. TO DESCRIBE THE DISH IN DADS' WORDS, "HOLY SMOKES!"

It was lucky Dad and Bec didn't decide to get one each because they had more than enough between them with this tower of Mexican sensation. They enjoyed the Trashcan Nachos with house-smoked brisket, mozzarella, guacamole and salsa. I have never seen a bigger bowl of nachos in my life, it could feed at least 4 people I reckon.

Whilst watching Dad try his best to down his monstrous lunch, I had the 250g fillet steak with sautéed broccolini and roast portobello mushroom topped with a mushroom sauce. Perfectly cooked at medium rare and piled with mushroom upon mushroom by my request, and my oh my was it delicious. As a mushroom lover, I think I ordered the perfect dish and the sautéed broccolini was the perfect addition to break up the dish and add to the flavour.



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Righto! Let's get this straight I wasn't consulted by those Septic Tanks about the murder of an Australian Icon.

I'm angrier than a Blue Heeler who's just had its nuts cut out. Who the hell do they think they are doing away with one of the greatest icons in world history – The Holden car?

Holden's have driven national leaders such as myself around in true Aussie made style for about the last hundred years. Geez, the humble pie might never have become the national dish so revered if Holden's weren't invented. You see in the olden days their main use was to get us to bakeries to pick up pies and spread the word of their meaty goodness the length and breadth of this great brown land of ours.

EVEN MY PRIZED KINGSWOOD HAS REFUSED TO START IN DISGUST SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND WON'T LEAVE THE GARAGE.

Brocky would be turning in his Torana and Mount Panorama

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themed grave. I'll tell you one thing for sure, Hawky wouldn't stand for it either and I'd say he'd be glad he kicked the bucket rather than seeing this crime against humanity in his lifetime.

AND WHAT ABOUT SUMMERNATS? I CAN'T SEE YOUNG LADIES FLASHING THEIR BOOBS AT A HOTTED UP KIA OR GREAT WALL. THE WORLD IS STUFFED.

I suppose it doesn't really matter though people, 'cause we're all about to die from Coronavirus anyway. I never thought I'd live to see the end of the world, but here we are. My advice is to go out and panic buy before it's too late. Start those Commodores, Toranas and Kingwoods up one last time and hit every pie shop you can. Buy as many pies as you can afford, stop by the bottle and clean them out too. Then get home, board up the windows, grab the shotty, and wait for the end of the world. That's what I'm doing.

To all the pies I've loved before... thanks for the memories, the gut and the years of heartburn we have shared together. All good things have to come to an end. So unless there is some kind of miracle and the world is saved in the next month...it's goodbye from your great leader. May we all pass into the next world driving together in a convoy of SLR's, GTS's and Brock Commies to the gates of heaven to be welcomed into the great pie shop in the sky. See ya later Sol.

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F45 Singleton	Matthew Thompson
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!

STRANGE BUT TRUE! Did you know...

- The longest time between two twins being born is 87 days.
- The world's deepest post box is in Susami Bay in Japan. It's 10 metres underwater.
- In 2007, an American man named Corey Taylor tried to fake his own death in order to get out of his cell phone contract without paying a fee. It didn't work.
- The oldest condoms ever found date back to the 1640s (they were found in a cesspit at Dudley Castle), and were made from animal and fish intestines.
- In 1923, jockey Frank Hayes won a race at Belmont Park in New York despite being dead — he suffered a heart attack mid-race, but his body stayed in the saddle until his horse crossed the line for a 20–1 outsider victory.
- Everyone has a unique tongue print, just like fingerprints.
- Most Muppets are left-handed because most Muppeteers are right-handed, so they operate the head with their favoured hand.
- Female kangaroos have three vaginas.

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THE ENTIRE NSW TOURISM INDUSTRY HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY THE DEVASTATING BUSHFIRES AND DROUGHT. IT'S TIME FOR EVERYONE TO GIVE NSW A HELPING HAND!



As part of the NSW government's disaster recovery plan for tourism regions is the new marketing campaign; Now's The Time To Love NSW. A social media led, community-driven initiative that aims to encourage people to make holiday plans in NSW, inspire them to capture their favourite NSW holiday spots and 'share the love' by posting authentic images with the tag, #LoveNSW.

NSW has always had a vibrant tourism industry and many regional communities rely heavily on the income it provides. It's tourism that keeps these towns alive. We can all help by taking a getaway that gives back by staying, eating and shopping in NSW. Take a drive along the coast, head inland or explore some of the communities right on your doorstep.

AND WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE. THE BLUE MOUNTAINS, SOUTH COAST, SNOWY MOUNTAINS, COUNTRY NSW, SYDNEY, CENTRAL COAST. THE LIST OF AMAZING DESTINATIONS GOES ON AND ON. AND OF COURSE, DON'T FORGET OUR BEAUTIFUL HUNTER VALLEY!

One of the best ways to explore what NSW has to offer is on a road trip. Pile into the Kombi, caravan, ute or whatever your preferred mode of transport is and hit the road. There are so many touring routes to choose from or you can be truly adventurous and wing it!

When it comes to accommodation there's options suitable for every family and every budget. From backpackers and hostels, to camping, to luxury resorts and hotels. How about trying a farm stay? These accommodations are located on working

farms and some offer interactive experiences where you can feed animals, collect eggs and learn how a farm functions.

In NSW we know how to have good time. Whether it's a festival, concert, sporting match, expo, market or race day, you'll be guaranteed to find an event to include in your holiday plans. Check out events calendars before planning your trip.

WHEN IT COMES TO THINGS TO DO, NSW HAS IT ALL. ARTS AND CULTURE, ABORIGINAL HERITAGE, ADVENTURE, SPORT, WILDLIFE, NATURE, FOOD AND WINE.

Experience the winter wonderland that is the Snowy Mountains with skiing and snowboarding during the winter months. During the warmer months climb Australia's highest peak Mt Kosciuszko or try your hand at fly fishing.

If water sports are your thing, the beautiful NSW coast has everything. From deep sea fishing to paddle boarding to snorkeling. And don't forget we have some of the best surfing beaches in the world.

With magnificent national parks covering nearly 5 million hectares of NSW, you'll never run out of areas just waiting to be explored by foot, on 2 wheels or 4. Or even 4 hooves!

The list of things to do and see in NSW is endless! Can't decide? Just grab a map and close your eyes and point. No matter where your finger lands we guarantee you'll have an amazing time getting to know the people and the communities that make our state the best holiday destination in the world!

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- Make your hands into a heart shape
 - Take a photo with your heart in a NSW location
 - Share on your socials with #LoveNSW
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SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2020

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 - NSW Fire + Rescue
 - NSW Police
 - NSW Ambulance
 - Coal Services
 - Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service
 - Local Land Services
 - RMS
- Singleton Council
 - Red Cross
 - Salvation Army
 - Rural Aid
 - Rural Resilience
 - NSW Parks + Wildlife
 - Service NSW
 - RFS
 - Department of Family + Community Service

The Expo is designed to showcase the role our emergency services play, and how residents can prepare themselves for an emergency situation.

A RANGE OF DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE DAY, INCLUDING:

- Emergency simulations
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- Mascot race
- Competition for best dressed for kids (come dressed as your favourite emergency service!)



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