



NARRABRI MINE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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The Narrabri Underground Extension Project

The Narrabri underground coal mine has been operating since 2012 and employs around 500 people, most of whom live in the Region. The mine is approved to extract coal at a rate of up to 11 million tonnes of run-of-mine coal per annum until 2031. The Stage 3 Extension Project is a proposal to extract coal to the south of the existing mine.

Coal will continue to be mined using the underground longwall mining method already used successfully and safely, and using the established surface infrastructure, including the existing CHPP, rail loop, box cut and offices.

The extension will extend the life of the mine from 2031 to 2044, providing continued employment for hundreds of people, extending the millions in spending with local businesses and delivering millions more in royalty payments to the NSW Government.

Designed to minimise impacts

The longwall layout and surface infrastructure have been designed to minimise impacts on threatened species and their habitats, and avoid direct disturbance to cultural heritage sites.

Surface infrastructure would be progressively decommissioned over the life of the Project, with disturbed land to be rehabilitated to the pre-mining land use of agriculture and forestry.

Respecting the local environment

We've worked to identify and minimise environmental impacts, including:

- Noise impacts will comply with NSW Government guidelines, or are subject to agreements between Whitehaven and relevant landholders.
- Air quality will remain within NSW Government limits at all privately owned receivers.
- The Narrabri Mine has an existing, robust surface water management system that will meet the needs of the Extension Project. The Extension is predicted to have negligible impacts to surface water.
- The Extension will not disturb any alluvial aquifers and it will not impact any bores within the highly productive ground water sources of the Namoi Alluvium or Pilliga Sandstone.

- All water use and impacts will be managed in accordance with state and federal Government guidelines.
- Biodiversity impacts would be offset in accordance with NSW and Federal Government guidelines.
- No long-term impact on agricultural production and biophysical strategic agricultural land.

Key benefits of the Narrabri Stage 3 Extension Project



\$599m added net economic benefit to NSW in addition to the existing mine



500 jobs continuing for decades



\$317m in direct local wages until 2044



\$259m in royalties to the NSW Government on top of \$409m from the existing mine



\$247m in local supplier expenditure until 2044



75% of workforce locally-based

Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The Narrabri Mine CCC is comprised of Narrabri Mine senior leadership personnel and community members.

Meetings are generally held on a quarterly basis and involve a review of mine operations, environmental monitoring results, and other general business.

Narrabri Mine CCC members include:

- Russell Stewart (Chair)
- Cathy Redding (Narrabri Shire Council representative)
- Peter Webb
- Geoff Hunter
- Mark Foster
- James Stieger
- Rodney Dunlop
- Ian Duffy
- Charlie Melbourne
- Allan Grumley

To contact a CCC member email: narrabricooloperations@whitehavencoal.com.au



Feedback and Complaints

We've established a new hotline for the community.

If you'd like to provide feedback or make a complaint please call 1800WHAVEN (1800 942 836)



Narrabri's community kitchen gets an upgrade



Pictured: Whitehaven Aboriginal Community Relations Officer Hollie Sampson with Narrabri LALC CEO Lynn Trindall and VIVA Energy Technical Manager Darren Barwick.

Hundreds of local Indigenous people will benefit from a much-needed upgrade to the Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) community kitchen.

The upgrade is made possible by two \$10,000 donations from Whitehaven Coal and Viva Energy, who are partnering with the Narrabri LALC to refurbish and re-equip the community space.

Narrabri LALC CEO, Lynn Trindall, said the improvement of the kitchen will allow the LALC to continue to support its local Aboriginal community, but on a much larger scale and with a more practical kitchen space.

"The Narrabri Aboriginal community will benefit from this upgrade as it provides many valuable services to local Aboriginal people.

"These services include a community food bank, a meal service for elderly residents and school children, and a catering hub for community events, including National Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC week, and community meetings," Lynn said.

The Narrabri LALC promotes Aboriginal culture and heritage in the Narrabri region, manages lands on behalf of its members, and provides a range of targeted community services and benefits.

Whitehaven has partnered with the land council for more than a decade on projects including annual NAIDOC week celebrations and the reunion of Australia's second all-Indigenous cricket team, which toured the Maules Creek mine in February 2020.

Rehabilitation update

The final land use goal at Narrabri Mine is to create a stable mine landform that integrates with the surrounding landform and delivers final land uses that achieve the required biodiversity consistent with the Pilliga Forest and pre-mining agricultural land uses. Currently there is over 100 hectares of land that is under active rehabilitation.



Narrabri Environmental Team

The team managing environmental performance at the Narrabri Mine has seen considerable growth over the last 12 months, with the team now comprising 3 full time personnel with a combined experience of over 20 years of environmental management.

We take our environmental compliance responsibilities seriously, and are committed to continuously improving.



Water Management

Narrabri Mine holds Water Licences that allow extraction of water from the Namoi River and other applicable groundwater sources.

Groundwater that is removed from the underground mine through the mining process is treated and recirculated back into mining operations, which reduces the volume of off-site water imported to support the operation.

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