MOUNT PLEASANT PROJECT





Annual Environmental Management Report 2012 Name of Mine

Titles/Mining Leases

MOP Commencement Date

AEMR Commencement Date

AEMR Completion Date

Name of Mining Lease Holder

Mount Pleasant Open Cut Coal Project

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List of Acronyms

°C	Degrees Celsius
μ	Microns
µS/cm	Micro Siemens per Centimetre
%	Percent
ACHMP	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan
ADCC	Coal & Allied Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee
AEMR	Annual Environmental Management Report
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
ANZECC	Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council
AS	Australian Standard
CCC	Community Consultative Committee
CDF	Coal & Allied Community Development Fund
CHMS	Cultural Heritage Management System
CHWG	Cultural Heritage Working Group
CHZP	Cultural Heritage Zone Plan
DA	Development Application
dB	Decibels
DC	Development Consent
DSEWPC	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and
DOLINIO	Communities
EA	Environmental Assessment
EC	Electrical Conductivity
ED1	Environmental Dam 1
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act
ERM	Environmental Resource Management Australia
g/m²/month	Grams per Metre Squared per Month
GDP	Ground Disturbance Permit
GIS	Geographic Information System
ha	Hectares
HMRI	Hunter Medical Research Institute
HVRF	Hunter Valley Research Foundation
Hz	Hertz
I&I NSW	NSW Department of Industry and Investment
INP	Industrial Noise Policy
LODB	Limit of Disturbance Boundary
mg/L	Milligrams per Litre
m/s	Metres per Second
ML	Mining Lease

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- NAIDOC National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee
- NATA National Association of Testing Authorities
- NOW NSW Office of Water
- NPW Act National Parks and Wildlife Act
- NZS New Zealand Standard
- OEH Office of Environment and Heritage
- pH Measure of the hydrogen ion concentration
- RBL Rating Background Level
- ROM Run of Mine
- RMS Root mean squared
- RTCA Rio Tinto Coal Australia
- SWL Standing Water Level
- TSS Total Suspended Solids

1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

This Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) has been compiled to comply with Schedule 5, Condition 3 of the Mount Pleasant Project (MTP) Development Consent (DA 92/97) as modified. This report reviews the environmental performance of MTP during the 2012 reporting period, 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012.

Copies of this report will be submitted to:

- NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I)
- NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Division of Resources & Energy (DRE)
- NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- NSW Office of Water (NOW)
- Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC) and
- MTP Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

1.2 Background and Project Development

The MTP is located approximately three kilometres north-west of the town of Muswellbrook. Immediately to the south of the site is the Bengalla Coal Mine. The Dartbrook Mine, the village of Kayuga, and the town of Aberdeen are situated to the north of the site.

The proponent of MTP is Coal & Allied Operations Pty Ltd (Coal & Allied). Rio Tinto Coal Australia (RTCA) provides management services for all Coal & Allied operations and projects.

The application for development consent for the Mount Pleasant Project was made in 1997. This was supported by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by ERM Mitchell McCotter. On 22 December 1999, the then Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning granted Development Consent DA 92/97 to Coal & Allied. This allowed for the "Construction and operation of an open cut coal mine, coal preparation plant, transport and rail loading facilities and associated facilities" at Mount Pleasant. The consent allowed for the extraction of 197 million tonnes of run of mine (ROM) coal over a 21 year period, at a rate of up to 10.5 million tonnes of ROM coal per year.

The Development Consent was substantially commenced with the construction of Environmental Dam 1 (ED1), a sedimentation dam, and an associated gravel access track in 2004. In November 2005, a high level spillway was added to ED1 to accommodate a Probable Maximum Precipitation rainfall event. The spillway was

designed above the existing 1 in 100 year spillway and just below the wall height on the southern side of the dam. No other construction work has taken place to date.

The MTP Modification was submitted for approval on 19 May 2010, with the following changes proposed:

- The provision of an infrastructure envelope for siting the mine infrastructure in place of the specific locations detailed in the EIS. This affords greater flexibility during the detailed design and construction of facilities;
- The provision of an optional conveyor/service corridor linking the MTP facilities with the Muswellbrook-Ulan Rail Line. This conveyor/service corridor will provide an alternative to the approved rail facilities. The proponent will choose either the conveyor/service corridor or the rail facilities after further design analysis;
- Modification of the existing development consent boundaries to accommodate the optional conveyor/service corridor and minor administrative boundary changes.

This modification was approved on 19 September 2011.

A Referral of the Proposed Action for MTP was submitted to the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPC) on 16 December 2010, pursuant to the Commonwealth *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 2001 (EPBC Act). The DSEWPC decided on 4 February 2011 that the Mount Pleasant Project required assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it could proceed to be assessed through a Public Environment Report. After a public exhibition period, the Commonwealth approved the Mount Pleasant Project under the EPBC Act on 29th February 2012.

1.3 Consents, Titles and Licences

The development consent, Commonwealth approval and mining titles held by Coal & Allied for MTP are detailed in Table 1 and Table 2.

Approval Number	Description	Issue Date	Expiry Date		
DA 92/97	State Development Consent for Mount Pleasant Coal Mine (as modified)	19/09/2011	22/12/2020		
EPBC 2011/5795	Commonwealth approval of the Mount Pleasant Coal Mine	29/02/2012	28/10/2035		

Title	Туре	Purpose	Grant Date	Expiry Date	Status
Auth 459	Authorisation	Prospecting	07/04/1992	08/04/2012	Granted
ML 1645	Mining Lease	Prospecting and Mining Coal	17/12/2010	17/12/2031	Granted
MLA 402	Mining Lease Application	Prospecting and Coal Mining	Mining Lease Application lodged 4 th May 2011		Application Pending

Table 2 – Mount Pleasant Proje	ect Mining Titles
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The water licences held by Coal & Allied for MTP are detailed in Table 3

Table 3 – Mount Pleasant Project Water Licences

Licence Number	Type of licence	Purpose	Legislation	Description	Date Licensed	Renewal Date
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1912	Bore: 5000A500	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1913	Bore: WRA5L	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1914	Bore: 3500B500	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1915	Bore: WRA5U	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1916	Bore: 3500C500	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1917	Bore: WRA6L	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1918	Bore: MPBH3 (Bore2)	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1919	Bore: MPBH1 (Bore1)	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1920	Bore: 7500F000	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1921	Bore: 6500F500L	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1922	Bore: 6500F500M	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1923	Bore: 6500F500U	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1924	Bore: 6500F625	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1925	Bore: 4500F000	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1926	Bore: 3500E000L	13/03/2003	Perpetuity

Licence Number	Type of licence	Purpose	Legislation	Description	Date Licensed	Renewal Date
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1927	Bore: 3500E000M	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1928	Bore: WRA1U	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1929	Bore: 3500E000U	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1930	Bore: WRA2L	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1931	Bore: 5000D000	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1932	Bore: WRA2U	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1933	Bore: 5500D000	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1934	Bore: WRA3L	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1935	Bore: 6000C000	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1936	Bore: WRA3U	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1937	Bore: WRA1L	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1938	Bore: WRA6U	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1939	Bore: 7000D000	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1940	Bore: WRA4L	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1941	Bore: MPBH2	13/03/2003	Perpetuity
20BL168734	Bore	Monitoring Bore	Part 5 Water Act 1942	Bore: WRA4U	13/03/2003	Perpetuity

Licence Number	Type of licence	Purpose	Legislation	Description	Date Licensed	Approved Extraction (ML)	Actual Extraction 2012 (ML)
20AL201050 (see WAL879)	Water Access Licence	Water Access Licence	Water Management Act 2000	Hunter River (Zone 1A) High Security Associated with 20CA201051	Perpetuity	224	0
20AL201052 (see WAL880)	Water Access Licence	Water Access Licence	Water Management Act 2000	Hunter River (Zone 1A) High Security Associated with 20CA201053	Perpetuity	124	0
20AL201612 (see WAL1113)	Water Access Licence	Water Access Licence	Water Management Act 2000	Hunter River (Zone 1A) High Security Associated with 20CA201613	Perpetuity	366	0
20AL201895 (see WAL13391)	Water Access Licence	Water Access Licence	Water Management Act 2000	Hunter River (Zone 1B) General Security Associated with 20CA201896*	Perpetuity	420	0
WAL879	Water Access Licence	Certificate of Title	Water Management Act 2000	Hunter River (Zone 1A) High Security Associated with 20CA201051	Perpetuity	224	0
WAL880	Water Access Licence	Certificate of Title	Water Management Act 2000	Hunter River (Zone 1A) High Security Associated with 20CA201053	Perpetuity	124	0
WAL1113	Water Access Licence	Certificate of Title	Water Management Act 2000	Hunter River (Zone 1A) High Security Associated with 20CA201613	Perpetuity	366	0
WAL13391	Water Access	Certificate	Water Management	Hunter River (Zone 1B) General Security Associated with 20CA201896*	Perpetuity	420	0

Licence Number	Type of licence	Purpose	Legislation	Description	Date Licensed	Approved Extraction (ML)	Actual Extraction 2012 (ML)
	Licence	of Title	Act 2000				

* Irrigation purposes only

1.4 Mount Pleasant Project Personnel 2012

The personnel responsible for mine planning and environmental management at MTP in 2012 were:

Name	Position
Antony Bijok	General Manager – Studies
Tod Claytor	General Manager - Operations
Mick Brown	Technical Services Manager – Mount Pleasant
Dion Lucke	Manager – Infrastructure and Support Services
Kirstin Macmillan	Environmental Specialist – Mount Pleasant
Elizabeth Yeo	Community Relations Specialist
lan Webber	Superintendent Construction

2 Environmental Management and Monitoring

This chapter provides a summary of environmental management and monitoring activities at MTP during the 2012.

2.1 Management Plans

The Development Consent requires the proponent to submit a number of plans and strategies prior to carrying out any development on site. In February 2012 the following plans were submitted for approval which were developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders:

- Noise Management Plan Construction as required by Schedule 3, Condition
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- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan Construction as required by Schedule 3, Condition 23.
- Water Management Plan Construction as required by Schedule 3, Condition 28
- Landscape Management Plan as required by Schedule 3, Condition 47
- Waste Management Plan Construction as required by Schedule 3, Condition 52
- Rehabilitation Strategy as required by Schedule 3, Condition 54
- Biodiversity and Rehabilitation management Plan (biodiversity portion only) as required by Schedule 3, Condition 56;
- Environmental Management Strategy as required by Schedule 5, Condition 1

As permitted by Schedule 2, Condition 13, some of these plans were submitted on a progressive basis, with the Noise, Air Quality and Water management plans prepared only for the period of construction. Operational management plans will be submitted closer to the commencement of operations.

The Rehabilitation Strategy, Landscape Management Plan and the Environmental Management Strategy cover the lifetime of the current Development Consent, with approximately 2 years of construction and 6 years of operation.

In July 2012 the Department of Planning approved the following management plans:

- Water Management Plan Construction as required by Schedule 3, Condition 28
- Landscape Management Plan as required by Schedule 3, Condition 47
- Waste Management Plan Construction as required by Schedule 3, Condition 52
- Rehabilitation Strategy as required by Schedule 3, Condition 54
- Biodiversity and Rehabilitation management Plan (biodiversity portion only) as required by Schedule 3, Condition 56;
- Environmental Management Strategy as required by Schedule 5, Condition 1

The noise and air quality management plans are still undergoing review and assessment.

A description of performance against the development consent for the 2012 reporting period is provided in Appendix 1.

Environmental monitoring conducted at MTP includes meteorological, air quality, noise and surface and ground water in accordance with the requirements of the development consent. The collection of this information is carried out to assist with long term planning and environmental management. This also provides baseline data for future comparison. Flora and fauna monitoring and cultural heritage management was commenced in 2006 and was continued through 2012. Figure 1 shows the location of all monitoring sites.

2.2 Meteorological Monitoring

Meteorological monitoring includes total monthly rainfall and cumulative rainfall for 2012, monthly maximum and minimum temperatures, maximum wind speeds and monthly and annual wind roses. A new meteorological station was constructed in 2011 and brought online in April 2012, the new MTP meteorological station is located off Kayuga Road. A copy of the full extract of monitoring results data is presented in **Appendix 2** with summaries provided below.

2.2.1 Rainfall

During the 2012 reporting period, approximately 518.8mm of rain was recorded at the MTP meteorological station over 109 days. The highest daily rainfall for 2012 was 37.6mm which fell on the 13th of July. Monthly rainfall distribution, number of wet days and cumulative rainfall is summarised in Table 5. Monthly rainfall records and cumulative rainfall (January 2012 - December 2012) are illustrated in Figure 2. A comparison of rainfall trends since 2009 are presented in Figure 3.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Monthly Rainfall 2012 (mm)	62.4	97	63.4	26.4	14	37.6	67	7	23.8	7	55.6	57.6
Cumulative Rainfall 2012 (mm)	62.4	159.4	222.8	249.2	263.2	300.8	367.8	374.8	398.6	405.6	461.2	518.8
Wet Days*	15	12	14	4	5	17	12	3	5	3	9	10

Table 5 -	Rainfall	Summary	for	MTP	2012
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*Note: Wet days are classified as days receiving rainfall greater than 0.2 mm.

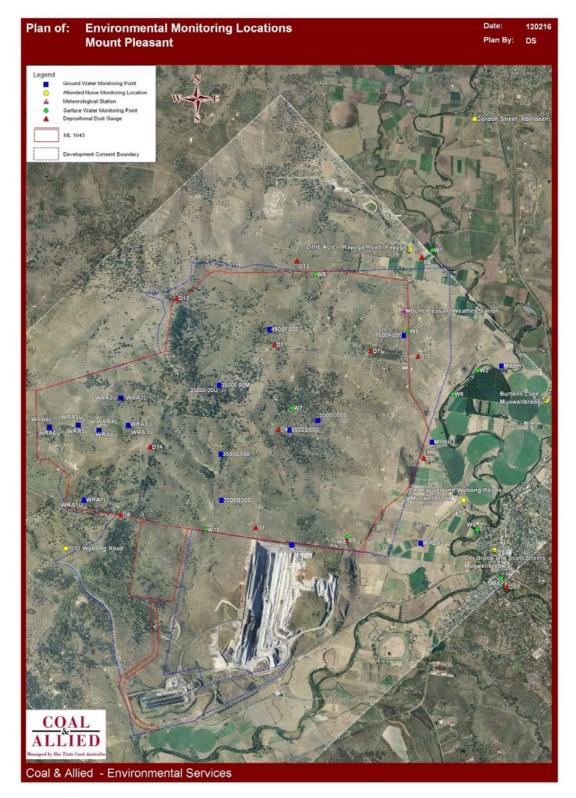


Figure 1 – Environmental Monitoring Locations

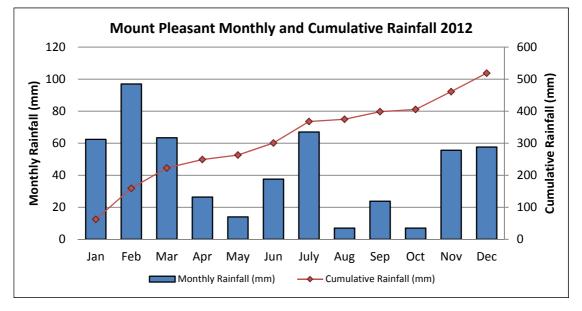


Figure 2 - Monthly and Cumulative Rainfall for 2012

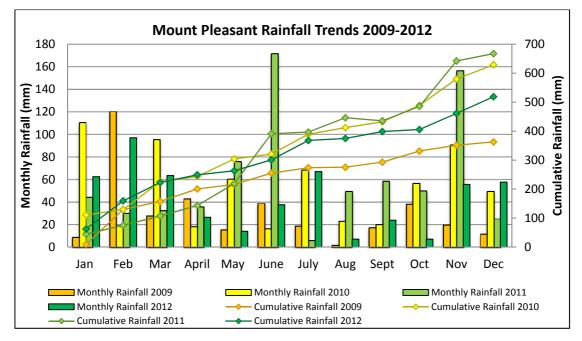


Figure 3 - Monthly and Cumulative Rainfall 2009-2012

2.2.2 Temperature

During 2012, the maximum temperature recorded at MTP Meteorological Station was 40.3°C (2nd December 2012). The minimum temperature recorded was -3.2°C (16th May 2012). Daily maximum and minimum temperatures at the MTP meteorological station during 2012 are illustrated in Figure 4, with temperature trends from 2007 to 2012 shown in Figure 5.

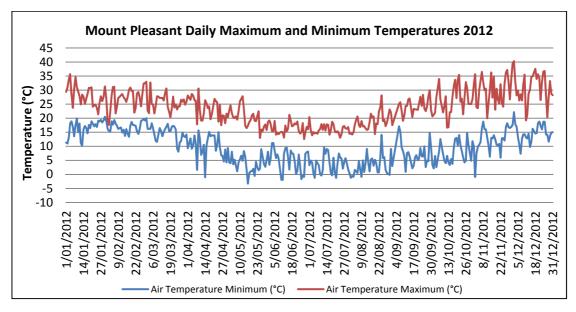


Figure 4 - Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperature 2012

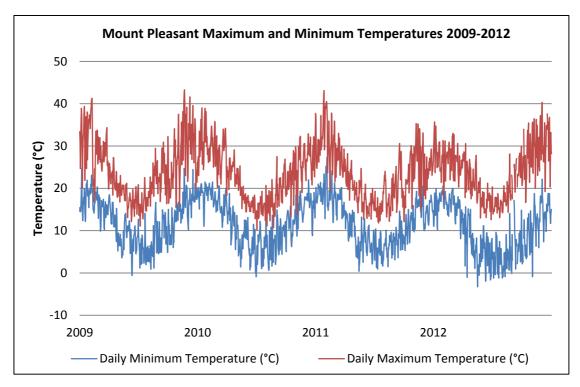


Figure 5 - Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperatures 2009-2012

Figure 5 shows that generally there have been no significant temperature fluctuations between annual cycles in the years 2007 to 2012. The summers of 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 were warmer than the summer of 2007/2008, with a greater number of days above 35 degrees. The first half of the 2011/2012 summer shows similar conditions to the summer of 2007/2008, with relatively few days above 35 degrees. The 2012 winter was cooler than the preceding years, with a greater number of days below 2 degrees.

2.2.3 Wind Speed and Direction

During the 2012 reporting period, prevailing and dominant winds varied, from South South East to North Westerly winds. Dominant wind speeds ranging from 2.1m/s to 8.8m/s were measured for the greatest proportion of time.

Figure 6 shows wind speed and direction as a percentage of time for the 2012 reporting period. Monthly wind roses are presented in **Appendix 2**.

The maximum wind speed recorded throughout 2012 was 25.0m/s on 8th of September 2012. The average maximum wind speed was 9.34m/s. Maximum wind velocities throughout 2012 are shown Figure 7.

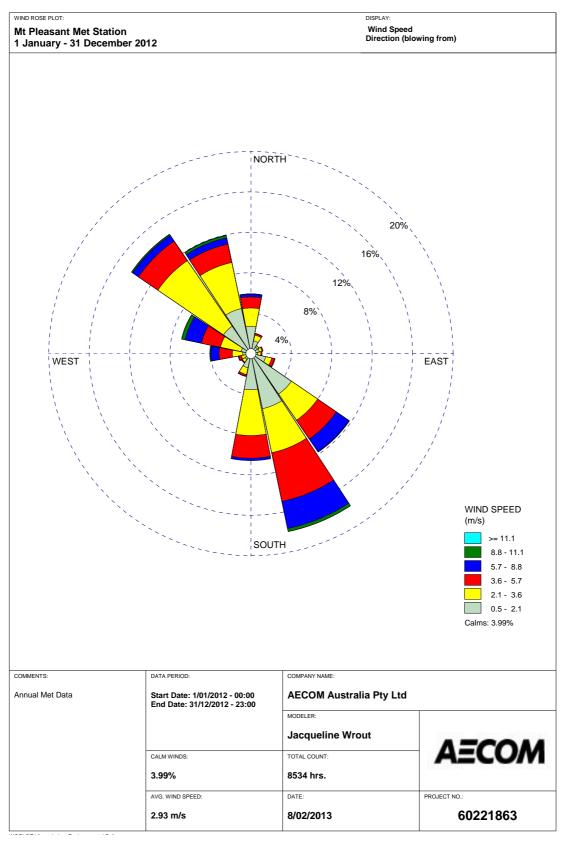


Figure 6 - Annual Windrose 2012 (wind direction as percentage of time)

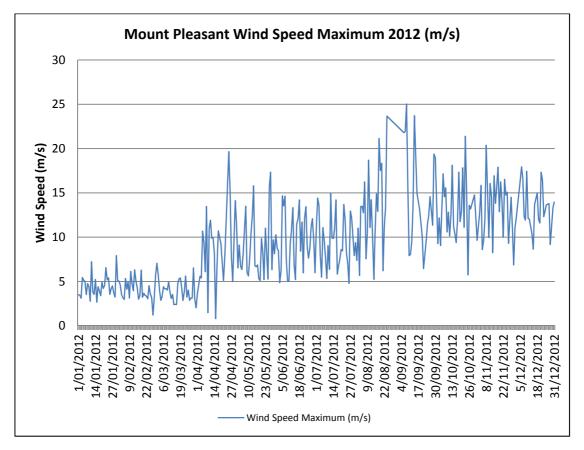


Figure 7 - Maximum Wind Speeds 2012

2.3 Air Quality Monitoring

The current objective of air quality management at MTP is to monitor the background or baseline dust levels prior to the commencement of mining activities. Data obtained in this phase of the mine life gives the Mount Pleasant Project a baseline reference, against which suspended dust concentrations can be assessed once mining commences.

To monitor regional air quality, 13 depositional dust gauges are used around MTP. The gauges are sited in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3580.1.1:2007 and analysed for mass of total insoluble matter and ash in accordance with Australian Standard AS 3580.10.1-2003. Figure illustrates the location of the dust monitoring network. Monthly dust deposition monitoring results are provided in Appendix 2.

Results from dust gauge D3 are representative of Muswellbrook town centre. The annual average for this site was 2.2 g/m² per month in 2012, which is below the development consent long term criteria for deposited dust of $4g/m^2/month$.

Data collected in 2012 will be used to establish baseline air quality.

Data recovery (samples collected and analysed) for the 13 depositional dust gauges during 2012 was 100%. A number of the samples were contaminated by material or various activities that may have altered the results from a true reading of dust deposition. Assessment of contamination was based on field observations, laboratory analysis, historical data and wind patterns. Samples can include organic material such as bird droppings, insects and vegetation. Insoluble solids may have been from a localised source such as livestock or farm activities. Selected elevated monthly results have been assessed to determine MTP contribution to each result, and assess the validity of including the high results in compliance assessment. As a result, a number of monthly results have been excluded from compliance assessment in 2012. A summary of contaminated gauges and results of independent compliance assessment is provided in Table 6.

Gauge Number	Month of	Insoluble Matter (g/m²/month)	Comments	Review for compliance assessment
	September	4.6	Contaminated by insect and dust.	
D3	November	4.0	Contaminated with insects vegetation and bird droppings.	

Table 6 - Dust Deposition Contaminated Samples 2012

D4	October	4.9	Contaminated by insects	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 31% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
	April	6.1	Contaminated by insects, bird droppings and dust	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 30% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
D5	November	5.3	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings	
	December	11.6	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 34% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
D6	June	6.1	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings.	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 30% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
	November	4.5	Contaminated by insects, bird droppings, plastic and vegetation	
	January	9.9	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings	
D7	February	23	Contaminated insects and dust	
	March	11.8	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings.	
	April	9.7	Contaminated by insects, bird droppings and dust	

		10.7	Contaminated by insects	
	Мау	13.7	and dust.	
	June	20.3	Contaminated by insects and dust.	
	July	7.1	Contaminated by insects, bird droppings and dust	
	August	10.6	Contaminated by insects, bird droppings and vegetation	
	September	10.6	Contaminated by insects and dust	
	October	15.4	Contaminated by insects, bird droppings and dust	
	November	10.9	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings	
	December	11.2	Contaminated by insects and dust	
D8	April	6.2	Contaminated by insects, bird droppings and dust.	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 45% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
	June	8.5	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 35% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
	August	4.6	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings	
	September	7.7	Contaminated by insects bird droppings and dust.	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 32% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.

	November	4.4	Contaminated by insects and dust	
D10	January	4.8	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings.	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 40% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
	July	9.2	Contaminated by insects, vegetation and bird droppings.	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 26% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
	August	6.0	Contaminated by insects, vegetation and bird droppings.	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 43% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
	September	8.5	Contaminated by insects, bird droppings and dust.	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 21% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
	October	4.0	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 43% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
	November	6.9	Contaminated by insects and bird droppings	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 23% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.

	December	8.8	Contaminated with insects, bird droppings and vegetation.	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 22% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
D12	June	5.0	Contaminated with insects and vegetation.	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 20% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.
D13	November	4.3	Contaminated with insects and bird droppings.	Analysis of the sample revealed a low ash to insoluble solids ratio of 35% suggesting a high level of contamination by organic matter. Therefore this result has been excluded from calculation of the annual rolling average.

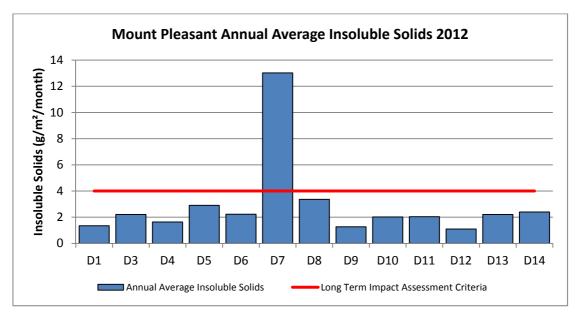


Figure 8 - Annual Average Insoluble Solids 2012

Figure 8 shows 12 of the 13 sites measured deposited dust below the annual impact assessment criteria. Site D7 recorded results above the long term impact assessment criteria, with an annual average of 13.0 g/m² per month. The D7 gauge is located on Coal & Allied owned land and is in close proximity to the northern boundary of the Bengalla Coal Mine. This gauge is identified within Bengalla Coal

Mine's area of predicted impact. The results from this station over the past four years confirm the modelling undertaken for mining and are not representative of the depositional dust levels received at non-mine owned residences.

Figure 9 provides a comparison between annual average dust deposition levels at each of the monitoring sites from 2003 to 2012. Dust gauge D7, as predicted, has exceeded the long term criteria in all years.

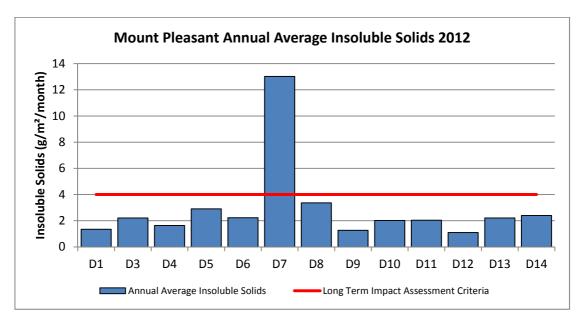


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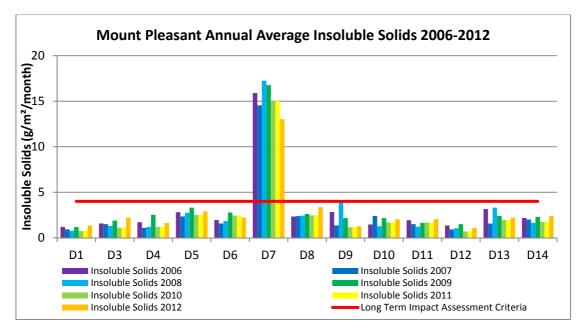


Figure 9 - Annual Average Insoluble Solids 2006 – 2012

Figure 10 shows that two of the 13 sites registered a decrease in insoluble solids from the previous year. While eleven sites registered an increase in insoluble solids, all monitoring sites were below the maximum allowable annual average increase criteria of 2 g/m²/month.

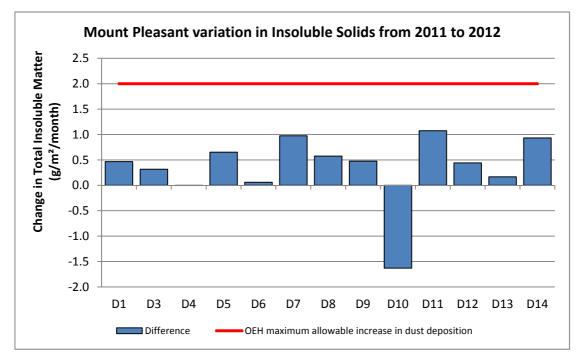


Figure 10 – Variation in Annual Average Insoluble Solids from 2011 to 2012

2.4 Surface Water Monitoring

There are 10 surface water monitoring sites located in the natural watercourses surrounding MTP (Figure). All sampling of surface water is carried out in accordance with AS/NZS 5667.6 (1998) and analysis is carried out by National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) or an equivalent accredited laboratory. All sites were sampled on a monthly basis. Only three of the sites regularly experience flow, namely W1-Hunter Upstream, W2-Hunter Central Site and W4-Muscle Creek. Sites W5, W7, W8, W9 and W10 are located on ephemeral creeks and only flow after very heavy rainfall. Site W3 is an automatically monitored site, and only produces electrical conductivity (EC) readings. The full results of monthly surface water monitoring in 2012 can be found in **Appendix 2**.

Water quality is evaluated through the parameters of pH, electrical conductivity and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). Table 7 shows water quality criteria for watercourses as outlined in the ANZECC Guidelines (2000) NSW Lowland Rivers.

Parameter	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
рН	6.5	8.5
Electrical Conductivity	125µS/cm	2,200µS/cm
Total Suspended Solids	N/A	50mg/L

Table 7 - Surface water quality criteria

The Hunter River is sampled at two sites upstream (W1 & W2) and two sites downstream (W6 & W3) of the proposed Mount Pleasant release points to establish baseline data prior to the commencement of mining activities. Site W1 is located furthest upstream of the MTP lease boundary, while site W3 is furthest downstream as seen in Figure . Sampling is also undertaken at W4 on Muscle Creek, which flows into the Hunter River downstream of site W3. Analysis of the results indicates that the quality of these waterways is influenced significantly by rainfall, runoff and flow conditions. High rainfall in upper catchments generally results in elevated total suspended solids, and lowered pH and electrical conductivity. The opposite occurs in dry conditions.

2.4.1 pH Levels

The pH of surface water ranged from 6.9 to 8.5 in 2012, as seen in Figure 11. The low monthly rainfall may have contributed to the raised pH levels recorded at W2

and W8 as shown in Figure 11. The calculated average pH for MTP in 2012 was 7.9 pH units. The average pH remained the same as 2010 and 2011.

A review of longer term trends indicates that pH levels have generally stayed within the 6.5 to 8.5 range prescribed by the ANZECC guidelines as illustrated in Figure 12. Site W4 on Muscle Creek has consistently experienced lower pH levels than the sites on the Hunter River. These pH trends are consistent with the trends presented in the 1997 MTP EIS.

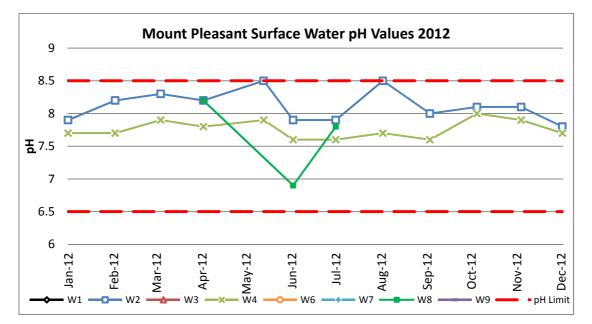


Figure 11 - Surface Water pH 2012

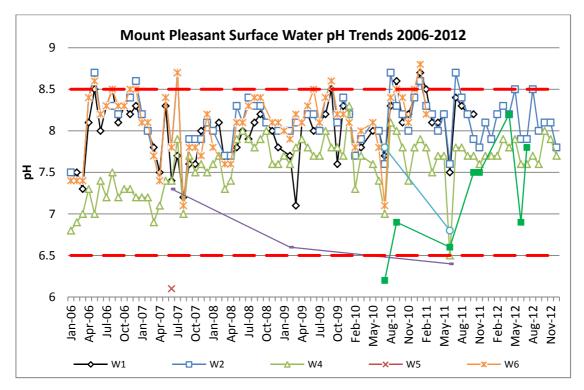


Figure 12 - Surface Water pH Trends 2006-2012

2.4.2 Electrical Conductivity

During the reporting period, the EC levels at the monitoring locations generally stayed within the target range of 125 to 2200 μ S/cm, with the exception of W4. The W2 site, which is situated on the Hunter River recorded a range between 338 to 588 μ S/cm. Figure 13 shows site W4 (Muscle Creek) registered significantly higher EC values (highest of 3040 μ S/cm in November) and experienced greater fluctuations than the Hunter River sites. Figure 14 shows longer term trends and demonstrates that the EC is consistently higher and more variable at W4. This is because site W4 is located on a waterway which commonly has variability in EC. This site has naturally occurring salts in surrounding soils and rocks (Hunter Valley Catchment Management Authority) and long term monitoring indicates that a range of 600 μ S/cm to 3000 μ S/cm is normal..

W8 is a historically dry location and only experiences flow after extremely heavy rainfall events. The low EC levels recorded at W8 are typical of heavy rainfall events.

Figure 15 shows Mount Pleasant surface water EC trends (excluding W4), which highlights that the monitoring site on the Hunter River (W2) is within the target range 125 to 2200μ S/cm. The sites which recorded lower EC values are historically dry locations with inconsistent monitoring results available for comparison.

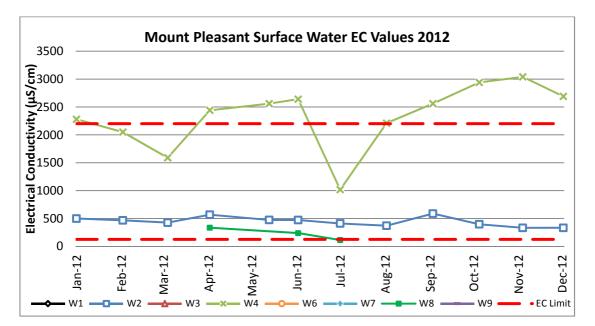


Figure 13 - Surface Water Electrical Conductivity 2012

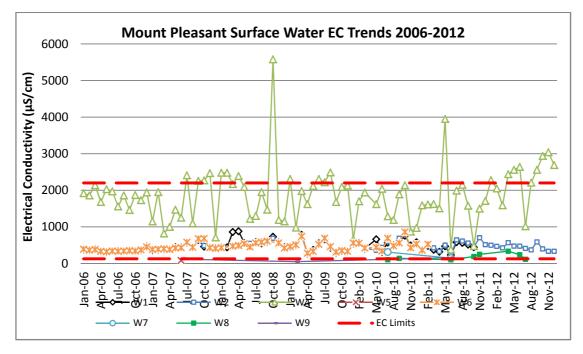


Figure 14 - Surface Water Electrical Conductivity Trends 2006 – 2012

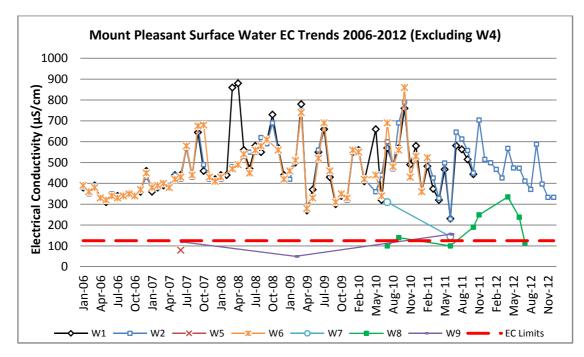


Figure 15 - Surface Water Electrical Conductivity Trends (excluding W4) 2006 – 2012

2.4.3 Total Suspended Solids

The Total Suspended Solids (TSS) criterion of 50mg/L is specified by ANZECC Guidelines (2000) for Aquatic Ecosystems – NSW Lowland Rivers. The TSS levels remained below the criterion at all sites except W8 on all sampling occasions (as seen in Figure 16). The elevated TSS levels at W8 are most likely due to the increased runoff resulting from heavy precipitation.

Figure 17 shows long term TSS trends and demonstrates that TSS levels in MTP surface waters fluctuate yearly following high rainfall, often between November and March. Figure 17 also shows TSS levels are generally well below the 50mg/L criterion. This limit is generally only exceeded after heavy rainfall or continuous rainfall, such as in late 2008 or early 2009.

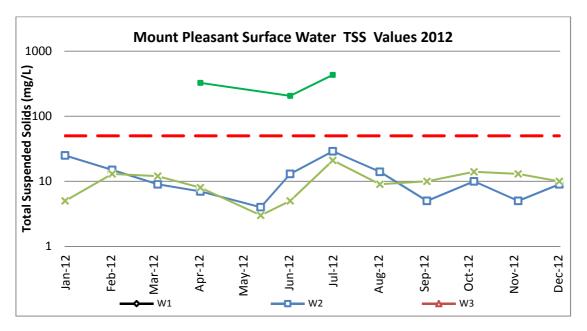
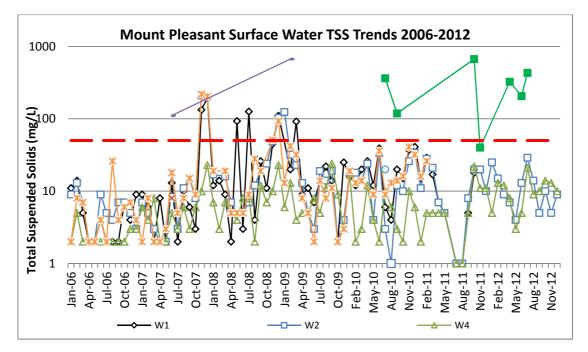


Figure 16 - Surface Water Total Suspended Solids 2012

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2.5 Groundwater Monitoring

Groundwater monitoring is carried out at MTP to monitor water levels and water quality within the aquifers surrounding MTP prior to the commencement of mining activities. All sampling of groundwater is undertaken in accordance with the Australian Standard AS/NZ 5667.11 (1998). and sample analysis is carried out via approved methods, including a NATA accredited laboratory. The full sets of monthly monitoring results are illustrated in **Appendix 2**.

The monitoring program for groundwater management at MTP measures the quality of groundwater through the parameters of pH, EC, and Standing Water Level (SWL).

Quarterly groundwater monitoring is carried out using a network of 25 piezometers situated at MTP, as seen in Figure . Monitoring results are displayed in Figure 18 to Figure 26. The MTP site has been separated into three monitoring zones according to aquifer and potential future disturbance types:

- Central Groundwater Sites representative of the hard rock aquifer
- Eastern Groundwater Sites representative of the alluvial aquifer
- Western Groundwater Sites representative of the hard rock aquifer in the proposed fines emplacement area.

Groundwater depth levels are recorded as depth from ground surface level, as well as depth from standpipe. An increase in depth translates into a drop in standing water level (SWL).

2.5.1 Standing Water Levels

In 2012, SWL's remained relatively stable across all bore sites (Figure 18, Figure 19 and Figure 20), with the exception of a significant rise in standing water level at Central bore (Figure 18) 4500F000 during August and November 2012. The reason for the isolated increase is unknown, standing water level trends at this location will continue to be monitored in 2013.

Figure 19 shows that at the central and eastern groundwater bores, SWL's have remained relatively constant over the period 2006 - 2012.

Figure 20 illustrates a greater fluctuation at the western bores from 2006-2012. There was an overall increase in the SWL across all the western bores between April 2007 and July 2009. The SWL has since been steadily decreasing at the majority of sites.

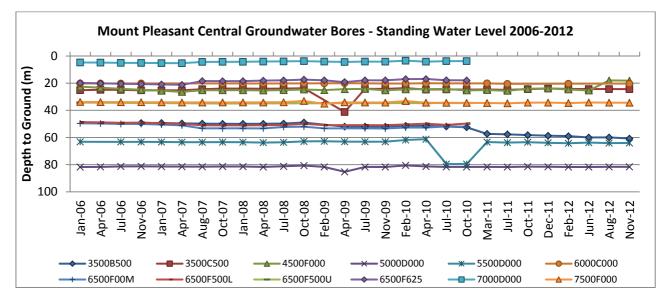


Figure 18 – Central Groundwater Boreholes Standing Water Levels 2006 – 2012

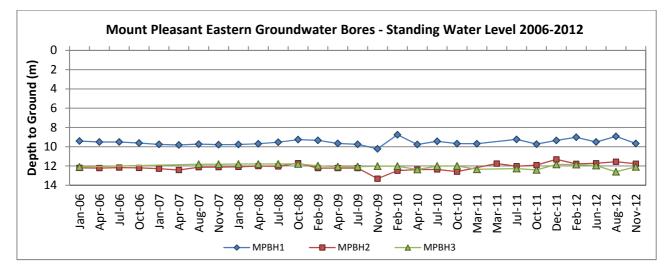


Figure 19 – Eastern Groundwater Boreholes Standing Water Levels 2006 – 2012

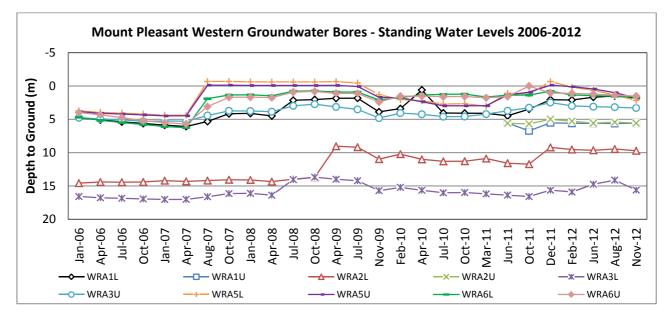


Figure 20 - Western Groundwater Boreholes Standing Water Levels 2006 – 2012

2.5.2 pH Levels

The pH levels for MTP central groundwater bore sites ranged from 6.5 to 7.6 pH units and were relatively stable throughout 2012 as seen in Figure 21. 3500C500 and 5000D000 both registered a variation greater than 0.5 over the course of 2012, with 3500C500 varying from a pH of 7.7 to 7.2, and 5000D000 varying from a pH of 6.7 to 7.3. There were no results for sites 6500F500U, 6000C000, 7000D000, 6500F00M, 6500F625 or 6500F500L as these bores were dry on all sampling dates in 2012. Longer term trends show that pH levels at the central groundwater bores has been erratic, however levels have remained within the 6.0 to 8.0 range, as illustrated Figure 21.

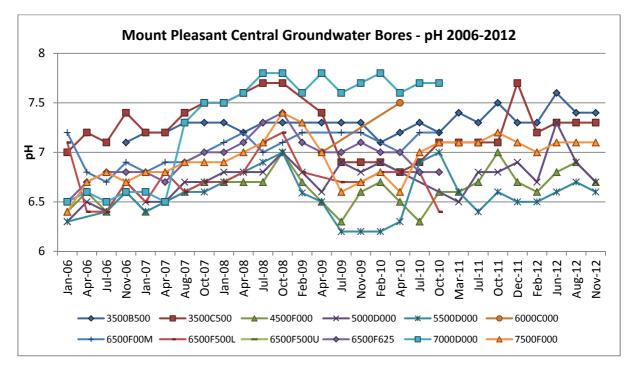


Figure 21 – Central Groundwater Boreholes pH Levels 2006 – 2012

The pH at the MTP eastern groundwater bores ranged from 6.8 to 7.8 pH units in 2012. Figure 22 indicates the pH at MPBH1 and MPBH2 remained fairly constant over the year while MPBH3 showed an increase over the second half of 2012. None of the eastern groundwater bores registered a variation greater than 0.5 over the course of 2012. This figure also shows the eastern groundwater bores have experienced frequent fluctuations in pH between 2006 and 2012, but have stayed in the 6.0 to 8.0 range.

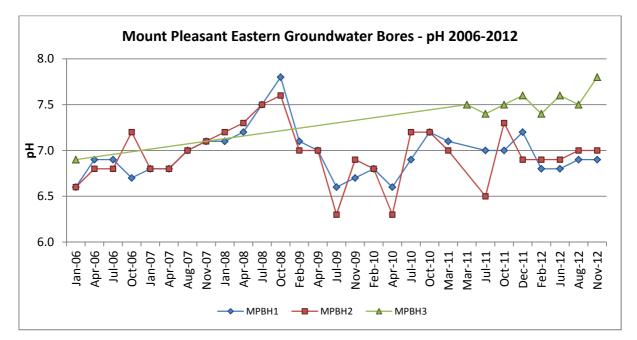


Figure 22 – Eastern Groundwater Boreholes pH Levels 2006 – 2012

The pH levels for MTP western groundwater bores registered pH levels between 6.5 and 8.2 pH units as seen in Figure 23. WRA2L, WRA5L, WRA5U and WRA6L recorded a fluctuation of more than 0.5 pH units over the course of the year, where the pH for WRA2L decreased from 8.0 to 7.1 to 7.8, the pH for WRA5L decreased from 8.2 to 7.1 to 7.9, the pH of WRA5U decreased from 7.8 to 7.3 and the pH of WRA6L increased from 7.0 to 7.7. Results for WRA1U and WRA2U are absent as both bores were dry on all sampling dates in 2012. This figure also indicates that pH levels at the western bore sites have experienced frequent fluctuations in pH between 2006 and 2012, but have generally remained within the 6.5 to 8.0 range.

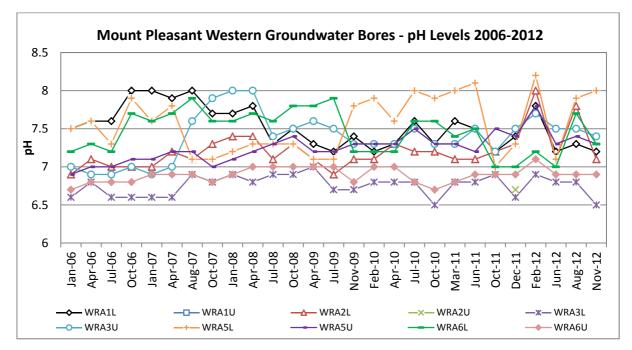


Figure 23 – Western Groundwater Boreholes pH Levels 2006 – 2012

2.5.3 Electrical Conductivity

The EC remained stable for the majority of the central groundwater bores, however 3500C500 and 4500F000 showed a large degree of fluctuation as illustrated in Figure 24. The EC at 3500C500 increased from 2450μ S/cm to 4060μ S/cm between February and June monitoring events, while 4500F000 increased from 2110μ S/cm to 9650 μ S/cm to 2470 μ S/cm between February to August monitoring events. This result is not in keeping with historical records for the site, and is potentially anomalous. Electrical Conductivity levels will continue to be monitored throughout 2013 for consistency with the historical record. Results are not available for 6500F500U, 6500F625, 7000D000, 6500F00M, 6500F500L and 6000C000 because these bores were dry on all sampling dates in 2012. Central bores 3500C500, 6500F625 and 7000D000 have experienced substantial variations in EC since 2005, as seen Figure 24. The fluctuations experienced in central bores are typical for the area as they are greatly affected by the weather conditions of the region. EC levels can increase significantly during dry periods.

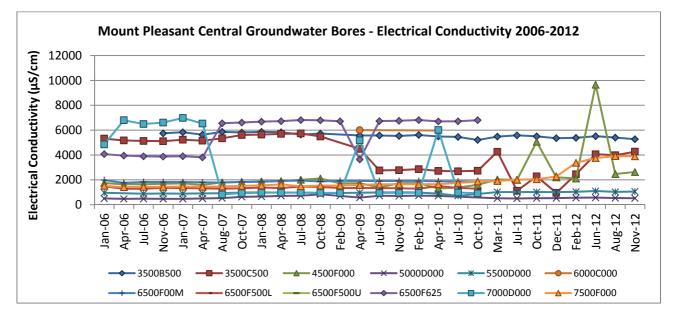


Figure 24 - Central Groundwater Boreholes Electrical Conductivity 2006 – 2012

In the eastern groundwater bores, EC levels remained fairly constant throughout 2012 with the exception of MPBH3, as indicated in Figure 25. Longer term trends reveal only minor fluctuations in the EC at the eastern boreholes. MPBH3 has historically been dry accounting for the scarcity of EC results at this site. However, results were available from 2011 to 2012 and show EC levels between 3130μ S/cm and 4690μ S/cm, which is noticeably higher than the EC levels at MPBH1 and MPBH2.

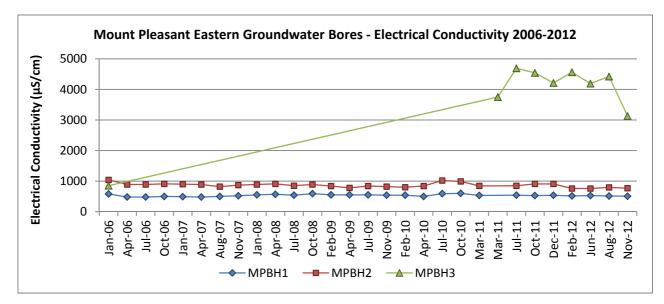


Figure 25 – Eastern Groundwater Boreholes Electrical Conductivity 2006 – 2012

In 2012, the EC level at the majority of the western groundwater bores remained reasonably constant as shown in Figure 26. WRA2L and WRA6U showed a slight increase in EC levels throughout the year. WRA2L increased from 2230μ S/cm to 5370μ S/cm to 3060μ S/cm between February to August 2012. Long term trends reveal greater variability in EC at the western bore sites compared to the central and eastern sites. The majority of western groundwater bores have experienced yearly fluctuations in EC ranging from 1000 to 3000μ S/cm between 2006 and 2012. These trends show that variations of greater than 2000μ S/cm occur commonly at the western groundwater bore sites.

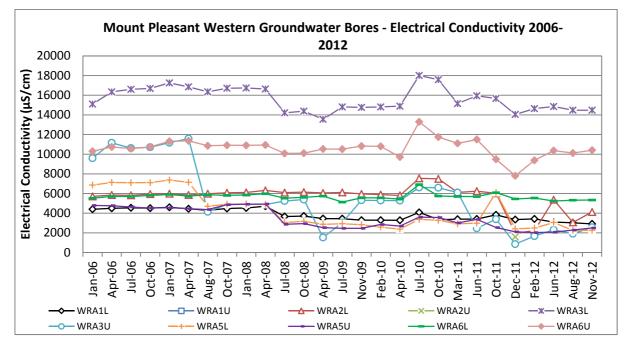


Figure 26 – Western Groundwater Boreholes Electrical Conductivity 2006 – 2012

2.6 Noise Monitoring

Attended noise monitoring is conducted by an independent consultant. Attended noise monitoring was conducted once per quarter at six sites during 2012. The results are summarised in Table 8 and shown in Figure 1.

Table 8 – Attended Noise M	Monitoring Locations
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Descriptor	Monitoring Location
Burtons Lane	Burton Lane, Muswellbrook
Aberdeen	Gordon Street, Aberdeen
Muswellbrook	Cnr Brook and Scott Streets, Muswellbrook
Kayuga	Little Acres, Kayuga Road, Kayuga
Kayuga Road	Cnr Kayuga and Wybong Roads, Muswellbrook
Wybong Road	1232 Wybong Road

2.6.1 Attended Noise Monitoring

Attended noise monitoring is conducted quarterly to quantify and characterise the existing noise environment prior to the mine being established. Attended monitoring, such as this, does not provide levels that could be considered representative (being only brief and irregular). However, it allows the identification of typical noise sources that contribute to the recorded noise levels in the area (e.g. other land uses, roads, insects etc.).

Attended monitoring was conducted in accordance with NSW EPA 'Industrial Noise Policy' (INP) guidelines and Australian Standard AS 1055 'Acoustics, Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise'. Atmospheric condition measurement was also undertaken at the time of monitoring.

Attended noise monitoring data for 2012 is summarised in Table 9. The duration for each measurement was 15 minutes. Monitoring was carried out once at each monitoring site during the night period. Noted noise sources included a combination of road noise, locomotion noise, mine continuum from other mining operations and rural noise sources including insects and frogs.

It should be noted that the noise monitoring data provided in Table 9 is presenting all noise frequencies and noise sources, in the absence of an active operation. When in operation, mining noise is typically presented as frequencies <1000Hz from a

particular direction and source. Therefore monitoring data during an active operation would typically be lower than the total (all frequency) data currently recorded.

Location	Quarter 1			Quarter 2				
Location	L _{A1} dB	L _{A10} dB	$L_{Aeq}dB$	L _{A90} dB	L _{A1} dB	L _{A10} dB	L _{Aeq} dB	L _{A90} dB
Burtons Lane	58	54	49	39	54	49	45	40
Aberdeen	52	48	44	35	46	43	40	35
Kayuga	43	37	36	32	46	42	39	34
Kayuga Road	48	46	45	43	53	44	43	39
Wybong Road	44	38	38	35	46	35	34	29
Muswellbrook	46	43	41	40	46	41	39	35
Location	Quarter 3			Quarter 4				
Location	L _{A1} dB	L _{A10} dB	$L_{Aeq}dB$	L _{A90} dB	L _{A1} dB	L _{A10} dB	$L_{Aeq}dB$	L _{A90} dB
Burtons Lane	57	53	48	37	50	47	44	37
Aberdeen	53	47	43	34	51	46	42	36
Aberdeen Kayuga	53 45	47 42	43 38	34 28	51 36	46 33	42 31	36 29
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Kayuga	45	42	38	28	36	33	31	29

Table 9 – Attended Noise Monitoring Da	ita
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Definitions

- L_A The A-weighted root mean squared (RMS) noise level at any instant
- LA1 The noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the time
- L_{A10} The noise level which is exceeded for 10 per cent of the time, which is approximately the average of the maximum noise levels
- L_{A90} The level exceeded for 90 per cent of the time, which is approximately the average of the minimum noise levels. The L_{A90} level is often referred to as the "background" noise level and is commonly used to determine noise criteria for assessment purposes.
- L_{Aeq} The average noise energy during a measurement period

- **dB(A)** Noise level measurement units are decibels (dB). The "A" weighting scale is used to describe human response to noise.
- Hertz (Hz) Cycles per second, the frequency of fluctuations in pressure, sound is usually a combination of many frequencies together

3 Land Management

3.1 Erosion and Sediment Management

Following the construction of sediment dam ED1 in 2004/05, and the installation of the high level spillway for ED1 in 2005, seeding was undertaken to control the erosion and transportation of silt and sediment.

The dam is regularly inspected to assess cover growth and stability, and to ensure that there is sufficient capacity for sediment containment. This dam is operated to allow regulated flow to downstream landowners until the dam is required for pollution control. Visual inspections are conducted after runoff events to ensure that controls are effective.

No further soil erosion or sediment management programmes were undertaken at MTP in 2012.

3.2 Topsoil Stripping, Landscape and Land Management

No topsoil stripping was undertaken at MTP in 2012.

Weed Control works in 2012 focussed on non mine riparian zones, outlying properties and Offset properties associated with the Mine project. Target weeds included *Cestrum Parqui* (Green Cestrum), *Cardiospermum grandiflorum* (Balloon Vine), *Macfadyena unquis cacti* (Cats Claw Creeper), *Tradescantia albiflora* (Wandering Jew), *Ricinus communis* (Castor Oil), *Lycium Ferocissimum* (African Boxthorn), *Hypericum perforatum* (St John's Wort) and *Rubus fruiticosus* (Blackberry).

Following on from engagement with Catchment Management Authority on projects aimed at improving Coal & Allied's riverfront lands at east of the MTP Mining Lease land footprint in 2011, on ground works commenced on Stage 1 of the Mt Pleasant Rivercare Project, a joint Coal & Allied and Upper Hunter CMA project. Works included riparian zone weed control, river bank fencing and the planting of approximately 3,500 native tree and understorey species designed to promote bank stability and native flora biodiversity.

In 2012 there was routine fence replacement/maintenance conducted on adjoining buffer properties.

3.3 Bushfire Management

The Bushfire Management Plan developed in 2003 for all Coal & Allied owned land is updated annually in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service. The main objectives of this management plan are to minimise the risk of bushfires and to rapidly control any outbreaks that might occur. Control measures are in place to:

• minimise potential spreading of bushfires in and around Coal & Allied land;

- protect people, property and assets;
- protect areas of heritage value; and
- protect areas of threatened fauna and/or flora.

The control measures implemented to prevent and manage bushfires focus on minimising the amount of fuel available at MTP and its surrounding land. These measures include the slashing of vegetation along roads which are generally used as fire trails and the grazing of land. In the event of a bushfire at MTP, Coal & Allied's emergency response procedure is triggered.

3.4 Rehabilitation

As mining has not yet commenced, there has been no rehabilitation to date.

3.5 Fauna and Flora Management

As construction and mining are yet to commence, the majority of flora and fauna management works in 2012 were aimed at maintaining the landscape as discussed in section 3.2, however in 2012 preliminary work was conducted to establish a permanent base for native grass seed harvesting.

4 External Relations

4.1 External Relations

Coal & Allied's approach to external relations is focused on building enduring relationships based on mutual respect, active partnership and long term commitment.

In practice this means:

- Having robust relationships with our communities of interest this requires understanding the issues and needs of different stakeholders as well as active engagement.
- Effectively contributing to communities this requires understanding the socioeconomic environment and the community's vision for the future, and providing contributions that are sustainable and build long term community capacity.

These objectives reflect the Rio Tinto Communities Standard, which provides a framework for community activities across all operations. These objectives also form the primary goals for the Mount Pleasant Project, and are reflected in both the Muswellbrook multi year plan and various stakeholder engagement plans specific to the Mount Pleasant Project.

4.2 Communities Knowledge Base

Effectively contributing to communities requires a good understanding of the socioeconomic environment in which Coal & Allied operates, as well as the community's vision for the future.

In February 2008, the Hunter Valley Research Foundation (HVRF) prepared a Hunter Valley Community Baseline Study for Coal & Allied. The study reported that 17% of Coal & Allied employees live within the Muswellbrook LGA and 4% within the Upper Hunter Shire LGA.

In 2012 Coal & Allied engaged the Hunter Valley Research Foundation to update this baseline work, incorporating the 2011 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census results. This work is expected to be complete in the first quarter of 2013.

To support the knowledge base provided by the Community Baseline Study, a detailed Situational Analysis of employment, education and health indicators and issues for Aboriginal communities in the Upper Hunter Valley was undertaken in 2011.

In addition to these studies, Coal & Allied has continued to participate in the Upper Hunter region domestic omnibus survey, and remained informed about other local research activities including the HVRF Environmental Attitudes Survey and Wellbeing Watch to ensure we remain informed about our communities The information gathered through these studies has been used to inform Coal & Allied's community relations programmes, Coal & Allied's Community Development Fund and the Aboriginal Community Development Fund. Results have also supported presentations to senior managers and staff, Community Consultative Committees, all operational sites and projects, and a range of community partners.

4.3 Sustainable communities

Coal & Allied operates in accordance with sustainable development principles, as we believe it will result in long term benefits to both society and our business. We also recognise that sustainable development is not a goal a single organisation can achieve, nor is it a single project that can ever be completed and ticked off. It is about the way we work, within our business and in our interactions with others, to meet the objectives of social wellbeing, environmental stewardship and economic prosperity, throughout the life of a mine and beyond.

On this basis, we that believe Coal & Allied's projects, operations and products can contribute constructively to the global transition to sustainable development. Information about Coal & Allied's approach to sustainable development in 2012, including targets and results, is available on the Rio Tinto Coal Australia website: http://www.riotintocoalaustralia.com.au

Through the Mount Pleasant Project, Coal & Allied contributes to programmes identified by, and preferably in partnership with, local communities. Coal & Allied's belief is that effective partnerships stem from shared goals, mutual commitment and proven outcomes. We support a range of organisations that share our goal of delivering sustainable outcomes for the communities in which we operate.

Local projects and initiatives supported in 2012 included:

- Aberdeen Tigers Rugby League Club,
- Merriwa Springtime Show,
- Muswellbrook Shire Council Solar Boat Challenge,
- Muswellbrook Black Coal Cup,
- Muswellbrook High School Disability (Special Education Unit) Futsal team,
- Paint the Town REaD community reading programme,
- Muswellbrook PCYC Healthy Kids programme,
- Wildlife Aid, Cancer Council Relay for Life (Scone, Merriwa and Muswellbrook),
- Upper Hunter Eisteddfod, St Helier's Heavy Horse Field Day,
- Denman Sandy Hollow Junior Rugby League Club,
- Scone High School Student Representative Council motivational speaker, and
- Upper Hunter Physical Culture Club.

In 2012, Coal & Allied also continued to implement our SD&Me programme, which engages our employees and contractors in all aspects of sustainability, including community, environment, knowledge about coal and its use, and wellbeing. As part of this programme, Coal & Allied has enabled employees and their families to participate in events such as the Winery Running Festival at no cost, and has matched employee giving for a wide range of causes including Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea, and support for the Muswellbrook Hospital Auxillary.



Photo 1 - Coal & Allied staff and their families participated in the Hunter Valley Winery Running Festival

4.4 Community Relations

4.4.1 Communication

Members of the community are encouraged to engage in ways that suit them. A number of potential points of contact have been established. The Coal & Allied shopfronts in Muswellbrook (19 Bridge Street) and Singleton (127 John Street) continue to ensure that Coal & Allied is an active and accessible member of the community.

Coal & Allied operates a free call Community Information Line (1800 727 745). This information line provides an avenue for members of the community to seek information regarding the Mount Pleasant Project, or other Coal & Allied operations or activities. This number is advertised regularly in local newspapers and community newsletters, see below copy of advertisement in Figure 27.



Figure 27 – Coal & Allied Shopfronts and Community Information Line advertising

In addition, Coal & Allied operates a free call 24-hour Environmental Contact Line (1800 656 892) that allows any member of the community to lodge an official enquiry 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. This number is advertised in the local newspaper, phonebook and Coal & Allied community newsletters.

The community are also invited to find out more about our operations and projects online, and can view copies of our latest newsletters, public reports and information about our Community Consultative Committee (CCC) at www.riotintocoalaustralia.com.au.

During 2012, and in response to the findings of the 2011 Aboriginal Situational Analysis, Coal & Allied focussed on improving communication channels and tools to better inform community members about the Coal & Allied Aboriginal Community Development Fund and wider Aboriginal Relations activities. In addition, we will establish regular 'Drop in Days' for Aboriginal community members at a range of locations across the Upper Hunter from 2013.

Coal & Allied provides regular updates on the Mount Pleasant project, and other activities in the community, through our Muswellbrook Community Newsletter. Four editions of the Muswellbrook newsletter were distributed to Muswellbrook and surrounding communities in 2012.

4.4.2 Consultation

Coal & Allied's approach to community engagement and consultation involves providing information regarding its activities in a timely, clear, open and transparent manner, and then seeking feedback from communities to understand the potential impacts of its activities.

The Mount Pleasant team engages in regular consultation and ongoing communication with our stakeholders, as appropriate to the status of the project.

Feedback from neighbours and local communities is used to inform future decisionmaking.

In 2012, Coal & Allied has undertaken a range of consultation activities, including:

- MTP Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meetings;
- Updates for business community, including the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce breakfast held at the Coal & Allied shopfront in September 2012;
- Provided information on employment opportunities with Coal & Allied via employment information sessions hosted in the Muswellbrook shopfront;
- Mobile shopfront information sessions in the outlying community of Merriwa, and presentation to the Merriwa Progress Association and other key stakeholder groups regarding Coal & Allied's offset lands;
- Participation in the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue, a programme coordinated by the NSW Minerals Council to engage the community across the Hunter Valley;
- Participation in the NSW Minerals Council Hunter Valley Aboriginal Community Working Group.

In May 2012, Coal & Allied also convened an aboriginal employment and business development workshop in Muswellbrook, involving key Coal & Allied site teams, contract labour providers, Rio Tinto Procurement and Aboriginal Relations representatives. Since then, engagement has increased significantly across relevant Rio Tinto/Coal & Allied teams to identify and gradually implement a range of improvements in recruitment and procurement processes.

We have also increased our engagement with local Aboriginal businesses to better understand their challenges and how Coal & Allied can play a more effective role new and existing business development. One example of this is Coal & Allied's support for Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council (WLALC) and Greening Australia to work together to investigate the feasibility of WLALC developing an Environmental and Land Management Enterprise.

Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The Mount Pleasant CCC was formed in 2004, and has been meeting regularly since. The CCC is an important communication and engagement tool, as the group acts as the point of contact to provide feedback between the mines and the community.

In 2012, meetings were held in March, June and November. At each meeting, presentations provided members with an update on the progress of the Mount Pleasant Project; project approvals; environmental monitoring data; land management; and external relations. Over the year, CCC members also enjoyed interesting guest presentations on topics including cultural heritage and the Mount Pleasant biodiversity offsets.

The Mount Pleasant CCC is made up of community and Council representatives, and in 2012 members and attendees have included:

- Cr Karen Portolan (Chair/Deputy Chair)
- Cr Jeff Drayton (Deputy Chair ceased September 2012)
- Mr Darryl Fitzgerald
- Mr Craig Flemming
- Mr Jonathon Moore
- Mr Tim Troon
- Mr Trevor Parkinson
- Ms Llewellyn Bates (commenced September 2012).

An additional CCC community member, Mr Rod Upton, was approved by the Muswellbrook Shire Council in December 2012.

The approved minutes of the CCC meetings are located in the Muswellbrook Library for public viewing. In accordance with our Development Consent, copies of the minutes are also available on the Coal & Allied website (www.riotintocoalaustralia.com.au).

4.4.3 Community Development

In 2012 Coal & Allied continued its focus on the long term sustainability of the communities where it operates, with almost \$2 million invested across the Hunter in partnerships with community groups and businesses.

Key areas of focus have included education, economic, environment and social/cultural, with 33 programmes supported by our Community Development Fund and Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee this year. Our funds have continued to enable us to build capacity, not dependency, and contribute to the long term sustainability of our surrounding communities.

For more information about our Community Development Funds, including a full listing of partnerships, visit <u>www.riotintocoalaustralia.com.au</u>.



Photo 2 - Coal & Allied's community partners at the 2012 end of year celebration

Coal & Allied Community Development Fund

In 2011 Coal & Allied recommitment \$4.5 million to a fifth round of funding for the Coal & Allied Community Development Fund (CDF), to be allocated over a 3 year period (2012 - 2014). Following this, the CDF has continued its support for local projects promoting community capacity in the Hunter region throughout 2012. Figure 28 shows the 2012 project investment profile.

The CDF has contributed more than \$12 million since 1999 into community projects in the LGA areas of Maitland, Cessnock, Singleton, Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter. More than 112 projects have been supported since the fund's inception and 25 programmes remain active in the community. These partnerships enable Coal & Allied to work with a wide range of groups who share our values and goals to help build sustainable and robust communities in the Hunter Valley.

CDF spend is prioritised around the needs of the community, which are identified through regional plans, consultation and socio-economic baseline studies. Projects with deliverable outcomes around education, environment, social and business development are eligible for funding.

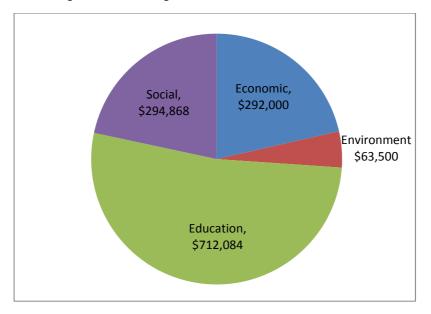


Figure 28 - Coal & Allied CDF 2012 project investment profile

In 2012, the CDF committed \$1,362,452 for 12 new programmes that will help deliver long term benefits for communities in the CDF catchment area, listed in Table 10 below. Table 11 lists the currently active programmes for which funding was approved prior to 2012.

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Partner</u>
School Swimming Scheme	Muswellbrook South Public School
Play Up Programme	Upper Hunter Education Fund Inc
Local SME Supply Chain Participation project	HunterNet
Building Skills and Leadership Capacity in Rural NSW	Royal Agricultural Society Foundation
The Hunter Youth Leadership Project	Outward Bound
Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza	Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza
People in Your Neighbourhood – Sustainability Street	Muswellbrook Council
Vocational Training Consultant	St Phillips Christian Education Foundation
Coal and Community	The University of Newcastle
Tocal Steer Challenge	Tocal Agricultural College
Singleton Placemaking Project	Singleton Council
Scholarships	The University of Newcastle

Table 10 - Coal & Allied Community Development Fund projects approved in 2012

Table 11 - Currently active Coal & Allied CDF programmes (approved prior to 2012)

<u>Programme (year approved)</u>	<u>Partner</u>	
Hunter Landcare Network – Climate Profiles (2007)	Hunter Landcare Network	
Time Capture The Making of (2008)	Maitland City Council	
Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids (2009)	Hunter Medical Research Institute	
Singleton Business Development & Funding Coordinator (2010)	Singleton Council	
Upper Hunter Business Investment Advisory Forum (2010)	Industry Development Centre	
Upper Hunter Education Foundation Fund (2011)	Upper Hunter Education Fund	
Upper Hunter Science & Engineering Challenge (2011)	The University of Newcastle	
Upper Hunter Shire Council Community Engagement (2011)	Upper Hunter Shire Council	
River Paramedics (2011)	Conservation Volunteers Australia	

Cessnock Community Grants Officer Project (2011)	Maitland City Council
Hunter Valley Creative Communities (2011)	The Song Room
Microenterprise Development in the Hunter (2011)	Many Rivers Microfinance
Business Growth Seminars (2011)	Hunter Region Business Enterprise Centre
Community Liaison and Grants Officer (2011)	Muswellbrook Council

Coal & Allied Aboriginal Community Development Fund

(Previously the Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee (ADCC))

It was considered timely in 2012 to update the name of the committee to reflect the fact that the ADCC had operated effectively for 6 years as a community and economic development fund. Upper Hunter Aboriginal communities were canvassed about this and the name was officially changed to the Aboriginal Community Development Fund (ACDF) in November 2012.

Education remained a strong focus for the ACDF in 2012, as shown in Figure 30. Long standing ACDF education programmes were independently evaluated and demonstrated that they continued to deliver strong results for participants, both in terms of and academic outcomes and post school pathways. As such, we committed to sustain and in some cases, increase our support for these programmes for another 3 years. Partnerships for Success (Polly Farmer Foundation) after school tuition programme in Muswellbrook and the KaWul cultural and education programme in Singleton, are two examples. A new scholarship programme will be established in 2013 with the University of Newcastle which will provide two industry based scholarships and one philanthropic grant for a high performing school leaver. Aboriginal students from the Upper Hunter Valley will have priority access to this programme.

We commissioned Principals Australia to undertake a number of 'education snapshots'. Snapshots identify what impact ACDF programmes having, highlight strengths and improvement opportunities for Aboriginal education practice in the school and provide a sound knowledge base for ACDF investment decisions.

The ACDF also focused on identifying projects which have the potential to strengthen existing Aboriginal businesses, foster new businesses and/or create employment for local Aboriginal people. To this end, strategic business planning, business consultants and feasibility studies were among the initiatives supported in 2012.

Wupa @ Wanaruah Art and Cultural Event and NAIDOC Week programmes were again stand-outs in our cultural programmes and the Singleton Schools Aboriginal Dance Group continues to inspire small schools to engage dance teachers and establish dance groups.

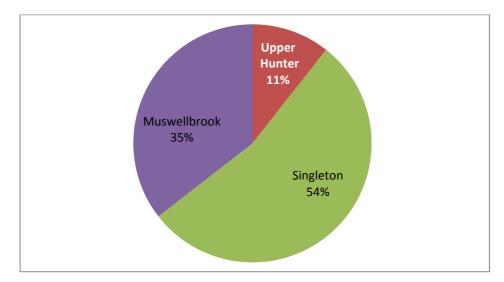


Figure 29 - Coal & Allied ACDF investment by location in 2012

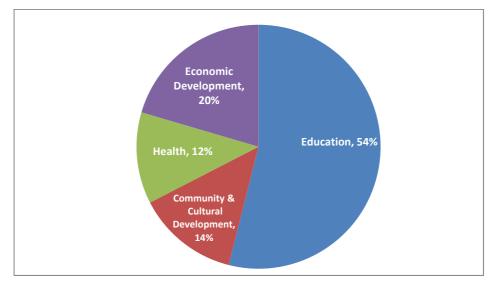


Figure 30 - Coal & Allied ACDF 2012 investment profile

The ACDF committed more than 99.5% (\$585,000) of available funds (\$590.000). 86% per cent of these projects and programmes were aligned to ADCF highest funding priorities for 2012. Table 12 below lists the programmes, scholarships and exceptional circumstances grants approved in 2012 and Table 13 lists the approved projects to commence in 2013.

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Partner</u>
Exploring University Pathways - My Future	Hunter Valley Youth Express
Strategic Plan Development	Yunaga Mine Services
Partnerships for Success	Polly Farmer Foundation

 Table 12 - Coal & Allied Aboriginal Community Development Fund projects and sponsorships approved in 2012

Parents and Learning	Napranum
School to Work Transition Programme	Dare to Lead
Ka-Wul Cultural and Education Resource Centre	Singleton High School
Ungooroo Labour Hire Initiative	Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation
Indigenous Youth School Based Traineeships	Singleton Council
Warrai Wanni School Readiness Programme	Muswellbrook South School
Singleton NAIDOC Week programmes	Singleton Management Group
Muswellbrook NAIDOC Week programmes	Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
Microfinance Development in the Hunter	Many Rivers Microfinance
ROAR Programme	Merriwa Central School
Social and Emotional Wellbeing Worker	Upper Hunter Drug and Alcohol Service
Sustainable Employment & Training	Compass Housing Inc.
<u>Sponsorships</u>	Partner
NAIDOC Week Indigenous Women's Dinner	Mandurah Business Chamber
2012 NSW Rugby League Knockout	Wararuah United Rugby League Knockout
2012 NSW Rugby League Knockout	Googars Rugby League
Wupa @ Wanaruah Exhibition 2012	Ungooroo Aboriginal Corp in partnership
NAIDOC Art Prize	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Upper Hunter NAIDOC Week Awards 2012	Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
Exceptional Circumstances Grant	
Funeral Expenses	Elder Barbara Foot

Table 13 - Coal & Allied Aboriginal Community Development Fund approved projects to commence in 2013

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Partner</u>
Aboriginal Environmental Enterprise Strategic Support	Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
Bangarra Dance Excursion	Singleton & Muswellbrook High Schools
Indigenous Scholarships	University of Newcastle
Aboriginal Cultural Program	Rosary Park Catholic School

4.4.4 Relationships

Building strong relationships means that the community doesn't just see us when we need something from them and that when they come to us with issues or questions, they know they will get an open and honest response.

In 2012, Coal & Allied has continued to build strong relationships with stakeholders including:

- near neighbour engagement, with consultation to provide project updates at key project milestones and activities;
- Muswellbrook Shire Council, with regular briefing sessions to provide an overview of progress on the Mount Pleasant Project;
- School engagement, working with teachers and students to assist and enhance learning outcomes and build relationships.

Relationships with the local community have been strengthened through our involvement in local community events, including Bursting with Energy Expo which celebrated its 11th year in 2012. This event continued to bring together representatives from the local mining and energy industries to help students and the broader community learn more about energy and electricity generation, mining and the range of sustainable and environmental programmes underway in the region.



Photo 3 - Learning about energy generation at Bursting with Energy Expo

Across the Hunter Valley, Coal & Allied has also continued to focus on the Coal & Allied Aboriginal Employment Strategy. Each site has continued to progress towards the RTCA target of 5% Aboriginal employment, and this will provide valuable information and case studies for Mount Pleasant as the project progresses.

4.4.5 Partnerships

Coal & Allied has retained an active partnership programme in 2012 with key organisations that provide a service valued by the community and have an approach to their business that is aligned with Coal & Allied principles. The ongoing partnership

with Hunter based organisations demonstrates Coal & Allied's strong commitment to the Hunter Region.

Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI)

The HMRI is an umbrella organisation which supports medical research in the Hunter. By contributing to the Institute, Coal & Allied recognises the importance of the research to the overall health of the Hunter's population.

Hunter Valley Research Foundation (HVRF)

In 2012, Coal & Allied continued its sponsorship of the HVRF. The HVRF is a not for profit organisation whose research assists organisations in the region with stakeholder engagement and business development.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Coal & Allied is a major sponsor of the Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service and is pleased to support a service which helps protect the well being of employees and the wider Hunter community.



Photo 4 - The Coal & Allied Rescue Helicopter in Full Flight

Hunter Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority (HRCMA)

In 2012 Coal & Allied entered its second year of partnership with the HRCMA, with the joint objectives of:-achieving on-ground environmental outcomes in areas of mutual influence, sharing information and raise awareness within each organisation of the role and contribution of the other and demonstrating that the community and industry can work together successfully to deliver environmental outcomes.

The University of Newcastle (UoN)

In 2011 Coal & Allied and the UoN entered into a partnership agreement. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate and promote cooperation between the

University of Newcastle and Coal & Allied in career awareness raising, engaged learning (including Work Integrated Learning opportunities), professional development, research and scholarship programs.



Photo 5 - University of Newcastle 2012 Coal & Allied Scholarship recipients

4.5 Relations with the Local Aboriginal Community

RTCA works closely with the Aboriginal community of the Upper Hunter Valley, which participates in all aspects of Coal & Allied cultural heritage program. Guided by the Rio Tinto Communities and Cultural Heritage Management Standards, the RTCA Cultural Heritage Unit has developed a Cultural Heritage Management System (CHMS) that applies across all RTCA owned projects and operations, including MTP.

RTCA established the Coal & Allied Upper Hunter Valley Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Working Group (CHWG) in September 2005. This acts as the primary forum for Aboriginal community consultation on matters pertaining to cultural heritage. The CHWG is comprised of representatives from RTCA, Aboriginal parties/stakeholders from Upper Hunter Valley Aboriginal community groups, corporations and individuals. The CHWG met on five occasions in 2012: 8th March, 17th May, 16th August, 4th October & 6th December.

CHWG discussions pertaining to development activities requiring assessment and Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) approvals under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act) are held in accordance with the Office of Environment & Heritage's (OEH) "Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010". CHWG discussions pertaining to approvals under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EPA Act) are held in accordance

with the "Draft Guidelines for Aboriginal cultural heritage impact assessment and community consultation guidelines" (July 2005).

The CHWG process was established so that RTCA and the Aboriginal community could participate in the development and implementation of improved cultural heritage consultation and management processes in the Upper Hunter Valley. This approach involves ongoing direct engagement between RTCA personnel and the Aboriginal community, rather than outsourcing the consultation relationship to a third party. Using this approach, RTCA has established a robust relationship with the Aboriginal community that has enabled the cooperative development of Aboriginal cultural heritage management programs that the Aboriginal community is encouraged to jointly design, implement, help manage, and participate in.

The CHWG has developed cultural heritage processes that encompass agreed community consultation procedures, terms of reference (scope of works) for each cultural heritage project, cultural heritage investigation and assessment methodologies, the selection and engagement of Aboriginal corporate entities to provide project management and administrative coordination services, and the selection and engagement of Aboriginal cultural heritage field officers.

The CHWG developed an innovative process for the selection of administrative coordinators, Aboriginal cultural heritage field officers and technical advisors to support the RTCA cultural heritage program. In consultation with the CHWG, RTCA advertised nationally for expressions of interest from technical advisors (e.g. archaeologists, anthropologists, historians) and regionally for both administrative coordinators (e.g. local Aboriginal corporations) and cultural heritage field officers (CHFOs - e.g. people recognised by the Aboriginal community as being culturally qualified to conduct heritage work) to register with the CHWG to participate in project work. Registers of CHFOs, administrative coordinators and technical advisors have been established for this purpose. The CHWG oversees the selection and rostering of field officers, coordinators, and advisors to ensure an equitable and transparent process for the conducting of cultural heritage field programs.

4.6 Management of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

Archaeology and cultural heritage at MTP are managed in consultation with the Aboriginal community through the CHWG in accordance with the Rio Tinto Cultural Heritage Management Standard, RTCA CHMS Work Procedures, existing Aboriginal Heritage Management Plans, Development Consent conditions, the NPW Act (including the OEH Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010) and the EPA Act.

The Development Consent noted that the proposed mine site had been the subject of cultural heritage investigations in 1995. Drawing on the results and recommendations of those investigations, the key conditions with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage included that:

- an Archaeology and Cultural Management Plan is to be prepared that includes any decision made on the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and places of significance, including the management of places that will not be affected by the proposed development program;
- the conditions of consents required under the NPW Act are to comply with the above requirement (1); and
- prior to the commencement of any construction works within the DA area, and prior to the lodgement of any application under section 90 of the NPW Act, the Applicant shall (unless otherwise determined by the Director-General) enter into negotiations with the NPWS and the Wonnarua Tribal Council to identify and reach an agreement on off-site conservation options of comparable biodiversity and archaeological values.

The modified development consent conditions, issued 19 September 2011, included the following key components relating to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

- an Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Strategy (AHCS) is to be prepared & implemented that:
 - provides for the establishment & conservation of an off-site Aboriginal Cultural Heritage conservation area
 - includes a detailed implementation plan (to be outlined in a Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP)
 - demonstrates, within 2 years, that suitable arrangements for the long term security of the conservation area/s have been made.
- A detailed history (including detailed historical research & oral history) of the MTP locality must be prepared by the end of December 2013.
- An AHMP is to be prepared & implemented that:
 - o contains a detailed plan for the implementation of the AHCS
 - details measures for complying with any AHIPs granted, protecting sites that are to remain in situ, storage measures, cultural heritage inductions & general procedures for the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage at MTP.

Coal & Allied, in consultation with and participation of relevant Aboriginal parties through the CHWG, initiated additional systematic Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments of the entire MTP Project area (ML 1645 and other associated Coal & Allied, Bengalla Coal Mine and state owned lands) and associated infrastructure corridors, and the proposed Broomfield Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Area, to inform the development of the AHMP. These additional heritage assessments have been progressively undertaken in stages between 2006 and 2011.

The MTP Project 2012 cultural heritage management program consisted of one survey assessment conducted over a single day. The assessment program involved the systematic surveying of approximately 9km of 100m wide pedestrian transects. These surveys, combined with earlier comprehensive assessments conducted since 2006, have resulted in the identification and recording of nearly 1,800 Aboriginal cultural heritage locations and sites across the Project and conservation areas. The original EIS assessments in 1995 recorded 327 sites that have been registered in the OEH AHIMS sites database.

On the basis of the results of these additional heritage assessments Coal & Allied, in consultation with the CHWG, initiated a program to comply with the original, and since modified, conditions of the Approval. In particular, Coal & Allied prepared an AHMP for the MTP Project as a precursor to the initiation of a program to mitigate the impact of the proposed mine development and to manage other cultural places and values. The MTP Project AHMP was endorsed by the CHWG and OEH in 2007 and was subsequently updated and revised through 2011/2 in consultation with the CHWG and OEH. The AHMP provides for comprehensive protective and mitigative management measures and methodologies to be implemented for the MTP Coal Project. This AHMP has been submitted to DP&I for approval, with the major addition since 2007 being the inclusion of a detailed plan for the implementation of the ACHS. The ACHS itself, will outline broad Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation strategies – namely, the provision of the proposed Broomfield Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Area.

Prior to the commencement of construction activities, Coal & Allied will implement the provisions of the MTP ACHMP in conformance with the terms of the AHIP consent issued by OEH. Preparatory management activities are well advanced including a program of barricading/fencing and sign-posting all Aboriginal heritage sites and areas within the proposed AHIP consent area to mitigate risk of inadvertent and unauthorised disturbance of sites during construction.

4.7 Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Performance

There were no incidents involving the disturbance of Aboriginal archaeological or cultural heritage sites at MTP during 2012. Periodic site condition and GDP compliance inspections were conducted in various areas within the ML 1645 area during 2012.

During 2012, there were six GDPs assessed for limited development disturbance activities associated with geotechnical & environmental investigations at MTP. In all cases, works were conduced on an Aboriginal cultural heritage sites avoidance basis so that no cultural sites were impacted upon by these activities.

The RTCA CHMS combines several elements to protect, manage and mitigate cultural heritage at the MTP Project, including:

• Ongoing consultation and involvement of the local Aboriginal community in all matters pertaining to Aboriginal cultural heritage management;

• Coal & Allied Environmental Procedure 2.1 CHMS, existing Aboriginal CHMP's and Development Consent conditions;

• A cultural heritage Geographic Information System (GIS) and Cultural Heritage Zone Plan (CHZP) incorporating cultural heritage spatial and aspatial data (site location, description, assessments, date recorded, associated reports, management provisions and various other details to assist with the management of sites);

• A Ground Disturbance Permit (GDP) system for the assessment and approval of ground disturbing activities to ensure these activities do not disturb cultural heritage places;

• Limit of Disturbance Boundary (LODB) procedures to demarcate approved disturbance areas and delineate areas not to be disturbed;

• Ongoing cultural heritage site inspections, monitoring and auditing along with regular compliance inspections of development works;

• Protective management measures such as fencing/barricading sites to avoid disturbance, protective buffer zones, cultural heritage off-set areas; and

• Communicating cultural heritage issues and site awareness to personnel via the Coal & Allied intranet and tool box training sessions.

The CHMS GIS, CHZP, Environmental Procedure 2.1 CHMS, GDP and LODB requirements are the key operational and planning tools utilised to protect and manage Aboriginal cultural heritage at MTP.

4.8 Cultural Heritage Management Program

Mount Pleasant Coal Mine Stage 7 cultural heritage assessment survey

In May 2012, Coal & Allied commissioned Scarp Archaeology Pty Ltd to conduct an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment of lands recently acquired by Coal & Allied as a continuation of its comprehensive assessment of ML1645. An area of approximately 80ha was subjected to a full coverage assessment survey involving a series of 100m wide pedestrian transects. The fieldwork was conducted over one day by a field team consisting of five CHFOs, a technical advisor (Scarp), a Coal & Allied data management officer and a site supervisor. The study recorded two Aboriginal cultural heritage isolated artefact site locations.

4.9 Historic Heritage

To comply with the original development consent condition, which required an oral history to be prepared, Coal & Allied commissioned Veritas Archaeology & History Service (Muswellbrook) to prepare an oral history report that was submitted in early

2004. Under the modified development consent conditions, a detailed history (including detailed historical research & oral history) of the Mt Pleasant locality must be prepared by December 2013. The 2004 oral history report will form part of the detailed history.

In late 2005, RTCA commissioned Environmental Resources Management Australia to report and provide guidance on the nature, condition, potential significance and management of all known historic heritage places located on Coal & Allied owned lands in the Hunter Valley, including the ML 1645 area. However, the ML 1645 area does not contain any historic heritage sites listed in either the Coal & Allied historic heritage places register or the NSW Heritage Register.

RTCA established the Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) in 2012 as a community consultation forum for all matters pertaining to management of historic (non-Indigenous) heritage located on RTCA lands. The CHAG is comprised of community representatives with particular knowledge and interests in the historic heritage of the region such as historical groups, individuals and local government. Further consultation with groups like the CHAG & historical research will be conducted over 2012/2013 to complement the oral history & produce historical report for the MTP locality in fulfilment of this condition of the consent.

5 Activities proposed in the next AEMR period

The Mount Pleasant Project is continuing through a review period that will run into 2013. The review is focused on providing the best value case under the current financial environment for Rio Tinto to consider investing in construction.

No proposed modification to the approved project is anticipated in 2013. In 2012 an application for an Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) was lodged with the NSW Environmental Protection Authority and it is likely the EPL will be granted in 2013.

Ongoing works will continue to maintain compliance with the Development consent and the EPBC approval.

Coal & Allied has an environmental monitoring programme in place at MTP, and this monitoring will continue during 2013. Formal consultation with the community will continue through the CCC. Regular newsletters, sustainable development reporting, stakeholder briefings sessions and other community based activities will also continue.

Appendix 1



	DA 92/97 - Mount Pleasant Coal Mine Development Consent Conditions	
		DESCRIPTION OF PERFORMANCE
ONDITION NUMBER		2012 reporting period
	SCHEDULE 2 - ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS	
	OBLIGATION TO MINIMISE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT The Applicant shall implement all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the	
1.	environment that may result from the construction, operation, or rehabilitation of the development.	No activity in 2012
	TERMS OF CONSENT	
2.	The Applicant shall carry out the development in accordance with the:	
1.1	EIS;	
	statement of commitments; conditions of this consent.	Noted.
1.7	The general layout of the development is shown in Appendix 2; and	
Notes:	The statement of commitments is reproduced in Appendix 3.	
3	If there is any inconsistency between the above documents, the most recent document shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. However, the conditions of this consent shall prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.	No inconsistency identified.
	The Applicant shall comply with any reasonable requirements of the Director-General arising from the Department's assessment of:	
4 (a)	any reports, strategies, plans, programs, reviews, audits or correspondence that are submitted by the Applicant in accordance with this consent; and	This condition has not been triggere
4 (b)	the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents.	
	LIMITS ON CONSENT	
	Mining Operations	
5.	The Applicant may carry out mining operations on the site until 22 December 2020	4
Note:	Under this consent, the Applicant is required to rehabilitate the site and carry out additional undertakings to the satisfaction of both the Director-General and the Executive Director, Mineral Resources in DRE. Consequently this consent will continue to apply in all other respects - other than the right to conduct mining operations - until the rehabilitation of the site and these additional undertakings have been carried out satisfactorily.	Due date has not been reached
	Coal Extraction	
	The Applicant shall not extract more than 10.5 million tonnes of ROM coal from the site in a calendar year.	This condition has not been triggered
	Coal Transport The Applicant shall transport all coal from the site by either (but not both):	
	conveyor to the Bengalla mine; or	-
()	rail via an on-site rail loop;	Coal transport option has yet to be
	Prior to the construction of the coal transport infrastructure on site, the Applicant shall notify the Director-General of the coal transport option chosen.	chosen.
	If the Applicant decides to develop the conveyor/service corridor to the Bengalla mine, then the Applicant shall:	
8 (a)	ensure that the final design of the conveyor/service corridor includes all reasonable and feasible measures to avoid and/or minimise the impacts on threatened species, endangered ecological communities, and Aboriginal objects with medium to high significance; and	This condition has not been triggered
8 (b)	submit detailed plans of the development in the conveyor/service corridor to the Director-General for approval.	
	Following approval, the Applicant shall implement the detailed plans to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	
	STRUCTURAL ADEQUACY	
0	The Applicant shall ensure that all new buildings and structures, and any alterations or additions to existing buildings and structures, are constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of the BCA and MSB.	
Notes:	 Under Part 4A of the EP&A Act, the Applicant is required to obtain construction and occupation certificates for the proposed building works; Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the requirements for the certification of the development; The development is located in the Muswellbrook Mine Subsidence District. Under Section 15 of the Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961, the Applicant is required to obtain the MSB's approval before constructing any improvements on the site. 	No construction has occurred on si
	DEMOLITION	
10	The Applicant shall ensure that all demolition work on site is carried out in accordance with AS 2601-2001: The Demolition of	No demolition work has occured on s
	Structures, or its latest version. PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE	
11.	Unless the Applicant and the applicable authority agree otherwise, the Applicant shall:	
11 (a)	repair, or pay the full costs associated with repairing, any public infrastructure that is damaged by the development; and]
11 (b)	relocate, or pay the full costs associated with relocating, any public infrastructure that needs to be relocated as a result of the development,	This condition has not been triggered
Nata	This condition does not include matters that are expressly provided for in the conditions of this consent, such as the	
	maintenance of public roads.	
	OPERATION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	
12.	The Applicant shall ensure that all plant and equipment used on site, or to transport coal from the site is: maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and	This condition has not been triggere
()	maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and operated in a proper and efficient manner.	This condition has not been triggered
	STAGED SUBMISSION OF STRATEGIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS	
	With the approval of the Director-General, the Applicant may submit any strategy, plan or program required by this consent on a	
1.5	progressive basis.	Documents are being submitted on a
NOTE'	While any strategy, plan or program may be submitted on a progressive basis, the Applicant will need to ensure that the operations on site are covered by suitable strategies, plans or programs at all times.	progressive basis.
	PLANNING AGREEMENT	
	By the end of March 2012, unless otherwise agreed by the Director-General, the Applicant shall enter into a planning agreement	
1/	with Council in accordance with:	The Voluntary Planning Agreement w
	(a) Division 6 of Part 4 of the EP&A Act; and	
14 (a)	(a) Division o on all 4 of the Er an Act, and	on Public Exhibition in Feburary 20
14 (a) 14 (b)	(b) the terms of the Applicant's offer dated 14 February 2011, which is summarised in Appendix 4. This agreement must provide for annual payments to be made to Council with the first period for payment commencing upon the	and was endorsed by Council followi Exhibition.

	2		CONDITIO	N			DESCRIPTION OF PERFORMANCE 2012 reporting period
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		ON UPON REQUEST		land Bata dia Table 4	Abo Anglisantaballa	e en des thes have d	
1.		ving a written request for acquisition t ace with the procedures in conditions		iand listed in Table 1,	the Applicant shall a	cquire the land	
		nd subject to acquisition upon reques					-
	Reciever						
	43, 44 - J.B			143, 161,237 - J.S.			
		T.E. Strachan		147 - M.J. & R.G. Ad			1
	47 - B.L. &			156 - J.E. & J.L. Lor	lergan		-
	67 - J.M. Si 96 - R.P. G			158 - J.M. Hoath 159, 236 - J.E. & M.	S Ducov		-
	101 - C. Au	1		129 - R.M. & S.D. Fa	,		
	102 - A. Ma			130 - M.J. Farrell			In 2012 written requests were receive from some landholders listed in Table
	107 - B.L. V			135, 309 - K.J. & G.	M. Yore		and actioned in accordance with the
	108 - J.S. G	Sibson		146 - C.R & N.J. Ho	ath		proceedures in Schedule 4.
	112 - B.D.B	arry		153 - G.M. Casey			
	118 - J. & C). Hayes		157 - R.B. Parkinsor	n & S.A. Peberdy		
	,	D.L. & P.A. Moore		229 - C. Horne			
	121 - C & J	,		263 - R.R. & J.M. Ha	amilton		-
		- D.H. MacIntyre		C - P.M. Yore			
	D - S. Yore						-
	Notes:						
		fy the locations referred to in Table 1					
		s noise affected, except receiver 67		ecied.			
		AL NOISE AND DUST MITIGATION			4		
		ving a written request from the owner additional noise and/or dust mitigation	,				
		stem and/or air conditioning) at the r					
	• •	and feasible and related to the noise					
2.							
		nonths of receiving this request from					
		ed, or there is a dispute about the imp	lementation of these r	measures, then either	party may refer the	matter to the	
		eneral for resolution.		1			-
	Table 2: La Reciever	nd where additional noise mitigation	measures are availabl	le on request Reciever			-
	68 - Googe			203 - Millard			This condition has not been triggered
	74 - Sorma			205 - Dapkos Pty Lt	d		
	77 - Purser			231-Wicks			
	78, 80 - W.			240 - MacIntyre			
		D.W. Adnum		242 -Raphael			-
	86, 290 - C 139 - Uptor	owtime Investments Pty Ltd		257 -Lane 258 - Ellis			-
		os Pty Limiteid		259 - Peel			-
	154 - Stand			279 - Parkinson			
	Note:						
		the locations reffered to in Table 2, se	e figures in Appendix	5.			
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		289	41	40	40	45	1
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		All other privately-owned land	41	39	39	45	1
	NAG 9	All privately-owned land	39	38	37	45	1
	NAG 10	All privately-owned land	35	35	35	45	1
	NAG 11	All privately-owned land	37	36	35	45	1
		vately-owned land	35	35	35	45	1
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	and the App	licant has advised the Department in isition Criteria	-				
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		owned land in NAG 1, NAG 2, S 4, and NAG10	40	40	4	0	
		owned land in NAG 5	46	45	44	4	1
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		owned land in NAG 7	45	42	4.		4
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	Noise Management Plan				2012 reporting period
	The Applicant shall prepare and implement a No	ise Management Plan	for the development	to the satisfaction of the Director-	
9.	General. This plan must:	ise management i an			
9 (a)	be submitted to the Director-General for approva	I prior to carrying out	any development on	sito.	-
5 (a)		The Noise Management Plan -			
9 (b)	describe the noise mitigation measures that wou				Construction was prepared and
0 (0)	consent, including a real-time noise management	it system that employs	s both reactive and pr	oactive mitigation measures;	submitted to the Director-General in
	include a noise monitoring program that:				Febuary 2012. This plan is undergoing
9 (c)	 uses a combination of real-time and supplementary 	entary attended monit	oring to evaluate the	performance of the development;	review.
()	 includes a protocol for determining exceedance 				
0 (1)	include a protocol that has been prepared in con	sultation with the own	ers of the nearby min	es (including the Bengalla mine) to	
9 (d)	minimise the cumulative noise impacts of the min		,	(
	BLASTING				
	Blasting Criteria				
10.	The Applicant shall ensure that the blasting on th	ne site does not cause	exceedances of the	criteria in Table 7.	
	Table 7: Blasting Criteria				-
		Airblast			
	Location	Overpressure	Ground vibration	Allowable Exceedance	
		(dB(Lin Peak))	(mm/s)		
		120	10	0%	This condition has not been triggered.
	Residence on privately owned land	115	5	5% of the total number of blasts over	This solution has not been inggered.
		110	-	a 12 month period	4
	Historic heritage status	-	10	0%	4
	All public infrastructure	-	50	0%	4
	However, these criteria do not apply if the Applic				
	provider/owner, and the Applicant has advised the	ne Department in writi	ng of the terms of this	agreement.	
	Blasting Hours				
11.	The Applicant shall only carry out blasting on site				This condition has not been triggered.
	on Sundays, public holidays, or at any other time	e without the written ap	oproval of the Directo	r-General.	
	Blasting Frequency				
12.	Unless otherwise agreed by the Director-General	il, the Applicant may c	arry out a maximum o	of:	-
12 (a)	1 blast a day; and				-
12 (b)	5 blasts a week, averaged over any calendar year for the development.	di,			-
	for the development.				This condition has not been triggered
	This condition does not apply to blasts that gene	rate around vibration	of 0.5 mm/s or less at	t any residence on privately-owned	This condition has not been triggere
	land, or to blasts required to ensure the safety of	-			-
	For the purposes of this condition, a blast refers			a number of individual blasts fired in	
Note:	quick succession in a discrete area of the mine.		,,		
	Property Inspections				
	In the Applicant receives a written request from th		•		
13.	cut mining pits on site, for a property inspection			•	
	land, or to have a previous property inspection re	eport updated, then wi	thin 2 months of rece	eiving this request the Applicant shall:	
	• establish the baseline condition of the building	gs and/or structures o	n the land, or update	the previous property inspection	This condition has not been tripped
12 (-)	report;	-			This condition has not been triggered.
13 (a)	• identify any measures that should be impleme	ented to minimise the	potential blasting imp	acts of the development on these	
	buildings and/or structures; and				
13 (b)	give the landowner a copy of the new or updated	d property inspection r	eport.		
	Property Investigations				
14.	If the owner of any privately-owned land claims t	hat the buildings and/	or structures on his/he	er land have been damaged as a	
14.	result of blasting on site, then within 2 months of	receiving this claim th	ne Applicant shall:		
14 (0)	commission a suitably qualified, experienced and	d independent person	, whose appointment	has been approved by the Director-	
14 (a)	General, to investigate the claim; and				
14 (b)	give the landowner a copy of the property invest				This condition has not been triggered.
	If this independent property investigation confirm	is the landowner's clai	m, and both parties a	gree with these findings, then the	
	Applicant shall repair the damages to the satisfa	ction of the Director-G	eneral.		
	If the Applicant or landowner disagrees with the		ndent property investi	gation, then either party may refer	
	the matter to the Director-General for resolution.				
	Operating Conditions				
15	The Applicant shall:				4
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	• protect the safety of people and livestock in the	ne surrounding area;	rea.		
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16.		shall not undertake blasting within			_	
16 (a)	any land outsid • the Applicar	nas advised the Department in wr		e carried out closer to the land, and	This condition has not been triggere	
16 (b)	o demo compromising o update	nstrated to the satisfaction of the the safety of the people or livesto	Director-General that the blasting can be ca bock on the land, or damaging the buildings an include the specific measures that would be	nd/or structures on the land; and		
	Blast Manage		ast Management Plan for the development t	o the satisfaction of the Director-		
17.	General. This	plan must:				
17 (a) 17 (b)			al prior to carrying out any blasting on site; ted to ensure compliance with the relevant c	conditions of this consent:		
17 (c)		closure management plan, prepa			This condition has not been triggere	
17 (d)			g compliance with the relevant conditions of		-	
17 (e)		ocol that has been prepared in co d managing cumulative blasting ir	nsultation with the owners of nearby mines (npacts of the mines.	including the Bengalla mine) for		
		& GREENHOUSE GAS				
	Odour					
18.	The Applicant authorised by		ours are emitted from the site, as defined un	der the POEO Act, unless otherwise	This condition has not been triggere	
		Gas Emissions				
19.	The Applicant		nd feasible measures to minimise the release	e of greenhouse gas emissions from	No activity in 2012.	
13.	the site.	itaria				
	Air Quality Cr Except for the		to in Table 1, the Applicant shall ensure that	all reasonable and feasible		
20.			ed so that particulate matter emissions gene			
20.			any residence on privately-owned land or or	n more than 25 percent of any		
	privately-owne	a land. <i>term criteria for particulate matte</i> l	r		-	
	Pollutant	term emena ter particulate matter	Averaging Period	^d Criterion	-	
	Total Suspend	led Solids (TSP) matter	Annual	^а 90 µg/m ³		
	-	tter < 10 μm (PM ₁₀)	Annual	^а 30 µg/m ³	-	
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		Table 9: Short term criteria for particulate matter				
	Pollutant		Averaging Period	^d Criterion	-	
	Particulate Ma	tter < 10 μm (PM ₁₀)	24 hour	² 50 μg/m³		
	Table 10: Lond	g term criteria for deposited dust i	level		This condition has not been triggere	
	Pollutant	Averaging Period	Maximum increase in deposited dust level	Maximum total deposited dust level		
	^c Depositied dust	Annual	^b 2 g/m ² /month	^a 4 g/m ² /month		
	other sources) ^b incremental in ^c Deposited du Sampling and ^d Excludes extr agreed by the	(i.e. incremental increase in conc ; mpact (i.e. incremental increase i st is to be assessed as insoluble Analysis of Ambient Air - Determi raordinary events such as bushfir Director-General.	entrations due to the development plus back n concentrations due to the development on solids as defined by Standards Australia, AS ination of Particulate Matter - Deposited Mat es, prescribed burning, dust storms, sea fog	its own); 5/NZS 3580.10.1:2003: Methods for ter - Gravimetric Method; and		
	-	equisition Criteria	development exceed the criteria in Tables 1	11 12 or 13 at any residence of		
21.	privately-owne acquisition from schedule 4.	d land or on more than 25 percer m the landowner the Applicant sh	nt of any privately-owned land, then upon rec all acquire the land in accordance with the p	ceiving a written request for		
		g term acquisition criteria for parti			4	
	Pollutant		Averaging Period	^d Criterion	4	
		led Solids (TSP) matter	Annual	^а 90 µg/m ³	4	
	Particulate Ma	tter < 10 μm (PM ₁₀)	Annual	^а 30 µg/m ³	4	
	Table 12: Sho	rt term acquisition criteria for part	iculate matter		4	
	Pollutant		Averaging Period	^d Criterion	1	
		ttor < 10 um (PM)	24 hour	^a 150 µg/m ³	1	
		$\mu = 10 \mu \Pi (\Gamma W_{10})$			4	
	Particulate Ma	tter < 10 μ m (PM ₁₀)	24 hour	- 50 μg/m-	The second se	
	Particulate Ma		24 hour	^а 50 µg/m ³	This condition has not been triggere	
	Particulate Ma Particulate Ma			- 50 μg/m ⁻	This condition has not been triggere	
	Particulate Ma Particulate Ma	tter < 10 μm (PM ₁₀)		- 50 μg/m ⁻ Maximum total deposited dust level	This condition has not been triggere	

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	Notes to Table 11-13:	
	^a Total impact (i.e. incremental increase in concentrations due to the development plus background concentrations due to all other sources);	
	^b Incremental impact (i.e. incremental increase in concentrations due to the development on its own);	
	^c Deposited dust is lo be assessed as insoluble solids as defined by Standards Australia, AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003: Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air - Determination of Particulate Matter - Deposited Matter - Gravimetric Method; and	
	^d Excludes extraordinary events such as bushfires, prescribed burning, dust storms, seafog, fire incidents or any other activity	
	agreed by the Director-General.	
22.	Operating Conditions The Applicant shall:	
22 (a)	implement best practice air quality management, including all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise offsite odour, fume	
22 (a) 22 (b)	and dust emissions of the development; minimise any visible off-site air pollution;	
22 (0) 22 (c)	minimise any visible of-site an politiciti, minimise the surface disturbance on site;	This condition has not been trippered
22 (d)	regularly assess the real-time air quality monitoring and meteorological forecasting data and relocate, modify and/or stop operations on site to ensure compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent; and	This condition has not been triggered.
22 (e)	co-ordinate the air quality management on site with the air quality management at nearby mines (including the Bengalla mine) to minimise the cumulative air quality impacts of the mines,	
	to the satisfaction of the Director-General. Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan	
23.	The Applicant shall prepare and implement an Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must:	
23 (a)	be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to carrying out any development on site;]
23 (b)	describe the measures that would be implemented to ensure compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent, including a real-time air quality management system that employs reactive and proactive mitigation measures;	The Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan - Construction was
	include an air quality monitoring program that: .	prepared and submitted to the Directo
23 (c)	 uses a combination of real-time monitors and supplementary monitors to evaluate the performance of the development; includes PM_{2.5} monitoring (although this obligation could be satisfied by the regional air quality monitoring network if sufficient justification is provided); 	General in Febuary 2012. This plan is undergoing review.
	 includes a protocol for determining exceedances of the relevant conditions of this consent; and include a protocol that has been prepared in consultation with the owners of nearby mines to minimise the cumulative air quality 	-
23 (d)	impacts of the mines.	
	METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING	
24.	For the life of the development, the Applicant shall ensure that there is a meteorological station operating in the vicinity of the site that:	A new Meteorlogical station has been installed for the Project in 2012. The
24 (a)	complies with the requirements in the Approved Methods for Sampling of Air Pollutants in NSW guideline; and is capable of continuous real-time measurement of temperature lapse rate in accordance with the NSW Industrial Noise Policy,	siting of the met station meets the
24 (b)	so as otherwise approved by the OEH. SOIL & WATER	condition requirements.
Note:	Under the Water Act 1912 and/or the Water Management Act 2000, the Applicant is required to obtain water licences for the development.	
	Water Supply	
25.	The Applicant shall ensure that it has sufficient water for all stages of development, and if necessary, adjust the scale of mining operations on site, to match its available water supply to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	Water balance has been completed fo site.
26.	Water Discharges The Applicant shall ensure that any surface water discharges from the site comply with the:	
26 (a)	discharge limits (both volume and quality) set for the development in any EPL; or	This condition has not been triggered.
26 (b)	relevant provisions of the POEO Act or Protection of the Environment Operations (Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme) Regulation 2002.	
	Compensatory Water Supply	
	The Applicant shall provide compensatory water supply to any landowner of privately-owned land whose water entitlements are adversely and directly impacted (other than an impact that is negligible) as a result of the development, in consultation with NOW, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	
27.	The compensatory water supply measures must provide an alternative long-term supply of water that is equivalent to the loss attributed to the development. Equivalent water supply should be provided (at least on an interim basis) within 24 hours of the loss being identified.	This condition has not been triggered.
	If the Applicant and the landowner cannot agree on the measures to be implemented, or there is a dispute about the implementation of these measures, then either party may refer the matter to the Director-General for resolution.	
	If the Applicant is unable to provide an alterative long-term supply of water, then the Applicant shall provide alternative compensation to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	
	Water Management Plan The Applicant shall prepare and implement a Water Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Director.	
28.	The Applicant shall prepare and implement a Water Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Director- General. This plan must be prepared in consultation with NOW and DRE, and be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to carrying out any development on site. The plan must include:	
	Site Water Balance, which must: • include details of:	1
00 ()	o sources and security of water supply;	
28 (a)	o water use on site; o water management on site;	
	o any off-site transfers; and	
	 investigate and implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise water use by the development; 	J

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28 (b)	 an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, which must: indentify activities that could cause soil erosion, generate sediment or affect flooding; describe measures to minimise soil erosion and the potential for the transport of sediment to downstream waters, and manage any flood risk; describe the location, function, and capacity of erosion and sediment control structures; describe what measures would be implemented to maintain the structures over time; 	
28 (c)	 a Surface Water Management Plan, which must include: detailed baseline data on surface water flows and quality in creeks and other waterbodies that could potentially be affected by the development; surface water and stream health impact assessment criteria including trigger levels for investigating any potentially adverse surface water impacts; a program to monitor surface water flows and quality in the watercourses that could be affected by the project; and reporting procedures for the results of the monitoring program; 	The Water Management Plan - Construction was prepared and submitted to the Director-General in Febuary 2012. the Plan was approved in July 2012.
28 (d)	 a Groundwater Management Plan, which must include: detailed plans, including design objectives and performance criteria, for the design and management of the proposed final voids; detailed baseline data of groundwater levels, yield and quality in the region, and privately-owned groundwater bores, that could be affected by the development; groundwater impact assessment criteria including trigger levels for investigating any potentially adverse groundwater impacts; a program to monitor and assess: o groundwater inflows to the mining operations; o impacts on regional and local (including alluvial) aquifers; o impacts on the groundwater supply of potentially affected landowners; o impacts on groundwater dependent ecosystems and riparian vegetation; 	
28 (e)	a Surface and Ground Water Response Plan, which must include: • a response protocol for any exceedances of the surface water and groundwater assessment criteria; • measures to offset the loss of any baseflow to watercourses caused by the development; • measures to prevent, minimise or offset groundwater leakage from alluvial aquifers caused by the development; • measures to compensate landowners of privately-owned land whose water supply is adversely affected by the development; and • measures to mitigate and/or offset any adverse impacts on groundwater dependent ecosystems or riparian vegetation.	
	BIODIVERSITY Offset Strategy	
	The Applicant shall prepare and implement an offset strategy for the development to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	
29.	This strategy must:	
29 (a)	be prepared in consultation with OEH;	
29 (b)	be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to carrying out any development in the	
29 (c) 29 (d)	offset the biodiversity impacts of the development in the conveyor/service corridor; and focus on the re-establishment of: • significant and/or threatened flora communities and/or species; and • habitat for significant and/or threatened fauna species.	This condition has not been triggered.
Note:	This offset strategy is not required if the Applicant does not carry out any development in the conveyor/service corridor. The offset strategy may be combined with any similar offset strategy required for the development under Commonwealth legislation, or the Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation area/s described in condition 33 below, subject to suitably offsetting the impacts of the conveyor/service corridor.	
	Long Term Security of Offset Within 2 years of the approval of the offset strategy, the Applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director-General	
30.	that it has made suitable arrangements to provide appropriate long term security for the offset area/s in the offset strategy.	This condition has not been triggered.
31.	Conservation Bond Within 6 months of the approval of the offset strategy, the Applicant shall lodge a conservation bond with the Department to ensure that the offset strategy is implemented in accordance with the performance and completion criteria of the Biodiversity Management Plan (see below). The sum of the bond shall be determined by:	
31 (a)	calculating the full cost of implementing the offset strategy (other than land acquisition costs); and	1
31 (b)	employing a suitably qualified quantity surveyor to verify the calculated costs.	1
	If the offset strategy is completed generally in accordance with the completion criteria in the Biodiversity Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Director-General, the Director-General will release the bond.	This condition has not been triggered.
	If the offset strategy is not completed generally in accordance with the completion criteria in the Biodiversity Management Plan, the Director-General will call in all or part of the conservation bond, and arrange for the satisfactory completion of the relevant works.	
	With the agreement of the Director-General, this bond may be combined with rehabilitation security deposit administered by the Minister for Mineral Resources.	

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	Biodiversity Management Plan	
32.	The Applicant shall prepare and implement a Biodiversity Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must:	
32 (a)	be prepared in consultation with OEH and Council, and be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to carrying out any development on site;	
32 (b)	 include: a description of the short, medium, and long term measures that would be implemented to: o manage the remnant vegetation and habitat on the site and in the offset area/s (if and when applicable); and o implement the offset strategy (if and when applicable), including detailed performance and completion criteria; a detailed description of the measures that would be implemented over the next 3 years, including the procedures to be implemented for; o implementing revegetation and regeneration within the disturbance areas and offset areas, including establishment of canopy, sub-canopy (if relevant), understorey and ground strata; o maximising salvage and beneficial use of resources in areas that are to be impacted, including vegetative, soil and cultural heritage resources; o protecting vegetation and soil outside the disturbance areas; o rehabilitating creeks and drainage lines on the site, to minimise net loss of stream length and aquatic habitat; o managing salinity; o conserving and reusing topsoil; o undertaking pre-clearance surveys; o managing impacts on fauna; o landscaping the site and along public roads to minimise visual and lighting impacts; o controlling and reusing material from the site for habitat enhancement; o salvaging and reusing material from the site for habitat enhancement; o controlling weeds and feral pests; o managing grazing and agriculture on site; o controlling access; and o bushire management; a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures, and progress against the performance and completion criteria; a description of the potential risks to successful revegetation, and a description of the contingency measures that would be implemented to mitime the discurbance and completion criteria; 	The Biodiversity Management Plan is in preparation
	implemented to mitigate these risks; and • details of who would be responsible for monitoring, reviewing, and implementing the plan. HERITAGE	
Note:	Under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 or the Heritage Act 1977, the Applicant is required to obtain approvals for any impacts to Aboriginal objects and/or significant relics.	
33.	Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Strategy The Applicant shall prepare and implement an Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Strategy for the development to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This strategy must:	
33 (a)	be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been endorsed by the Director-General;	
33 (b)	be prepared in consultation with OEH and the Aboriginal stakeholders;	-
33 (c) 33 (d)	be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to carrying out any development on site; provide for the establishment and conservation of an off-site Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation area/s that has comparable Aboriginal cultural heritage values (both cultural and archaeological) to the areas that would be developed on site;	The Aboriginal Heritage Conservation
33 (e)	describe the measures that would be implemented to provide appropriate long term security for the proposed Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation areas; and	Strategy is in preparation.
33 (f)	include an action plan for the implementation of the strategy.	-
	The detailed measures for the implementation of the strategy are to be outlined in the Heritage Management Plan (see condition 36).	
Note:	The Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation area/s may be combined with any similar offset/conservation area required for the development under Commonwealth legislation, subject to suitably offsetting the cultural heritage impacts of the development.	
34.	Within 2 years of the approval of the Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Strategy, the Applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director-General, that it has made suitable arrangements to provide appropriate long term security for the Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation area/s in the Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Strategy.	This condition has not been triggered.
35.	Oral History By the end of December 2013, the Proponent shall prepare a detailed history of the Mount Pleasant locality to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This history must:	In 2003, Veritas Archaeology and Histor Service was commissioned to prepare
	be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been endorsed by the Director-General;	the oral history report of the area. The
35 (a) 35 (b)	be prepared in consultation with the OEH, the local history society, local community (including former residents as far as is practicable), and Aboriginal stakeholders;	Mount Pleasant Oral History Project report was submitted to MSC, the DG

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1	Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan	
	The Applicant shall prepare and implement a Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must:	
3h (a)	be prepared in consultation with OEH and the Aboriginal stakeholders by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been endorsed by the Director-General;	
36 (b)	be submitted to the Director-General for approval prior to carrying out any development on site;	
36 (c)	include: • a detailed plan for the implementation of the approved Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Strategy (required under condition 34); • a description of the measures that would be implemented to: • comply with the requirements of any Aboriginal Heritage impact Permit issued for the development, including any approved archaeological testing and salvage program; • store the Aboriginal objects salvaged, both during construction and in the long term; • protect, monitor and/or manage all Aboriginal objects on site until the impacts of the development on these objects is unavoidable; • minimise the blasting impacts of the development on Aboriginal objects in the vicinity of the site; • manage the discovery of any human remains or previously unidentified Aboriginal objects on site; • enable Aboriginal stakeholders to get reasonable access to the site during the development; • o ensure Aboriginal stakeholders are consulted about the conservation and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage on site; and • ensure construction personnel receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that suitable records are kept of these inductions.	The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) was developed in 2007, in consultation with the Cultural Heritage Working Group (CHWG), DECCW and DoP. The MTP ACHMP was revised and submitted for approval in Febuary 2012. This plan is currently undergoing review.
	TRANSPORT	
37. (Relocation of Rail Loop or Conveyor/Service Corridor Prior to carrying out any development on site, the Applicant shall enter into an agreement with the Minister for Mineral Resources, in consultation with the operators of the Bengalla Mine, so that if in the future the Bengalla mining operation is to extend further to the west, the Applicant shall undertake to relocate the Mount Pleasant rail loop or the conveyor/service corridor. Any relocation may require a further approval.	In progress
	Road Works	
38 (a)	The Applicant shall, at its own expense: construct a bridge to carry the Bengalla Link Road over the proposed Mount Pleasant rail loop, in consultation with the operators of the Bengalla Mine	
	construct the Mount Pleasant Northern Link Road to Dorset Road, prior to the closure of Castlerock Road;	-
38 (c) i	construct the Mount Pleasant Western Link Road (generally in accordance with Council's Western Roads Strategy) from the intersection of the Bengalla Link Road to the intersection of the Mount Pleasant Northern Link Road, prior to the closure of Wybong Road;	This condition has not been triggered.
38 (d)	construct the Mount Pleasant Mine Access Road;	
38 (f)	upgrade the Wybong Road from the Bengalla Link Road to the Mount Pleasant Mine Access Road; and construct an overpass or underpass across Wybong Road, or other means of crossing Wybong Road, should a construction road be proposed, to the satisfaction of Council.	
	Should the following intersections be required, the Applicant shall undertake construction works at:	
	the intersection of the Western Link Road and access to the mine site	
	the intersection of the Bengalla Link Road and the Western Link Road;	
39 (d) t	the intersection of the Castlerock/Mount Pleasant Northern Link Road and the Western Link Road; and the intersection of the Mount Pleasant Northern Link Road and Kayuga Road, to the satisfaction of Council and/or the RTA. If there is any dispute between the Applicant and Council or the RTA in relation to the funding or upgrade works, then any of the parties may refer the matter to the Director-General for resolution.	This condition has not been triggered.
	The Applicant shall:	Following discussions with council the
40 (a)	prepare a detailed schedule outlining the timing of the road construction works required by conditions 38 and 39 by the end of December 2011; and update this schedule annually.	applicant has provided a schedule of the road construction works on the
	to the satisfaction of Council.	23/12/2011
	Road Maintenance During the development, the Applicant shall maintain the roads and intersections between the Bengalla Mine main entrance and	
t	the Mt Pleasant Mine main entrance, including:	4
	part of the Bengalla Link Road; part of the Wybong Road; and	This condition has not been triggered.
	part of the Mydolig Road, and part of the Mount Pleasant Western Link Road.	-
	The Applicant shall develop a Maintenance Management Plan in respect of these roads, to the satisfaction of Council. Road Access and Signage	
	The Applicant shall ensure that as far as possible the preferred mine access road route, as described in the EIS, is the only	
-	route used by employees and contractors travelling to the mine site from Muswellbrook.	This condition has not been triggered.
42. r 43. s	The Applicant shall maintain signs and give at least 24 hours notice of temporary road closures. The location and wording of the signs are to be approved by Council. A protocol is to be established, in consultation with the emergency service providers and Council, to permit the passage of emergency vehicles during road closures.	This condition has not been triggered.
42. 43.	The Applicant shall maintain signs and give at least 24 hours notice of temporary road closures. The location and wording of the signs are to be approved by Council. A protocol is to be established, in consultation with the emergency service providers and Council, to permit the passage of emergency vehicles during road closures. Monitoring of Coal Transport	This condition has not been triggered.
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	VISUAL		
	Visual Amenity and Lighting		
45.	The Applicant shall:		-
45 (a)	implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the visu	al and off-site lighting impacts of the development;	4
45 (b)	ensure no outdoor lights shine above the horizontal; and	plice with Australian Standard AS4202 (INT) 1007 Control	This condition has not been triggered.
45 (c)	ensure that all external lighting associated with the development com of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting or its latest version,		-
	to the satisfaction of the Director-General. Additional Visual Mitigation Measures		
	Upon receiving a written request from the owner of any residence on	privately-owned land which has, or would have, significant	
46.	direct view of the mining operations on site, the Applicant shall implet treatments or vegetation screens) on the land in consultation with the feasible, and directed toward minimising the visibility of the mining op	nent visual mitigation measures (such as landscaping landowner. These measures must be reasonable and	.
	If within 3 months of receiving this request from the owner, the Applic implemented, or there is a dispute about the implementation of these Director-General for resolution.	measures, then either party may refer the matter to the	This condition has not been triggered.
Note:	Except in exceptional circumstances, the Director-General will not red for residences that are more than 3 kilometres from the mining opera		
47.	Landscape Management Plan The Applicant shall prepare and implement a Landscape Management the satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must:	nt Plan to mitigate the visual impacts of the development to	
47 (a)	be prepared in consultation with Council, and submitted to the Directo development on site;	or-General for approval prior to carrying out any	The Landscape Management Plan was
	provide for the establishment of trees and shrubs and/or the construct	tion of mounding or bundina:	prepared and submitted to the Director-
47 (b)	 along the access road to the mine site; around the water storage dams and coal preparation plant; at other areas identified as necessary for the maintenance of satis 		General in Febuary 2012. The Plan was approved in July 2012.
47 (c)	include details of the visual appearance of all buildings, structures, fa aimed at blending as far as possible with the surrounding landscape.	cilities or works (including paint colours and specifications),	
48.	BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT The Applicant shall:		
48 (a)	ensure that the development is suitably equipped to respond to any fi	ires on site; and	This condition has not been triggered.
48 (b)	assist the Rural Fire Service and emergency services as much as po		
	WASTE		
40	Waste Minimisation & Disposal The Applicant shall:		
49. 49 (a)	minimise the waste (including coal reject) generated by the developm	nent:	This condition has not been triggered.
49 (b)	ensure that the waste generated by the development is appropriately		
50.	On-site Sewage The Applicant shall ensure that all sewage generated on site is treate		This condition has not been triggered.
	Disposal of Fine Rejects		
51.	The Applicant shall not emplace fine rejects in the southern catchmer Waste Management Plan	nt without the written approval of the Director-General	This condition has not been triggered.
52.	The Applicant shall prepare and implement a Waste Management Pla General. This plan must:	an for the development to the satisfaction of the Director-	
52 (a)	be prepared in consultation with NOW and DRE, and submitted to the development on site;	e Director-General for approval prior to carrying any	The Waste Management Plan - Construction was prepared and submitted to the Director-General in
52 (b)	describe the measures that would be implemented to avoid, minimise development;	e, reuse and recycle all waste streams generated by the	Febuary 2012. The Plan was approved in July 2012.
52 (c)	include a fines emplacement plan; and	a view to omploying fings within active mining and a	4
52 (d)	a program to evaluate the fines emplacement plan and methods, with REHABILITATION	a view to emplacing liftes within active mining areas.	
	Rehabilitation Objectives		
53.	The Applicant shall rehabilitate the site to the satisfaction of the Exec rehabilitation must be generally consistent with the proposed rehabilit Appendix 7, and comply with the objectives in Table 14. Table 14: Rehabilitation Objectives		-
	Feature	Objective	1
	Mine Site (as a whole), including the final void	Safe, stable & non-polluting To be decommissioned and removed, unless the Director-	This condition has not been triggered.
	Surface Infrastructure Land Forms	General agrees otherwise To be set under condition 54 below	4
	Land use	To be set under condition 54 below	1
	Community	Minimise the adverse socio-economic effects associated	1
	•	with mine closure	
	Rehabilitation Strategy Prior to commencing any development on the site, the Applicant shal	nrenare a Rehabilitation Strategy for the development to	
54.	the satisfaction of the Director-General. This strategy must:	Propare a ricenabilitation offategy for the development to	The Rehabilitation Strategy was
54 (a)	be prepared in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including DRE	E, NOW, Council and the CCC;	prepared and submitted to the Director-
54 (b)	investigate options for the future use of the site upon the completion	of mining;	General in Febuary 2012. The Strategy
54 (c)	describe and justify the proposed rehabilitation strategy for the site; a		was approved in July 2012.
54 (d)	define the rehabilitation objectives for the area, as well as the propos Progressive Rehabilitation		
	The Applicant shall carry out the rehabilitation of the site progressivel	y, that is, as soon as reasonably practicable following	
55.	disturbance.		This condition has not been triggered.

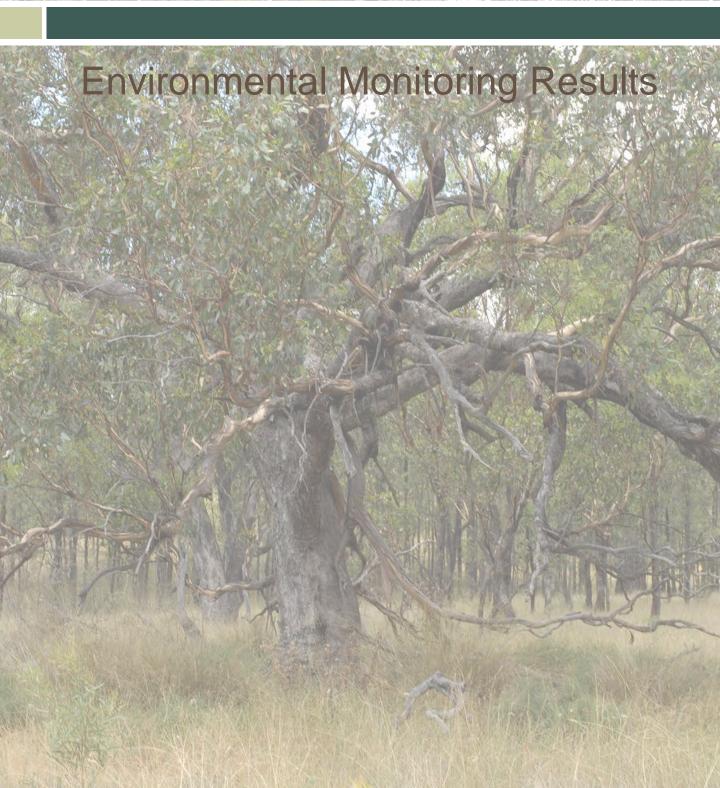
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	Rehabilitation Management Plan	
56.	The Applicant shall prepare and implement a Rehabilitation Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, Mineral Resources in DRE. This plan must:	
56 (a)	be prepared in consultation with the Department, NOW, Council and the CCC;	The Rehabilitation Management Plan
56 (b)	be submitted to the Executive Director Mineral Resources in DRE for approval, within 3 months of approval of the Rehabilitation Strategy;	was prepared and submitted to the
56 (c)	be prepared in accordance with any relevant DRE guideline; describe the measures that would be implemented to rehabilitate the site and implement the rehabilitation strategy (see	Director-General in Febuary 2012. The Strategy was approved in July 2012.
56 (d)	condition 54); and	
56 (e)	build, to the maximum extent practicable, on the other management plans required under this consent. Schedule 4 - ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES	
	NOTIFICATION OF LANDOWNERS	
1.	By the end of December 2011, the Applicant shall:	
1 (a)	 notify in writing the owners of: the land listed in Table 1 of schedule 3 that they have the right to require the Applicant to acquire their land at any stage of the development; any residence on the noise-affected land in Table 1 or Table 2 of schedule 3 that they are entitled to ask for additional noise mitigation measures to be installed at their residence at any stage of the development; any residences on the air quality-affected land listed in Table 1 that they are entitled to ask for additional air quality mitigation measures to be installed at their residence at any stage of the development; any residences on the air quality-affected land listed in Table 1 that they are entitled to ask for additional air quality mitigation measures to be installed at their residence at any stage of the development; any privately-owned land within 2 kilometres of the approved open cut mining pit on the site that they are entitled to ask for an inspection to establish the baseline condition of any buildings and/or structures on their land, or to have a previous property inspection updated; and 	Letters were sent to all relevant owners by the 23/12/2011
1 (b)	send a copy of the NSW Health fact sheet entitled "Mine Dust and You" (as may be updated from time to time) to the owners and/or existing tenants of any land (including mine-owned land) where the predictions in the EIS identify that dust emissions generated by the development are likely to be greater than the relevant air quality criteria in schedule 3 at any time during the life of the development.	
2.	As soon as practicable after obtaining monitoring results showing:	
2 (a)	exceedance of the relevant criteria in schedule 3, the Applicant shall notify the affected landowner and tenants in writing of the exceedance, and provide regular monitoring results to each of these parties until the development is complying with the relevant criteria again; and/or	This condition has not been triggered.
2 (b)	an exceedance of the relevant criteria of schedule 3, the Applicant shall send a copy of the NSW Health fact sheet entitled "Mine Dust and You" (as may be updated from time to time) to the affected landowners and/or existing tenants of the land (including the tenants of any mine owned land).	
	INDEPENDENT REVIEW	
3.	If an owner of privately-owned land considers the development to be exceeding the criteria in schedule 3, then he/she may ask the Director-General in writing for an independent review of the impacts of the development on his/her land. If the Director-General is satisfied that an independent review is warranted, then within 2 months of the Director-General's decision, the Applicant shall:	
3 (a)	 commission a suitably qualified, experienced and independent expert, whose appointment has been approved by the Director-General, to: consult with the landowner to determine his/her concerns; conduct monitoring to determine whether the development is complying with the relevant criteria; and if the development is not complying with these criteria then: o determine if the more than one mine is responsible for the exceedance, and if so the relative share of each mine towards the impact on the land; o identify the measures that could be implemented to ensure compliance with the relevant criteria; and 	This condition has not been triggered.
3 (b)	give the Director-General and landowner a copy of the independent review.	
4.	If the independent review determines that the development is complying with the relevant criteria in schedule 3, then the Applicant may discontinue the independent review with the approval of the Director-General. If the independent review determines that the development is not complying with the relevant criteria, and that the development is primarily responsible for this non-compliance, then the Applicant shall:	
4 (a)	implement all reasonable and feasible mitigation measures, in consultation with the landowner and appointed independent expert, and conduct further monitoring until the development complies with the relevant criteria; or	This condition has not been triggered.
	secure a written agreement with the landowner to allow exceedances of the relevant criteria,	
	to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	1
	If the independent review determines that the development is not complying with the relevant acquisition criteria, and that the development is primarily responsible for this non-compliance, then upon receiving a written request from the landowner, the Applicant shall acquire all or part of the landowners land in accordance with the procedures in condition 6-7 below.	
5.	If the independent review determines that the relevant criteria are being exceeded, but that more than one mine is responsible for this exceedance, then together with the relevant mine/s the Applicant shall:	
5 (a)	implement all reasonable and feasible mitigation measures, in consultation with the landowner and appointed independent expert, and conduct further monitoring until there is compliance with the relevant criteria; or	
5 (b)	secure a written agreement with the landowner and other relevant mine/s to allow exceedances of the relevant impact assessment criteria,	This condition has not have thereas the
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	LAND ACQUISITION	
6.	Within 3 months of receiving a written request from a landowner with acquisition rights, the Applicant shall make a binding written offer to the landowner based on:	
	the current market value of the landowners interest in the land at the date of this written request, as if the land was unaffected	
	by the development, having regard to the:	
	• existing and permissible use of the land, in accordance with the applicable planning instruments at the date of the written	
6 (a)	request; and	
	 presence of improvements on the land and/or any approved building or structure which has been physically commenced at the date of the landowner/s written request, and is due to be completed subsequent to that date, but excluding any 	
	improvements that have resulted from the implementation of the additional mitigation measures required under condition 2 of	
	schedule 3;	
	the reasonable costs associated with:	
6 (b)	 relocating within the Muswellbrook, Singleton or Scone local government area, or to any other local government area determined by the Director-General; and 	
0(0)	 obtaining legal advice and expert advice for determining the acquisition price of the land, and the terms upon which it is to be 	
	acquired; and	
6 (c)	reasonable compensation for any disturbance caused by the land acquisition process.	
	However, if at the end of this period, the Applicant and landowner cannot agree on the acquisition price of the land and/or the	
	terms upon which the land is to be acquired, then either party may refer the matter to the Director-General for resolution.	
	Upon receiving such a request, the Director-General shall request the President of the NSW Division of the Australian Property	-
	institute to appoint a qualified independent valuer to:	These proceedures have been followe for aquisition of some properties listed
	 consider submissions from both parties; 	Table 1.
	• determine a fair and reasonable acquisition price for the land and/or the terms upon which the land is to be acquired, having	
	 regard to the matters referred to in paragraphs (a)-(c) above; prepare a detailed report setting out the reasons for any determination; and 	
	 provide a copy of the report to both parties. 	
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	Within 14 days of receiving the independent value/s report, the Applicant shall make a binding written offer to the landowner to	
	purchase the land at a price not less than the independent value/s determination.	
	However, if either party disputes the independent value/s determination, then within 14 days of receiving the independent	
	value/s report, they may refer the matter to the Director-General for review. Any request for a review must be accompanied by a	
	detailed report setting out the reasons why the party disputes the independent value/s determination. Following consultation	
	with the independent valuer and both parties, the Director-General will determine a fair and reasonable acquisition price for the	
	land, having regard to the matters referred to in paragraphs (a)-(c) above, the independent valuer's report, the detailed report of	
	the party that disputes the independent value/s determination and any other relevant submissions.	
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	If the landowner refuses to accept the Applicant's binding written offer under this condition within 6 months of the offer being	
	made, then the Applicant's obligations to acquire the land shall cease, unless the Director-General determines otherwise.	
	The Applicant shall pay all reasonable costs associated with the land acquisition process described in condition 6 above,	
7.	including the costs associated with obtaining Council approval for any plan of subdivision (where permissible), and registration	This condition has not been triggered.
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	a program to monitor and report on the:	All management plans in preparation include these conditions.
2 (d)	 impacts and environmental performance of the development; 	
	effectiveness of any management measures (see c above);	-
2 (e)	a contingency plan to manage any unpredicted impacts and their consequences;	
2 (f)	a program to investigate and implement ways to improve the environmental performance of the development over time; a protocol for managing and reporting any:	-
	● incidents;	
2 (g)	• complaints;	
	 non-compliances with statutory requirements; and 	
	exceedances of the impact assessment criteria and/or performance criteria; and	
2 (h)	a protocol for periodic review of the plan.	
	Annual Review	
3.	By the end of December each year (or other such timing as agreed by the Director-General), the Applicant shall review the environmental performance of the development to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This review must:	
3 (a)	describe the development (including any rehabilitation) that was carried out in the past year, and the development that is proposed to be carried out over the next year;	
	include a comprehensive review of the monitoring results and complaints records of the development over the past year, which	
3 (b)	 includes a comparison of these results against the: relevant statutory requirements, limits or performance measures/criteria; 	The MTP AEMR reports on the
5 (6)	 monitoring results of previous years; and 	environmental performance of MTP as
	 relevant predictions in the EIS; 	required by the Development Consent.
3 (c)	identify any non-compliance over the last year, and describe what actions were (or are being) taken to ensure compliance;	
3 (d)	identify any trends in the monitoring data over the life of the development;	
3 (e)	identify any discrepancies between the predicted and actual impacts of the development, and analyse the potential cause of any	
- (-7	significant discrepancies; and	4
3 (f)	describe what measures will be implemented over the next year to improve the environmental performance of the development.	
	Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs	
4.	Within 3 months of:	
4 (a)	the submission of an annual review under condition 3 above;	4
4 (b)	the submission of an incident report under condition 7 below; the submission of an audit under condition 9 below; and	4
4 (c) 4 (d)	any modification to the conditions of this consent,	This condition has not been triggered
. (3)	the Applicant shall review, and if necessary revise, the strategies, plans, and programs required under this consent to the	This condition has not been triggered.
	satisfaction of the Director-General.	
Note:	This is to ensure the strategies, plans and programs are updated on a regular basis, and incorporate any recommended	
Note.	measures to improve the environmental performance of the development.	
	Management of Cumulative Impacts	
5.	In conjunction with the owners of the nearby mines (including the Bengalla mine), the Applicant shall use its best endeavours to	
	minimise the cumulative impacts of the development on the surrounding area to the satisfaction of the Director-General. Nothing in this consent is to be construed as requiring the Applicant to act in a manner which is contrary to the Trade Practices	This condition has not been triggered.
Note:	Act 1974.	
	Community Consultative Committee	
		A CCC for the Mount Pleasant Project
	The Applicant shall operate a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the development to the satisfaction of the Director-	was formed in 2004. In 2012, meetings
6.	General. This CCC must be operated in general accordance with the Guidelines for Establishing and Operating Community	were held in March, June and November
	Consultative Committees for Mining Projects (Department of Planning, 2007, or its latest version).	For the composition of the CCC, refer to
		section 4.4 of the 2012 AEMR.
		The minutes of CCC meetings document the matters discussed. The minutes are
	The CCC is an advisory committee. The Department and other relevant agencies are responsible for ensuring that the Applicant	available on the Rio Tinto Coal Australia
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CONDITION NUMBER	CONDITION	DESCRIPTION OF PERFORMANCE for 2012 reporting period
10.	Within 3 months of commissioning this audit, or as otherwise agreed by the Director-General, the Applicant shall submit a copy of the audit report to the Director-General, together with its response to any recommendations contained in the audit report.	This condition has not been triggered.
	ACCESS TO INFORMATION	
11.	The Applicant shall:	
11 (a)	 make the following information publicly available ort its website: the EIS; all current statutory approvals for the development; approved strategies, plans and programs required under the conditions of this consent; a comprehensive summary of the monitoring results of the development, which have been reported in accordance with the various plans and programs approved under the conditions of this consent; a complaints register, which is to be updated on a monthly basis; minutes of CCC meetings; the annual reviews (over the last 5 years); any independent environmental audit, and the Applicants response to the recommendations in any audit; any other matter required by the Director-General; and 	This information is avaliable on the Rio Tinto Coal Australia Website: www.riotintocoalaustralia.com.au
11 (b)	keep this information up to date,	
	to the satisfaction of the Director-General.	

Appendix 2



Date	Wind Speed Maximum (m/s)	Air Temperature Minimum (°C)	Air Temperature Maximum (°C)	Relative Humidity Min (%)	Relative Humidity Max (%)	Rainfall (mm)	Cumulative Rainfall (mm)
1/01/2012	3.51	11.30	29.40	67.10	79.30	0.0	0.0
2/01/2012	3.43	11.00	31.00	65.80	78.00	0.0	0.0
3/01/2012	3.11	13.30	33.90	66.00	78.40	0.0	0.0
4/01/2012	5.44	18.10	35.70	65.50	73.10	0.0	0.0
5/01/2012	5.14	18.90	28.50	67.90	78.40	19.0	19.0
6/01/2012	5.01	16.90	23.70	71.10	82.90	0.2	19.2
7/01/2012	3.52	13.60	30.30	68.60	81.70	0.0	19.2
8/01/2012	4.76	17.50	34.70	67.60	75.50	4.8	24.0
9/01/2012	4.43	19.90	31.00	67.20	78.10	0.4	24.4
10/01/2012	2.77	15.00	29.50	45.50	72.10	0.2	24.6
11/01/2012	7.23	18.10	27.90	58.10	67.10	0.0	24.6
12/01/2012	3.76	11.10	24.90	57.60	69.10	0.0	24.6
13/01/2012	3.54	10.20	28.40	59.30	71.60	0.0	24.6
14/01/2012	5.22	16.10	27.70	60.30	66.60	0.0	24.6
15/01/2012	2.66	17.20	25.10	62.60	69.70	2.2	26.8
16/01/2012	4.39	16.50	26.90	62.90	72.50	0.6	27.4
17/01/2012	3.93	14.60	28.60	61.70	73.10	0.0	27.4
18/01/2012	3.39	17.60	30.80	63.00	69.00	0.0	27.4
19/01/2012	4.90	16.50	30.70	62.80	70.40	0.0	27.4
20/01/2012	4.22	18.90	31.00	62.60	74.50	0.0	27.4
21/01/2012	4.52	18.00	24.10	62.90	67.50	0.0	27.4
22/01/2012	6.55	17.10	24.60	63.40	70.60	1.6	29.0
23/01/2012	5.19	17.10	24.80	64.70	71.50	0.4	29.4
24/01/2012	5.41	16.90	23.70	63.90	70.00	0.6	30.0
25/01/2012	3.54	19.10	21.40	66.80	76.70	23.6	53.6
26/01/2012	4.20	18.90	25.40	72.20	81.10	3.8	57.4
27/01/2012	4.49	19.40	27.80	70.00	82.10	1.2	58.6
28/01/2012	3.70	19.40	26.10	69.00	76.50	0.0	58.6
29/01/2012	3.24	19.20	27.60	68.70	79.80	0.0	58.6
30/01/2012	7.91	20.50	31.30	69.00	79.30	0.6	59.2
31/01/2012	5.12	19.10	27.30	68.60	75.50	3.2	62.4
1/02/2012	5.12	19.10	19.10	72.40	83.60	29.0	91.4
2/02/2012	4.58	15.50	17.60	83.50	94.40	29.0	91.4
3/02/2012	3.50	15.20	22.30	88.20	93.20	6.2	115.8
4/02/2012	3.15	15.20	22.50	78.60	93.20	0.0	120.0
	2.96	18.90	31.10	77.50	86.10	0.0	120.0
5/02/2012 6/02/2012	5.33	17.70	31.10	74.90	86.10	0.0	120.0
7/02/2012	4.12	19.30	21.70	74.90	80.30	0.6	120.0
	4.12	17.30	24.10	77.30	86.50		120.8
8/02/2012 9/02/2012	3.13	17.30	24.10 27.20	78.20	92.00	0.6	121.2
9/02/2012	6.14	16.20	27.20 27.60	76.20	92.00 87.60	0.0	121.2
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11/02/2012		16.70		76.70			
12/02/2012	3.94	14.90	28.60	76.50	88.90	0.0	124.8
13/02/2012	6.30	15.90	27.50	74.60	84.70	0.0	124.8
14/02/2012	5.02	13.70	26.80	73.70	88.90	0.0	124.8
15/02/2012	4.27	16.10	25.80	73.50	87.00	0.0	124.8
16/02/2012	3.00	14.50	27.50	73.30	87.30	0.0	124.8
17/02/2012	3.44	13.40	30.10	73.00	90.00	0.0	124.8
18/02/2012	6.28	17.20	30.90	73.40	89.20	2.0	126.8
19/02/2012	3.21	18.70	29.70	76.30	89.10	0.0	126.8
20/02/2012	3.66	17.60	29.50	75.00	95.70	28.0	154.8
21/02/2012	3.43	17.50	22.00	90.10	94.60	2.8	157.6
22/02/2012	3.35	17.30	23.60	89.50	96.10	0.0	157.6

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27/02/2012 28/02/2012	3.13	19.30	32.30	81.50	95.10	0.2	159.4
28/02/2012 29/02/2012	5.75	19.70	32.50	78.40	94.70	0.0	159.4
1/03/2012 2/03/2012	7.05 5.79	20.00 16.20	33.00 22.70	80.00 81.80	92.50 90.70	1.8 24.2	161.2 185.4
3/03/2012	4.03	16.20	21.80	90.50	94.90	18.8	204.2
4/03/2012	2.88	16.20	32.70	90.70	96.80	0.2	204.2
5/03/2012	3.29	18.20	25.10	92.20	98.50	1.4	204.4
6/03/2012	4.40	16.50	24.80	86.50	97.50	0.0	205.8
7/03/2012	4.40	14.20	24.80	84.60	90.30	0.6	205.8
8/03/2012	4.10	14.20	21.70	82.00	90.30	0.8	206.6
9/03/2012	4.03	11.90	24.40	78.80	90.80	0.2	206.6
10/03/2012	4.03	14.10	27.80	80.80	91.80	0.0	206.6
10/03/2012	3.81	14.10	27.70	80.80	91.80	0.0	206.6
12/03/2012	3.81	15.50	27.20	84.40	92.80	0.0	206.6
12/03/2012	3.54	13.50	27.20	79.30	92.90	0.0	206.6
13/03/2012	2,38	15.00	27.20	82.00	92.60	0.0	206.8
15/03/2012	2.30	16.10	28.90	81.10	93.70	0.2	206.8
16/03/2012	2.39	17.00	30.60	83.80	95.00	0.0	206.8
17/03/2012	4.76	17.00	24.00	81.60	89.10	10.0	206.8
18/03/2012	5.28	15.40	22.30	80.40	95.60	1.8	218.6
19/03/2012	5.39	15.30	20.30	86.20	90.50	3.4	222.0
20/03/2012	4.22	16.90	23.30	87.40	97.70	0.4	222.4
21/03/2012	2.86	17.30	27.70	85.90	97.30	0.2	222.6
22/03/2012	3.87	17.00	23.80	82.40	90.90	0.0	222.6
23/03/2012	5.61	16.00	24.90	81.70	91.90	0.0	222.6
24/03/2012	3.23	9.20	23.10	80.10	90.40	0.0	222.6
25/03/2012	4.02	8.10	24.30	83.20	92.30	0.0	222.6
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27/03/2012	3.13	11.90	26.60	78.90	92.20	0.0	222.6
28/03/2012	3.13	14.90	25.90	81.50	91.90	0.0	222.6
29/03/2012	6.52	13.60	26.70	78.90	94.00	0.0	222.6
30/03/2012	2.98	13.30	24.80	78.30	86.10	0.0	222.6
31/03/2012	2.02	14.20	25.90	77.90	91.70	0.2	222.8
1/04/2012	3.64	9.30	28.10	76.90	91.00	0.0	222.8
2/04/2012	-	-	-		-	-	222.8
3/04/2012	5.59	12.83	26.54	41.66	95.10	0.0	222.8
4/04/2012	5.39	9.15	28.62	25.41	97.70	0.0	222.8
5/04/2012	10.68	10.31	28.02	33.87	92.10	0.0	222.8
6/04/2012	9.38	13.82	26.50	44.39	97.40	0.0	222.8
7/04/2012	6.10	10.74	26.12	32.61	98.80	0.0	222.8
8/04/2012	13.46	1.62	17.80	25.76	82.20	0.0	222.8
9/04/2012	1.47	15.65	30.56	34.61	94.60	6.6	229.4
10/04/2012	11.01	12.81	22.94	30.83	66.67	0.0	229.4
11/04/2012	11.91	6.96	19.13	29.25	82.30	0.0	229.4
12/04/2012	9.89	8.18	19.14	48.58	90.50	0.0	229.4
13/04/2012	9.93	10.51	21.79	44.08	92.40	0.0	229.4
14/04/2012	8.15	-1.04	26.40	33.37	99.70	0.0	229.4
<u> </u>	0.80	10.13	25.32	39.28	99.00	0.0	229.4
15/04/2012							

17/04/2012	10.71	15.11	24.21	54.72	95.30	0.0	229.4
18/04/2012	-	13.59	19.64	70.29	97.30	7.6	229.4
19/04/2012	- 9.22	13.93	21.43	70.29	97.40	0.0	237.0
20/04/2012	7.12	13.83	21.45	55.95	97.40	0.0	237.0
21/04/2012	5.11	13.89	24.14 26.86	35.88	96.90	0.0	237.0
22/04/2012	7.96	8.41	26.10	39.27	96.90	0.0	237.0
22/04/2012	-	10.67	25.59	50.69	99.80	0.0	237.0
24/04/2012	-	15.01	18.77	72.48	99.80	12.0	249.0
25/04/2012	- 19.65	9.64	24.81	31.22	96.70	0.2	249.0
26/04/2012	15.30	6.83	17.49	38.84	74.77	0.2	249.2
27/04/2012	7.95	6.56	21.00	42.24	87.70	0.0	249.2
28/04/2012	4.99	4.60	20.83	45.24	97.10	0.0	249.2
29/04/2012	-	8.86	18.21	70.86	98.50	0.0	249.2
30/04/2012	14.12	4.28	21.62	45.65	97.90	0.0	249.2
1/05/2012	11.18	9.36	20.41	40.92	92.40	0.0	249.2
2/05/2012	6.53	4.26	22.69	35.67	98.30	0.0	249.2
3/05/2012	9.11	3.97	24.56	39.86	98.20	0.0	249.2
4/05/2012	6.76	8.07	21.76	44.22	97.20	6.6	255.8
5/05/2012	6.35	3.58	20.25	45.09	98.20	0.0	255.8
6/05/2012	8.05	5.22	20.06	36.10	94.00	0.0	255.8
7/05/2012	-	3.18	20.62	27.41	94.10	0.0	255.8
8/05/2012	13.49	1.08	19.49	25.41	81.40	0.0	255.8
9/05/2012	6.00	4.31	22.53	29.07	89.50	0.0	255.8
10/05/2012	5.62	5.32	25.99	25.22	83.70	0.0	255.8
11/05/2012	7.62	6.63	26.90	20.30	84.50	0.0	255.8
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15/05/2012	6.77	1.69	16.49	32.74	86.80	0.0	255.8
16/05/2012	6.66	-3.28	17.32	33.49	91.80	0.0	255.8
17/05/2012	6.87	0.46	18.59	50.18	92.80	0.0	255.8
18/05/2012	5.31	1.07	19.34	39.46	98.10	0.0	255.8
19/05/2012	5.11	1.14	21.01	25.20	97.20	0.0	255.8
20/05/2012	9.84	1.96	21.55	21.91	89.40	0.0	255.8
21/05/2012	8.39	-0.53	19.13	41.31	96.10	0.0	255.8
22/05/2012	5.20	4.46	18.98	48.16	99.40	0.0	255.8
23/05/2012	11.01	2.56	20.73	25.47	96.90	0.0	255.8
24/05/2012	8.21	1.47	22.47	21.91	81.60	0.0	255.8
25/05/2012	5.27	2.09	12.98	51.69	97.10	3.0	258.8
26/05/2012	15.62	8.96	15.96	48.83	97.30	3.8	262.6
27/05/2012	17.33	6.36	15.45	47.16	79.29	0.0	262.6
28/05/2012	6.33	3.69	17.02	43.70	92.10	0.0	262.6
29/05/2012	9.69	2.70	17.78	42.81	95.40	0.0	262.6
30/05/2012	8.13	5.16	15.82	74.55	96.40	0.4	263.0
31/05/2012	10.26	8.05	18.62	57.40	96.70	0.2	263.2
1/06/2012	8.75	3.45	19.20	53.37	98.30	0.0	263.2
2/06/2012	8.48	5.71	17.95	69.75	99.40	0.2	263.4
3/06/2012	4.85	11.13	15.35	80.40	98.50	5.6	269.0
4/06/2012	6.18	11.17	15.42	87.40	99.00	15.2	284.2
5/06/2012	14.66	8.50	18.99	54.00	98.50	0.2	284.4
6/06/2012	13.53	5.85	14.12	50.75	96.60	5.8	290.2
7/06/2012	14.62	7.10	14.89	58.94	96.50	0.0	290.2
8/06/2012	7.48	5.61	14.32	62.72	97.40	1.2	291.4
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12/06/2012	10.77	7.38 9.31	13.09 17.38	84.30	97.10 97.40	1.8	293.6
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14/06/2012	5.21	6.22	15.31	73.43	96.90 99.20	0.8	296.4
15/06/2012						-	
16/06/2012	11.48	1.71	21.21	37.37	98.90	0.2	296.8
17/06/2012	12.07 14.20	8.51 7.55	19.16 17.12	47.39 42.48	92.50 86.80	2.4	299.2 299.2
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19/06/2012	8.42	7.24 4.58	17.39 18.16	38.89 44.48	78.06 82.70	0.0	299.2
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	13.43	7.07		34.15			
23/06/2012			15.45	41.54	91.30	1.2	300.4
24/06/2012	9.01	3.05	14.54	44.15	87.70	0.0	300.4
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26/06/2012	8.70	-0.54	18.26	35.68	95.40	0.0	300.4
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30/06/2012	5.99		16.07	69.26	99.40	0.2	300.6
1/07/2012	11.06	3.27	20.36	30.17	98.30	0.2	300.8
2/07/2012	14.41	4.94	15.84	32.21	86.50	0.0	300.8
3/07/2012	13.59	4.20	13.92	48.86	82.00	0.0	300.8
4/07/2012	7.93	0.50	15.08	37.08	93.00	0.0	300.8
5/07/2012	5.49	-1.23	14.59	45.86	95.00	0.0	300.8
6/07/2012	11.08 9.72	4.90	14.84	51.52 64.17	96.80 96.30	1.0	301.8
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10/07/2012	6.37	-0.39	17.88	63.89	99.30	0.0	303.4
12/07/2012	14.94	9.60	17.86	63.04	99.30	14.6	318.0
13/07/2012	9.93	7.34	17.86	84.20	98.20	5.8	323.8
13/07/2012	9.85	8.99	17.80	80.90	97.60	37.6	361.4
15/07/2012	11.01	8.70	17.62	45.86	92.40	1.0	362.4
16/07/2012	14.20	4.23	14.15	45.55	83.40	0.0	362.4
17/07/2012	5.83	4.25	14.15	43.33	93.70	0.0	362.4
18/07/2012	6.78	-0.34	18.74	34.84	98.10	0.0	362.4
19/07/2012	7.53	5.91	17.84	46.33	93.00	0.0	362.4
20/07/2012	8.60	0.63	15.37	42.16	98.60	0.0	362.4
21/07/2012	8.45	-1.23	14.96	43.33	98.10	0.0	362.4
22/07/2012	13.69	3.78	15.35	53.86	92.20	0.0	362.4
23/07/2012	12.08	7.44	14.55	62.82	94.10	0.4	362.8
24/07/2012	8.27	6.02	13.05	73.35	97.40	2.6	365.4
25/07/2012	7.03	5.61	14.32	71.94	97.40	0.2	365.6
26/07/2012	4.78	2.05	16.88	53.32	99.60	0.4	366.0
27/07/2012	12.95	4.26	17.24	50.91	93.70	1.8	367.8
28/07/2012	12.20	5.76	16.34	37.11	89.80	0.0	367.8
29/07/2012	10.08	3.89	16.26	41.39	86.50	0.0	367.8
30/07/2012	7.92	1.69	16.84	39.72	89.90	0.0	367.8
31/07/2012	9.37	0.39	14.45	35.44	94.80	0.0	367.8
1/08/2012	7.38	-1.18	14.60	45.33	91.30	0.0	367.8
<u> </u>		-0.62	14.21	39.56	96.10	0.0	367.8
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2/20/2012	5 (7)	0.07	11.00	22.40	05.40		267.0
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5/08/2012	13.49	1.08	19.49	25.41	81.40	0.0	367.8
6/08/2012	12.76	0.50	20.60	21.91 28.85	82.00	0.0	367.8
7/08/2012	16.23	4.77	17.63		64.22 77.92	0.0	367.8
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10/08/2012	18.69	4.95	17.09	29.16	63.97	0.0	367.8
11/08/2012	11.10	0.84	17.18	29.91	81.30	0.0	367.8
12/08/2012	14.22	4.16	16.34	43.22	79.61	0.0	367.8
13/08/2012	10.19	9.07	15.85	44.12	69.21	0.0	367.8
14/08/2012	5.24	4.21	16.12	45.75	88.80	0.0	367.8
15/08/2012	10.83	1.08	18.63	28.00	95.60	0.0	367.8
16/08/2012	14.89	5.32	21.58	23.99	70.19	0.0	367.8
17/08/2012	12.91	5.64	20.26	25.38	70.38	0.0	367.8
18/08/2012	21.14	3.11	20.61	19.68	78.60	0.2	368.0
19/08/2012	17.53	5.17	14.34	41.18	73.30	0.2	368.2
20/08/2012	18.34	3.98	18.12	29.59	85.20	0.0	368.2
21/08/2012	6.21	0.71	17.89	30.02	87.90	0.0	368.2
22/08/2012	11.17	0.69	22.33	27.17	84.60	0.0	368.2
23/08/2012	13.38	5.74	23.83	39.46	85.00	0.0	368.2
24/08/2012	23.66	14.06	28.12	25.03	91.10	6.6	374.8
25/08/2012	-	5.84	19.01	18.69	81.80	0.0	374.8
26/08/2012	-	6.15	19.48	30.88	63.09	0.0	374.8
27/08/2012	-	1.62	17.21	33.47	85.40	0.0	374.8
28/08/2012	-	0.50	18.47	39.53	89.20	0.0	374.8
29/08/2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	374.8
30/08/2012	-	-0.15	23.12	28.46	97.20	0.0	374.8
31/08/2012	-	9.07	22.06	26.94	60.16	0.0	374.8
1/09/2012	-	2.97	17.51	23.99	67.78	0.0	374.8
2/09/2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	374.8
3/09/2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	374.8
4/09/2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	374.8
5/09/2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	374.8
6/09/2012	21.79	17.13	25.06	18.66	37.68	0.0	374.8
7/09/2012	21.91	15.16	25.67	23.42	47.46	0.0	374.8
8/09/2012	25.02	9.62	22.65	20.90	55.39	0.0	374.8
9/09/2012	15.77	8.33	19.08	32.58	58.08	0.0	374.8
10/09/2012	7.91	6.38	21.08	25.57	84.80	0.0	374.8
11/09/2012	8.04	0.90	24.35	23.02	93.00	0.0	374.8
12/09/2012	9.49	7.65	24.38	32.80	85.90	0.0	374.8
13/09/2012	13.51	7.90	26.73	25.12	96.20	0.0	374.8
14/09/2012	23.71	6.38	27.03	27.44	78.47	2.6	377.4
15/09/2012	-	-	-	-		-	377.4
16/09/2012	14.96	2.16	20.36	24.04	86.10	0.0	377.4
17/09/2012	-	3.14	23.31	28.62	97.20	0.0	377.4
18/09/2012	13.14	6.02	23.17	30.31	89.20	7.2	384.6
19/09/2012	-	6.83	23.10	31.48	96.90	4.8	389.4
20/09/2012	10.07	5.04	22.98	23.80	97.00	0.0	389.4
21/09/2012	6.45	5.61	25.07	25.35	90.50	0.0	389.4
22/09/2012	-	9.38	27.66	25.06	91.90	0.2	389.6
23/09/2012	9.46	6.46	24.40	20.53	88.90	0.0	389.6
24/09/2012	11.46	6.36	28.32	16.40	94.20	0.0	389.6
25/09/2012	12.45	9.98	23.48	17.25	63.55	0.0	389.6

26/09/2012	14.56	2.63	22.53	31.45	82.60	0.0	389.6
27/09/2012	-	4.86	22.55	31.45	95.40	0.0	389.6
28/09/2012	- 11.35	4.69	24.10	26.24	97.30	0.0	389.6
29/09/2012	19.38	4.89	29.95	26.58	63.75	0.0	389.6
30/09/2012	19.00	9.53	23.95	31.96	95.10	9.0	398.6
1/10/2012	14.13	3.45	22.54	18.45	69.15	0.0	398.6
2/10/2012	9.27	2.13	21.20	25.98	86.00	0.0	398.6
3/10/2012	9.27	6.56	21.20	33.18	88.80	0.0	398.6
4/10/2012	9.05	2.56	22.07	9.24	95.40	0.0	398.6
5/10/2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	398.6
6/10/2012	- 17.14	8.19	- 33.95	- 12.28	83.50	0.0	398.6
7/10/2012	14.55	12.57	26.81	43.26	92.60	0.0	398.6
8/10/2012	14.55	9.84	20.01	43.20	92.00	0.0	398.6
9/10/2012	10.59	7.17	22.07	28.70	82.40	0.0	398.6
10/10/2012	12.81	4.84	22.07	20.00	92.30	0.0	398.6
10/10/2012	12.81	3.99	24.40	20.50	92.30	0.0	398.6
12/10/2012	12.60	6.59	16.65	50.26	92.20	3.4	402.0
13/10/2012	12.80	4.17	16.65	43.52	84.60	1.8	402.0
13/10/2012	18.11	3.35	22.11	23.67	91.70	0.0	403.8
15/10/2012	10.34	5.47	22.11	23.87	90.80	0.0	403.8
16/10/2012	9.40	3.72	27.62	13.44	94.00	0.0	403.8
17/10/2012	11.76	9.44	31.43	10.45	61.41	0.0	403.8
18/10/2012	17.33	12.68	33.66	9.43	81.70	0.0	403.8
19/10/2012	11.76	12.08	27.14	31.64	86.70	0.0	403.8
20/10/2012	12.87	10.35	33.65	16.73	95.20	0.0	403.8
21/10/2012	17.82	13.99	35.44	5.16	89.90	0.0	403.8
22/10/2012	11.12	10.28	25.87	27.90	97.40	0.0	403.8
23/10/2012	21.38	8.43	26.98	11.71	84.00	1.8	405.6
24/10/2012	14.63	6.09	21.39	28.62	81.90	0.0	405.6
25/10/2012	5.74	4.26	27.18	8.79	88.70	0.0	405.6
26/10/2012	13.59	4.90	32.85	12.25	86.60	0.0	405.6
27/10/2012	13.18	14.68	30.71	13.98	61.43	0.0	405.6
28/10/2012	-	10.55	25.09	16.36	65.93	0.0	405.6
29/10/2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	405.6
30/10/2012	14.75	4.83	25.03	27.54	90.60	0.0	405.6
31/10/2012	12.24	11.81	26.79	30.22	81.10	0.0	405.6
1/11/2012	9.65	9.88	32.13	19.35	84.80	0.0	405.6
2/11/2012	-	-0.90	35.64	11.78	69.78	0.0	405.6
3/11/2012	12.86	7.44	23.90	28.63	73.22	0.0	405.6
4/11/2012	15.85	9.86	23.55	34.89	83.60	0.0	405.6
5/11/2012	8.60	10.56	29.98	23.97	87.80	0.0	405.6
6/11/2012	9.65	11.45	33.24	20.10	93.50	0.0	405.6
7/11/2012	12.11	16.37	36.47	12.48	72.02	0.0	405.6
8/11/2012	20.37	18.77	32.77	25.26	70.47	0.0	405.6
9/11/2012	-	16.10	29.98	34.48	93.60	5.2	410.8
10/11/2012	9.96	16.01	30.52	23.77	95.70	0.0	410.8
11/11/2012	16.05	13.07	20.00	56.37	83.40	0.0	410.8
12/11/2012	14.54	10.34	25.11	25.60	89.00	0.0	410.8
13/11/2012	8.25	6.31	30.22	13.94	90.50	0.0	410.8
14/11/2012	16.92	12.98	36.30	13.67	87.90	0.8	411.6
15/11/2012	13.82	12.80	27.33	37.77	91.40	0.0	411.6
17/11/2012	15.67	13.94	34.87	6.56	92.50	2.6	414.2
18/11/2012	17.90	12.49	23.04	49.35	93.70	0.2	414.4
19/11/2012	12.87	10.56	30.45	15.06	93.00	0.0	414.4
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20/11/2012	16.23	10.23	26.61	19.89	80.60	0.2	414.6
21/11/2012	16.25	10.23	25.22	38.41	88.20	0.2	414.6
22/11/2012	9.99	5.96	32.08	16.93	93.70	0.0	414.6
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24/11/2012							
25/11/2012	15.07	12.05	32.39	33.70	93.00	0.0	414.6
26/11/2012	9.31	16.83	36.23	18.26	83.20	1.4	416.0
27/11/2012	-	18.20	37.18	20.37	94.40	32.8	448.8
28/11/2012	14.50	16.79	32.59	35.29	92.20	12.2	461.0
29/11/2012	10.96	16.52	26.70	60.33	94.20	0.2	461.2
30/11/2012	6.87	16.89	33.68	31.18	94.70	0.0	461.2
1/12/2012	11.07	17.66	39.49	19.92	93.90	0.0	461.2
2/12/2012	12.26	22.14	40.31	18.73	79.28	0.0	461.2
3/12/2012	-	17.90	33.24	39.71	88.40	8.6	469.8
4/12/2012	-	16.96	28.11	53.69	91.40	0.2	470.0
5/12/2012	16.42	13.22	29.88	14.18	100.00	0.0	470.0
6/12/2012	17.93	10.71	26.31	18.06	53.60	0.0	470.0
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8/12/2012	12.32	12.67	26.30	43.29	83.90	0.0	470.0
9/12/2012	11.93	14.22	31.98	27.31	89.80	0.0	470.0
10/12/2012	17.43	14.31	35.48	24.72	92.40	2.4	472.4
11/12/2012	12.15	13.21	19.22	69.29	93.90	0.4	472.8
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16/12/2012	13.69	16.24	34.90	19.24	83.10	0.0	473.6
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22/12/2012	16.46	17.33	26.45	49.28	79.39	0.0	473.6
23/12/2012	12.31	16.04	33.00	35.94	90.80	0.0	473.6
24/12/2012	-	18.75	36.60	19.38	91.80	10.4	484.0
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26/12/2012	-	14.21	28.42	59.03	95.00	24.2	512.8
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31/12/2012	13.96	15.02	28.21	40.74	86.90	0.0	518.8
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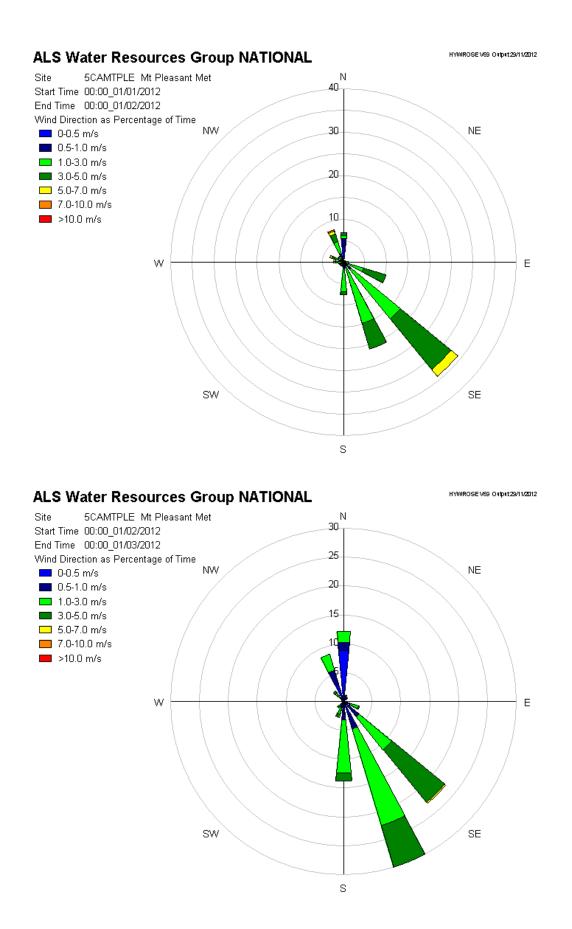
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D1	20/08/2012	1.1	0.8	Insects, Vegetation
D1	21/09/2012	1.2	0.7	Dust, Insects
D1	23/10/2012	3.0	1.1	Insects
D1	22/11/2012	2.0	1.4	Insects
D1	20/12/2012	2.1	1.3	Insects
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D3	22/03/2012	1.9	1.1	Insects
D3	20/04/2012	1.4	1.0	Dust, Insects
D3	31/05/2012	1.4	0.8	Dust, Insects
D3	20/06/2012	1.2	0.9	Insects, Dust, Bird droppings
D3	19/07/2012	1.0	0.7	Dust, Insects
D3	20/08/2012	1.9	1.4	Insects, Bird Droppings
D3	21/09/2012	4.6	2.4	Dust, Insects
D3	23/10/2012	2.1	1.5	Insects, Bird droppings
D3	22/11/2012	4.0	2.6	Insects, Vegetation, Bird droppings
D3	20/12/2012	1.9	1.2	Insects, Vegetation
D4	19/01/2012	1.4	0.5	Insects
D4	20/02/2012	2.0	1.3	Dust, Insects
D4	22/03/2012	1.5	0.9	Insects
D4	20/04/2012	3.0	1.7	Insects, Bird Droppings
D4	31/05/2012	1.1	0.7	Dust, Insects
D4	20/06/2012	0.6	0.5	Insects
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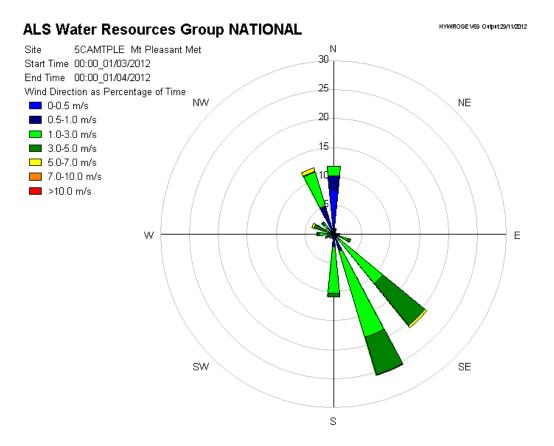
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D5	23/10/2012	3.9	2.6	Insects, Bird Droppings, Vegetation
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D6	20/04/2012	1.6	1.0	Dust, Insects, Bird Droppings
D6	31/05/2012	2.0	1.4	Dust, Insects, Bird Droppings
D6	20/06/2012	7.3	2.8	Insects,Bird Droppings
D6	19/07/2012	1.0	0.6	Insects
D6	20/08/2012	3.9	2.1	Insects, Bird Droppings
D6	21/09/2012	0.8	0.5	Dust, Insects
D6	23/10/2012	3.0	1.7	Insects, Bird Droppings, Vegetation
D6	22/11/2012	4.5	2.6	Insects, Bird droppings, Plastic, Vegetation
D6	20/12/2012	2.7	1.7	Insects, Bird Droppings
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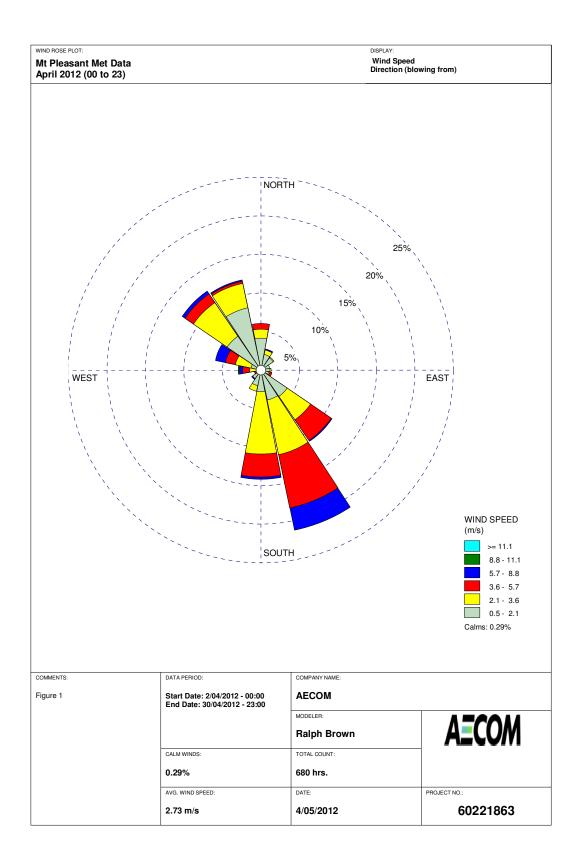
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D8	20/08/2012	4.6	2.8	Insects, Bird Droppings
D8	21/09/2012	7.7	2.5	Dust, Insects, Bird Droppings
D8	23/10/2012	3.1	2.3	Insects
D8	22/11/2012	4.4	3.3	Insects, Vegetation
D8	20/12/2012	3.6	2.5	Insects
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D9	20/02/2012	1.4	0.7	Dust, Insects
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D9	31/05/2012	0.8	0.6	Dust, Insects
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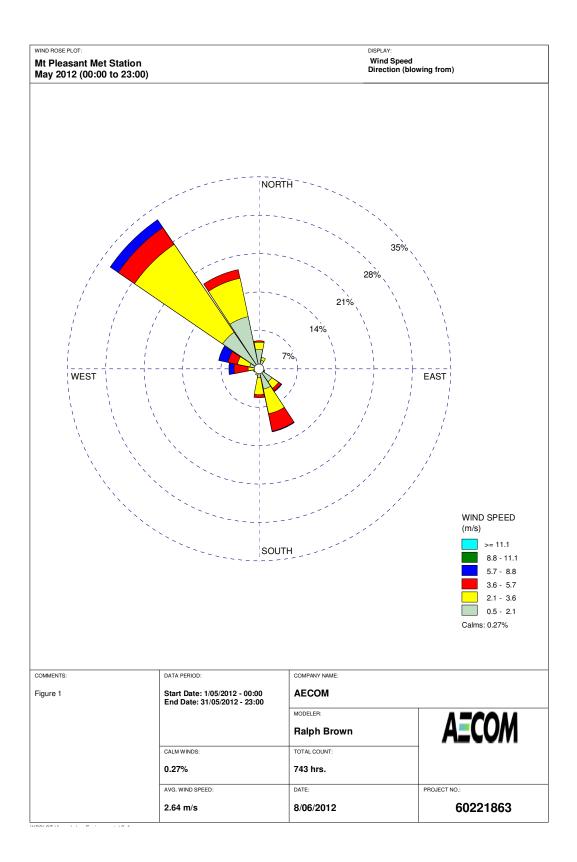
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D11	20/06/2012	2.8	1.5	Insects, Bird Droppings
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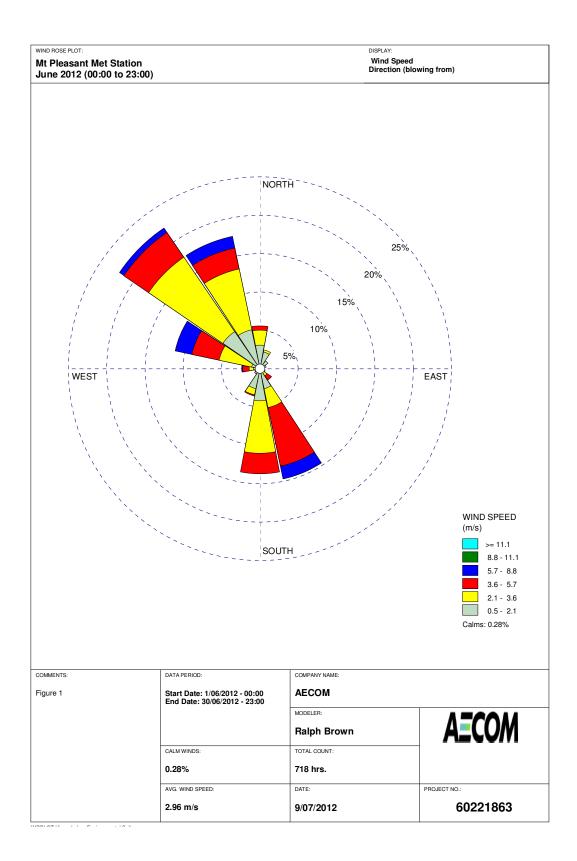
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D14	22/03/2012	2.9	1.8	Insects
D14	20/04/2012	2.7	2.1	Insects
D14	31/05/2012	1.5	1.0	Dust, Insects
D14	20/06/2012	1.6	1.0	Insects
D14	19/07/2012	0.8	0.5	Insects, Vegetation
D14	20/08/2012	1.1	0.8	Insects
D14	21/09/2012	1.6	1.0	Dust, Insects, Bird Droppings
D14	23/10/2012	3.3	2.3	Insects, Vegetation
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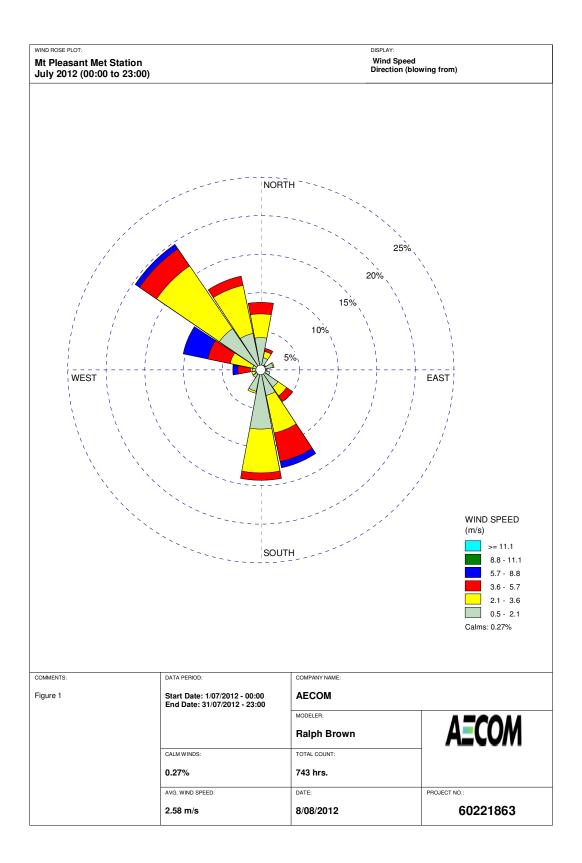


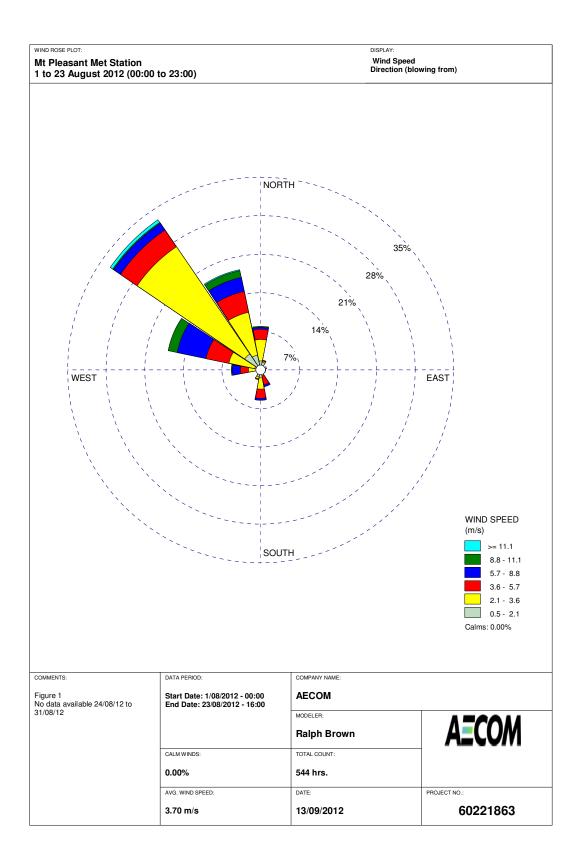


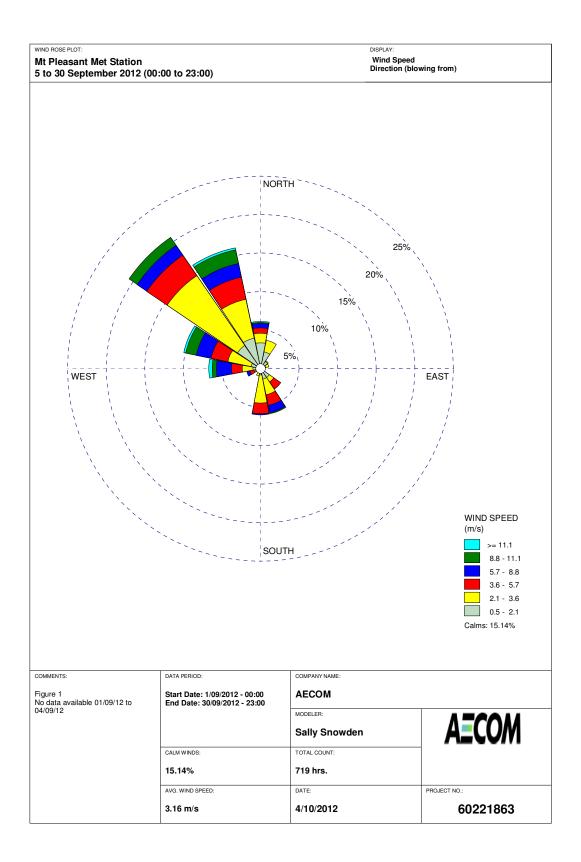


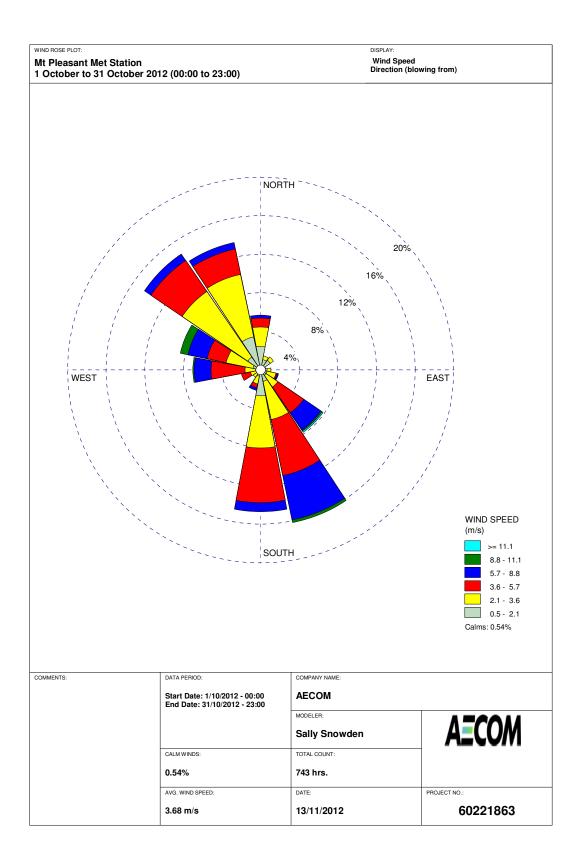


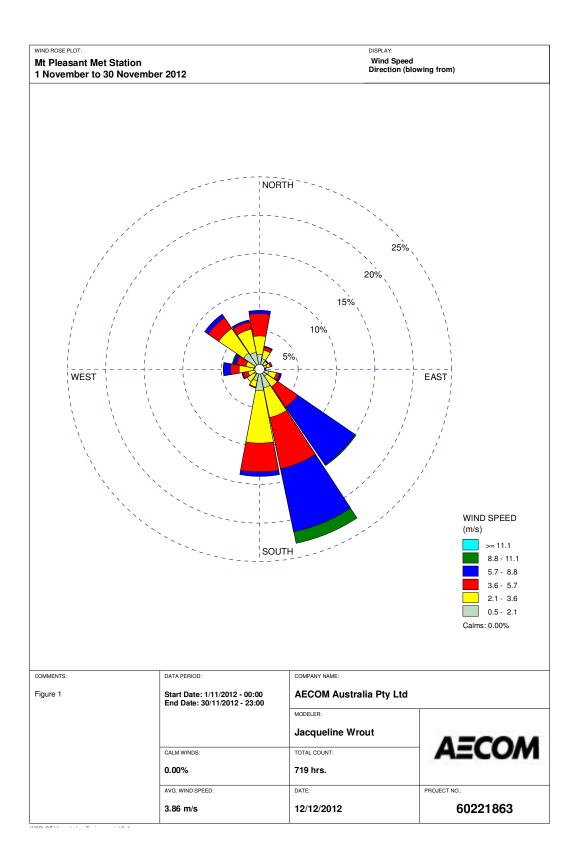


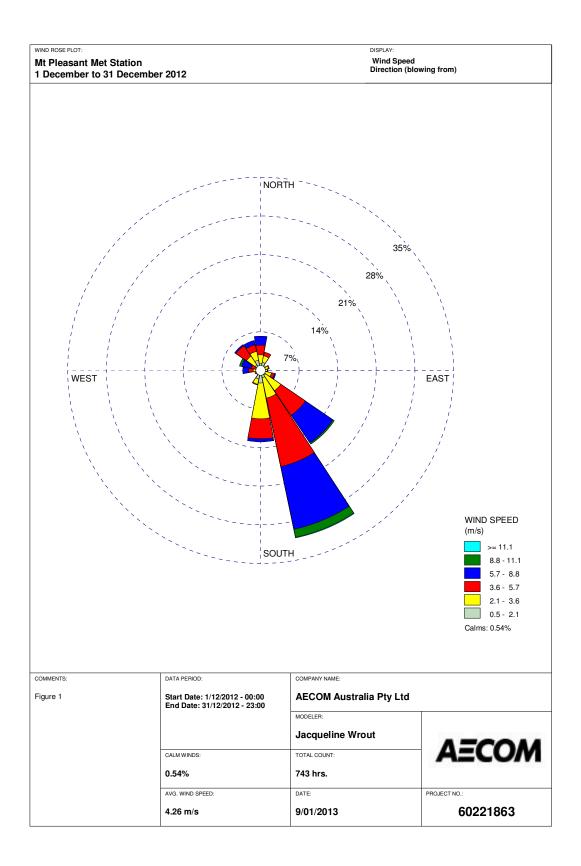












Station	Date	EC Field (µS/cm)	рН	TSS (mg/L)	Comment
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W1	20/04/2012				NO ACCESS
W1	31/05/2012				NO ACCESS
W1	20/06/2012				NO ACCESS
W1	19/07/2012				NO ACCESS
W1	20/08/2012				NO ACCESS
W1	21/09/2012				NO ACCESS
W1	23/10/2012				NO ACCESS
W1	22/11/2012				NO ACCESS
W1	20/12/2012				NO ACCESS
W2	19/01/2012	499	7.9	25	
W2	20/02/2012	467	8.2	15	
W2	22/03/2012	426	8.3	9	
W2	20/04/2012	568	8.2	7	
W2	31/05/2012	474	8.5	4	
W2	20/06/2012	473	7.9	13	
W2	19/07/2012	411	7.9	29	
W2	20/08/2012	371	8.5	14	
W2	21/09/2012	588	8.0	5	
W2	23/10/2012	397	8.1	10	
W2	22/11/2012	333	8.1	5	
W2	20/12/2012	333	7.8	9	
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W3	20/02/2012				SITE AUTO MONITORED
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W4	20/04/2012	2440	7.8	8	
W4	31/05/2012	2560	7.9	3	
W4	20/06/2012	2640	7.6	5	
W4	19/07/2012	1018	7.6	21	
W4	20/08/2012	2210	7.7	9	
W4	21/09/2012	2560	7.6	10	
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W5	20/02/2012				DRY
W5	22/03/2012				DRY
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W8	23/03/2012				DRY
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W8	20/06/2012	238	6.9	206	
W8	19/07/2012	1137	7.8	433	
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Mount Pleasant Groundwater Monitoring Results 2012

Sample Location	Sample Date	Depth to Ground (metres)	Depth to Standpipe (metres)	Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm)	рН	Comments
3500B500L	24/02/2012	59.02	59.44	5380	7.3	
3500B500L	21/06/2012	60.03	60.45	5510	7.6	
3500B500L	24/08/2012	59.97	60.39	5400	7.4	
3500B500L	1/11/2012	60.78	61.20	5270	7.4	
3500C500S	24/02/2012	23.97	24.25	2450	7.2	
3500C500S	4/07/2012	24.09	24.37	4060	7.3	
3500C500S	24/08/2012	24.09	24.37	3980	7.3	
3500C500S	1/11/2012	24.11	24.39	4270	7.3	
4500F000	24/02/2012	24.04	24.63	2110	6.6	
4500F000	6/28/2012	24.81	25.40	9650	6.8	
4500F000	24/08/2012	18.00	18.00	2470	6.9	
4500F000	1/11/2012	18.14	18.14	2630	6.7	
5000D000S	24/02/2012	81.50	81.75	558	6.7	
5000D000S	4/07/2012	81.53	81.78	572	7.3	
5000D000S	24/08/2012	81.41	81.66	536	6.9	
5000D000S	1/11/2012	81.40	81.63	522	6.7	
5500D000	24/02/2012	64.04	64.27	1036	6.5	
5500D000	21/06/2012	63.81	64.05	1098	6.6	
5500D000	24/08/2012	64.11	64.35	1030	6.7	
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6500F500L	24/02/2012	-	-	-	-	Dry
6500F500L	21/06/2012	-	-	-	-	Dry
6500F500L	24/08/2012	-	-	-	-	Dry
6500F500L	1/11/2012	-	-	-	-	Dry
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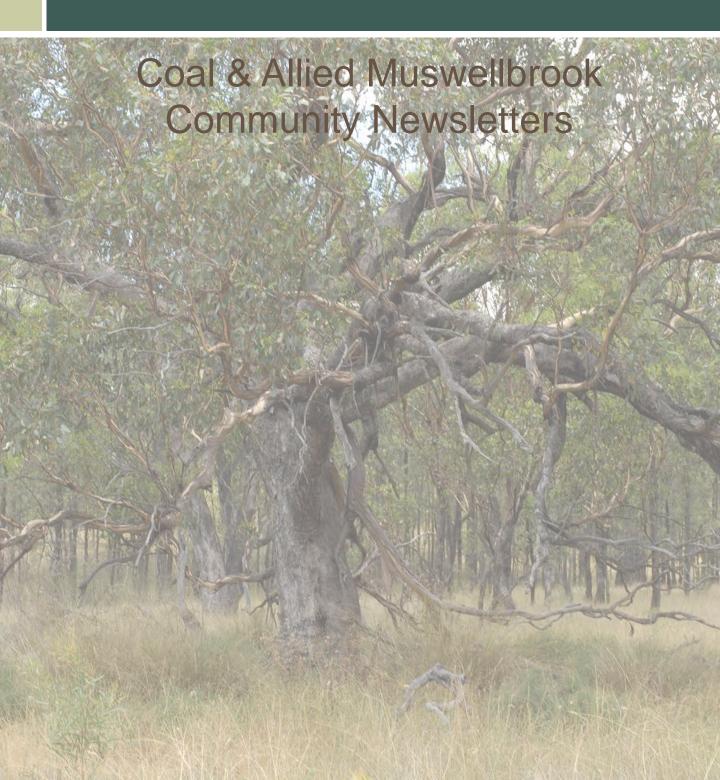
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7000D000	21/06/2012	-	-	-	-	Dry
7000D000	24/08/2012	-	-	-	-	Dry
7000D000	1/11/2012	-	-	-	-	Dry
7500F000	24/02/2012	34.32	34.65	3370	7.0	
7500F000	5/06/2012	34.25	34.56	3760	7.1	
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WRA1L	23/08/2012	1.15	1.50	3020	7.3	
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WRA1U	1/11/2012	5.54	5.58	-	-	Dry
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WRA2L	8/06/2012	9.07	9.64	5370	7.1	
WRA2L	23/08/2012	8.88	9.45	3060	7.8	
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WRA2U	1/11/2012	5.57	5.57	-	-	Dry
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WRA5U	28/02/2012	-0.02	0.10	2030	7.8	

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WRA5U	8/06/2012	0.33	0.45	2070	7.3	
WRA5U	23/08/2012	0.88	1.00	2280	7.4	
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WRA6L	1/11/2012	1.14	1.67	5340	7.3	
WRA6U	28/02/2012	1.05	1.10	9380	7.1	
WRA6U	8/06/2012	1.16	1.21	10370	6.9	
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MPBH1 (Bore3)	1/11/2012	9.67	10.03	507	6.9	
MPBH2	24/02/2012	11.78	12.21	758	6.9	
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MPBH2	8/23/2012	11.56	11.99	794	7.0	
MPBH2	1/11/2012	11.77	12.20	769	7.0	
MPBH3 (Bore 2)	24/02/2012	11.53	11.86	4560	7.4	
MPBH3 (Bore 2)	7/06/2012	11.63	11.96	4190	7.6	
MPBH3 (Bore 2)	23/08/2012	12.27	12.60	4420	7.5	
MPBH3 (Bore 2)	1/11/2012	11.76	12.09	3130	7.8	

Appendix 3





Coal & Allied community newsletter Muswellbrook edition

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Coal & Allied thanks community partners and commits to continued support for the Hunter Valley

Coal & Allied has moved into 2012 by thanking its 150 community partners and re-committing its support to the Hunter Valley.

Over the next three years \$4.5M in support will be available through the Coal & Allied Community Development Fund for projects that help build a more sustainable future for the Hunter Valley.

It is the fifth time Coal & Allied has re-committed to the Community Development Fund since it was established in 1999. But for the first time the funding will increase by 50 per cent, reflecting the growing quality and diversity of the programmes put forward by local community organisations.

Coal & Allied Principal Community Investment Stephen Sneddon said the company is excited to partner with local organisations to continue to invest in projects that have real benefits for the Hunter Valley.

"Coal & Allied is committed to a long term future in the Hunter Valley," Stephen said.

"The Coal & Allied Community Development Fund has invested more than \$11 million so far to support over 100 diverse projects to strengthen the sustainability of communities in the Hunter Valley.

"I'd like to acknowledge and thank our community partners for their hard work in delivering the programmes over the years.

"We're proud to extend our funding so we can continue our commitment to support projects that address educational, economic, environmental, and social needs of local communities, to enable them to work towards a more sustainable future for their community."

One of the many programmes that benefits from working in partnership with the Coal & Allied Community Development Fund is the award-winning Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids.

Launched in 2010, Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids is a partnership between Coal & Allied, the Hunter Medical Research Institute, the University of Newcastle, Hunter New England Health, and the community.

This is a community owned programme designed by local researchers to tackle obesity by helping fathers to lose weight with their children.

To find out how your organisation can apply to partner with the Coal & Allied Community Development Fund, contact Principal Community Investment Stephen Sneddon on (02) 6575 5802.

From the General Managers





Graham Gageler - Mount Pleasant

Welcome to the first edition of the Muswellbrook community newsletter for 2012. We hope you had a happy and safe Christmas break.

On 23 November our Community Development Fund and Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee held their annual end of year function to celebrate another successful year of community partnerships. As you can read on the cover, we announced another three years of funding for our community fund. We look forward to seeing the ongoing sustainability in the Muswellbrook region and beyond through these two partnership bodies.

Our information drop in sessions in Merriwa are scheduled to recommence in late February, with the team also expecting to visit Cassilis in early 2012. Further details about our 2012 information sessions will be available in the Merriwa Ringer early this year.

Thank you to everyone who attended the environmental management plan update sessions in December for our Mount Pleasant Project around land, water, noise and air quality management including participants who were involved in our initial 2007 focus groups. During 2012 we are anticipating a Rio Tinto investment decision to proceed with the construction and operation of this Project, pending approval by the Federal Government under the EPBC Act.

I would like to thank the community for their comments, suggestions and support in 2011 and anticipate the continued strengthening of our relationships with the community in 2012.

Andrea Sutton - Bengalla

As we begin 2012 it is good to look back and celebrate the successes of last year. Not only did we safely finish the year and achieve our goals on a production front, but we were able to partner with a number of great community organisations, as shown on page three. We look forward to supporting more community organisations again this year. In this edition we provide an update on planning underway at Bengalla to continue our operations for another 21 years, and remain a long term employer in the region.

Over the coming months we will be talking to interested community members about our plans to extend the life of Bengalla, which has been operating near Muswellbrook for more than 12 years.

The proposal would enable mining to continue to the west, away from Muswellbrook and on land owned by the mine and Coal & Allied. You can read more on the back page of this newsletter.

The calendars are already quickly filling with some great local events. I am pleased to announce we have continued our support of the Upper Hunter Show which is on again on March 23-24 as well as our involvement in Bursting with Energy Expo.

Finally, congratulations to our five undergraduate scholarship winners from Muswellbrook High School. We wish you all the best with your future studies.



Pictured: Bengalla scholarship winners with Andrea Sutton and Muswellbrook High School Principal Gareth Erskine. L-R Cassandra Pickham, Sarah Rodham, Daniel Rivers, Sam Hume and Ali Ward.

2011 Community Survey

Thank you to all of the community members who took the time to give us your feedback around how you like to receive information. As a result over \$750 has been donated to local charities including almost \$400 to the most voted charity – the Muswellbrook Hospital Auxiliary Group. It's never to late to tell us what you think – be sure to contact us at any time with any questions, comments or queries, or drop in to our shopfront.

2011 in partnership



1 Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids

lan Spicer and son Glen are one of the more than 155 families who have participated in the Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids programme from Hunter Valley communities.

2 Beef Bonanza

The sixth annual Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza held in Scone in November attracted hundreds of beef enthusiasts, including more than 460 junior competitors from schools across the state. The threeday event, supported by the Coal & Allied Community Development Fund, provided educational opportunities and competitions for young people to learn about the cattle industry, as well as giving local livestock producers a chance to benchmark the quality of their own cattle production.

3 Polly Farmer

The Muswellbrook Enrichment Centre, coordinated by The Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation, involves regular after-school sessions at Muswellbrook TAFE where Aboriginal students receive support with their studies from a team of dedicated tutors, including Muswellbrook High School teacher Michael Sneesby, pictured with Mel Barwick. Students also participate in a range of activities that develop academic, social, cultural and leadership skills.

4 Tree Planting

Muswellbrook primary students sprouted green thumbs over the past few months, planting more than 520 trees across the community as part of an environmental programme with schools and Bengalla. In September St James Primary School planted around 400 native trees along Overton Road, and in November Muswellbrook South Public School visited Bengalla to plant 120 native trees across the site. a) Muswellbrook South Public School students with Bengalla's Environmental team. And b) St James Primary School students discuss the environmental benefits of planting with Environmental Advisor Calvin Leech.

5 Solar Boat Challenge

Teams of students from Years 2 to 10 from eight local primary and secondary schools put their solar skills to the test to take part in the fourth annual Muswellbrook Shire Solar Boat Challenge. The challenge, designed to help students learn more about sustainable development and renewable energy, provides a practical and fun way for students to explore how solar energy works and its environmental benefits. Coal & Allied, through its Bengalla and Mount Pleasant operations, was again proud to be a major sponsor of the event.

6 Indigenous Garden

An underused area of the Muswellbrook High School will be transformed this year into a multi-faceted educational resource complete with a native and bush tucker garden and murals as part of a joint sponsorship by Coal & Allied, BHP Billiton Mt Arthur Coal and Xstrata Mangoola Coal.

Bengalla looks to the long term

Interested community members will have the opportunity to talk with Coal & Allied in coming months on plans to continue operations at Bengalla, which has been operating near Muswellbrook for more than 12 years.

Bengalla General Manager Operations Andrea Sutton said the proposal would enable mining to continue to the west, away from Muswellbrook and on land owned by the mine and Coal & Allied.

"Our existing approvals run until 2017, so we will soon be applying for a new Development Consent to remain a long term employer in the region and continue operations at Bengalla for another 21 years beyond 2017," Andrea said.

"In Bengalla's original Environmental Impact Statement, drafted before we commenced mining operations in 1999, we anticipated these areas would be mined in the future - and we are now seeking approval from Government and input from the community to do so.

"Our application will also seek to provide us with an increased production upper limit of 15 million tonnes of coal, so we have that option in future.

"This continuation will provide ongoing employment for our entire

existing workforce, with the potential to create up to another 500 new permanent jobs at increased full production.

"We will continue to manage our environmental impacts to a best practice standard and are committed to keeping the community informed about our operations."

Community information meetings to discuss the proposal will be held in March.

"We want to answer any questions people may have and to hear any suggestions about potential initiatives to help minimise impacts, so we can deliver the best outcome for the community," Andrea said.

The face to face sessions will be part of an ongoing consultation programme, in addition to Coal & Allied's existing contact with the Upper Hunter community through its shopfronts and information sessions, freecall information line and website.

An initial notice of Bengalla's intention to apply for a Development Consent has been lodged with the New South Wales Government, seeking the Director-General's environmental impact assessment requirements. It is expected an application for a Development Consent under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* will be lodged during 2012.

Community information sessions will be held in Coal & Allied's shopfront at 19 Bridge Street, Muswellbrook, from 9am – 12pm each Thursday in March. Call our freecall community information line on 1800 727 745 for more information.

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Coal & Allied supports Muswellbrook Hospital to help sick children

In partnership with Variety, the Children's Charity, Coal & Allied is helping to ensure local children get access to the best possible care by providing video conferencing equipment at Muswellbrook Hospital.

Variety's Vision for Life is an Australianfirst programme that will use state-ofthe-art, high definition remote controlled video conferencing equipment to connect Muswellbrook doctors with specialists in larger hospitals outside the region.

Variety has raised over \$35,000 to deliver the project, including \$10,000 from Coal & Allied's Bengalla and Mount Pleasant Project site donation committees.

Variety Corporate Partnerships and Community Relations Manager Peter Harvey said the funding will help provide better care for local children.

"Along with Coal & Allied's donation we held a fundraising luncheon which has seen us raise more than we needed for the programme. As such we now have additional funds to support the many appeals put to Variety from the local community," Peter said.

"The equipment will not only assist in providing health care for children in the community, but money will be saved on emergency transportation to larger hospitals."

Bengalla General Manager Operations Andrea Sutton said she was pleased to support Muswellbrook Hospital to provide health care to families in the local community.

"As a major employer in the region, health and wellbeing is one of our core values," Andrea said.

"This donation is an extension of our commitment to the health and wellbeing of our workforce and their families, most of whom live in the Muswellbrook community."

Variety is a national not-for-profit organisation empowering children who are sick, disadvantaged, or who have special needs.





Muswellbrook Hospital will benefit from the Vision for Life programme thanks to support from Coal & Allied and Variety's fundraising efforts. Inset images courtesy of Variety, the Children's Charity.

From the General Managers





Tod Claytor – Mount Pleasant

This is my first newsletter acting in the role of General Manager Operations Mount Pleasant, following the medical retirement of Graham Gageler earlier this year. On behalf of the Mount Pleasant project team I would like to thank Graham for his expert guidance within the Mount Pleasant project team, as well as his considerable achievements within Rio Tinto over many years of service.

We are continuing to work towards a decision by Rio Tinto on whether to invest in constructing the Mount Pleasant Project. In February we welcomed the Federal Government's decision to grant approval for the Mount Pleasant Project under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC).

We have also finalised our Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for community enhancement with Muswellbrook Shire Council, which will provide a significant contribution of more than \$700,000 a year for road improvements and other projects and programmes to benefit the local community. The agreement also supports four local apprenticeships for the operation.

On a safety note, it was great to see the Apex 'Learn to Ride' bike path officially opened earlier this year. This joint community development project between Coal & Allied, Bengalla, Mt Arthur Coal and Apex Club of Muswellbrook will provide a safe track for use by children in the community.

Andrea Sutton - Bengalla

I was very pleased to see St Joseph's Aberdeen High School graduate, Hayden Nicol, named our 2012 Bengalla engineering scholarship winner recently. We are committed to encouraging youth in the Upper Hunter to consider careers in engineering and wish Hayden all the best with his degree.

On site our expansion work was completed in April and includes an upgrade to our coal handling and

preparation plant and other infrastructure, as well as purchasing additional mining equipment. This work has increased our capacity from the current run of mine (ROM) production rate of 7.8 million tonnes per year to 9.3 million tonnes per year. As I mentioned in our previous Muswellbrook newsletter, this year we intend to apply for a new Development Consent to continue mining at Bengalla for another 21 years beyond our current approval. Thank you to everyone who visited the shopfront to speak with our Approvals team at information sessions on our plans. We will continue to consult with the community as we move forward.

Bengalla is also pleased to have finalised its VPA with the Muswellbrook Shire Council for modifications to its development consent approved by the State Government last year. The agreement will provide significant contributions of more than \$400,000 a year to benefit the local community, in addition to other ongoing support through our Community Development Fund, Aboriginal Development Consultative Community and site donations.

Pictured: Bengalla Technical Services Manager Dave Mitchell congratulates 2012 Bengalla Engineering Scholarship winner Hayden Nicol.



Commitment to Aboriginal communities

In late 2011 Hunter Valley Research Foundation in partnership with the Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle completed a situational analysis on Upper Hunter Aboriginal communities. We commissioned this research to provide current and locally relevant information about access to education, health and employment and a range of related issues.

The analysis identified a need to:

- Fill service gaps in health and dental services that are accessible, affordable and culturally appropriate
- Provide relevant courses to support parents in their children's education and appropriate community based resources and/or training to support pathways for employment of Aboriginal people

- Increase awareness of Aboriginal cultural behaviours that may hinder employment organisations working closely with the Aboriginal community
- Increase information sharing about health and community support programmes and employment opportunities.

These findings will guide the development of a Strategic Investment Plan for the Coal & Allied Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee (ADCC) and ongoing implementation of our Aboriginal Employment Strategy. For more information, please contact Specialist Aboriginal Relations Cate Sims at cate.sims@riotinto.com or 6575 5906.

In the community

Muswellbrook bursts with energy

The Bursting with Energy Expo was again a drawcard at the Upper Hunter Regional Show in March, attracting over 600 students and many community members.

Representatives from the local mining and energy industries brought together interactive displays and simulations where students and community members were able to get hands on with energy and learn more about electricity generation, the local mining industry and a range of sustainable and environmental programmes underway in the region.

Special guests Questacon entertained and educated local students with exciting and inspiring examples of science and innovation while Vox Bandicoot brought energy to life with their educational theatre focused on sustainability.

There were activities for the whole family to enjoy and those wondering what driving a giant mining truck felt like, a simulator display provided a behind the wheel on a real mine site experience.



Bengalla mine welcomes interested students

In late May students from St Josephs High School Aberdeen and Muswellbrook High attended an apprentice information session at Bengalla to learn more about the opportunities for local students. The students and their parents toured the maintenance workshop and had the opportunity to talk to Bengalla's apprentice mentor, Ken Andrews, Novaskill representative Andrew Hutchinson and Electrical Apprentice Simone Marskell.

Muswellbrook South Public School students grow green thumbs

Through the 'Lettuce Out' programme Muswellbrook South Public School has transformed an existing garden into an organic vegetable garden to feed a healthy canteen menu and become part of a gardening and cooking programme for students.

Bengalla and the Mount Pleasant project has helped teach students how to prepare the garden and plant and care for the different vegetables. The thriving garden is now producing several crops including corn, tomatoes, lettuce, spinach, carrots, beetroot and herbs.

Muswellbrook students interview mining professionals in 'Pathways4Girls'

On 27 March Year 10 female students from Muswellbrook, Scone, Aberdeen and Merriwa schools learnt what a day in the life of a mining professional would be like in the 'Pathways4Girls' career information sessions.

Female mining professionals working in a number of specialties at Coal & Allied shared their mining industry experiences in a "speed dating" type format, providing each attendee with a taste of the variety of roles available in the resource sector.

Pictured:

- 1 | Electrical Apprentice Simone Marskell answers questions about the apprentice opportunities at Bengalla mine.
- 2 | Muswellbrook Hospital Auxiliary Group's Wilma Homes, Nancy Bullard, Sue Durham and Margaret McCloy take a haul truck for a spin in the simulator at the Bursting with Energy Expo.
- 3 | Jen Bowcock, Amy Harburg and Andrea Sutton from Coal & Allied with Muswellbrook High and St Joseph's High students at Pathways4Girls.
- 4 | Muswellbrook South Public School student Brendan Matthews with some of the fruits of the school's labours through the Lettuce Out programme.

Coal & Allied employment information sessions back in Muswellbrook by popular demand

Coal & Allied's employment information sessions in Muswellbrook provide information about the company's recruitment process and how to apply for jobs as they become available.

Sessions were held in May and June at Coal & Allied's Muswellbrook shopfront, 19 Bridge Street. The next sessions are scheduled for Singleton in July-August with sessions following in Muswellbrook in September-October. For more information or to register to attend contact 1800 727 745 or email cnacommunityrelations@ riotinto.com

Upgrade approved for Bengalla Link Road

Motorists will benefit from improved safety through an upgrade to sections of Bengalla Link Road.

Bengalla Link Road runs to the west of Muswellbrook, linking Denman Road in the east with Wybong Road in the west and crossing the Hunter River at Keys Bridge. The road is used by local residents and businesses.

General Manager Operations Andrea Sutton said Bengalla is funding the work to improve road safety and as part of commitments under its development consent conditions.

"The multi-million dollar improvement works are expected to start by July with completion anticipated April 2013, providing a better, safer route for all road users," Andrea said.

"At present, the section of road from the Denman Road intersection to the Wantana Dairy Lane intersection is showing areas of cracking.

"The improvements we are funding will include repairing and strengthening the existing pavement while upgrading drainage and the overall design of the road."

Andrea said some of the work will involve significant traffic management which will be conducted in close consultation with Council. "I ask that motorists drive to conditions once road works commence to ensure both their safety, and the safety of construction workers.

"The improvements will be designed to consider local community requirements."

Bengalla is committed to keeping road users informed and will be placing advertisements in local papers during the construction period.

If you have any questions about this project, please drop into our shopfront at 19 Bridge Street or call our community information line on 1800 727 745.

Update on our projects



* The Warkworth extension is subject to ongoing consideration under the Federal Government Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999).

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Pictured: Students Billy Nichols, Lauren Korman, Alannah Miller and Brady Laughton with school teacher Sarah Milton and volunteer swim instructor Roger Mullins.

Muswellbrook students learn swimming and water safety skills

More than 240 Muswellbrook South Public School students and teachers have begun a 16-week programme to learn the fundamental skills of swimming and water safety thanks to a partnership with Coal & Allied.

School Principal Rebecca Langdon said the programme is being well received by the school community as it aims to ensure that students from Years Two to Six can safely and confidently enjoy the water.

"It's such an important safety initiative given that a lot of families within our school community cannot afford swimming lessons yet many children swim or play in the Hunter River or local dams," Rebecca said.

"It's the first time we've run a comprehensive programme like this and we're very pleased that the Coal & Allied Community Development Fund has come on board to help fund it."

At the end of the programme students will be assessed on their swimming and water safety skills.

In addition to the 16-week course, the programme also provides longer term benefits with the accreditation of two teachers who will teach basic swimming and survival skills to students in the future.

Coal & Allied Principal Community Investment Stephen Sneddon said the Coal & Allied Community Development Fund was proud to partner with the school and the community in developing the water safety skills of the students, teachers and parents.

From the General Managers





Tod Claytor – Mount Pleasant

As we launch into Spring, it was great for our team to have the opportunity at the Merriwa Springtime Show to mingle with our neighbours. Coal & Allied is proud to be a major sponsor of the event for a second year.

The Mount Pleasant Project, along with Bengalla were pleased to support the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Black Coal Cup Charity Golf Day on 28 August.

It was a great day for an excellent cause which we have supported for 12 years. It was inspiring to see the community support for this event remains strong, with record numbers at this year's event.

As an update for the Mount Pleasant Project, we are continuing our review, investigating options to lower the cost of developing this mine. This review is expected to continue into 2013 and will be focused on providing the best value case for Rio Tinto to make a decision.

We also gave members of the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry an update on the project when Coal & Allied hosted the business group's breakfast meeting at our Muswellbrook shopfront during September. Some attendees also participated in a bus tour of Bengalla.

Dan Janney – Bengalla

This is my first newsletter as the General Manager Operations for Bengalla. On behalf of the team at Bengalla I would like to thank Andrea Sutton for her considerable achievements during her time here as general manager operations over the past four years and wish her all the best for her new role with Rio Tinto.

The Bengalla Community Open Day is fast approaching on Saturday 27 October. As I am new to the region I am looking forward to this opportunity to meet many of you at this fun family day out. See the back cover for more information including how to participate in a bus tour of the mine.

Bengalla's annual bird watching event was again a success on 8 September. Bengalla employees,

representatives from the Hunter Bird Observers Club and members of the community gathered to celebrate the diversity of birds in the Upper Hunter Valley. I hope that those of you who attended enjoyed scanning the skies along the riparian zone of the Hunter River for the many local species of birds in the area.



Pictured: 2011 Bengalla engineering scholarship recipient Hayden Nicol is looking forward to undertaking vacation work at Bengalla at the end of the year.

As we move into the second half of the year, Bengalla is supporting local students by providing scholarships to four Muswellbrook High School students for their university studies. A fifth scholarship has also been provided to the child of a Bengalla employee. In addition, applications have just closed for our engineering scholarship, and we look forward to announcing the winner in January. Last year's recipient Hayden Nicol (pictured above) from Muswellbrook said the scholarship has provided not only financial assistance but also hands on experience.

Finally, Bengalla was proud to support the Muswellbrook Race Club's Race Day on 5 August. Congratulations to the Club for celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

Update on our projects

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Bengalla works with farmers to increase land use and productivity

Local landowners, Bengalla, the University of Newcastle, HHM Projects and Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority are working together to increase productivity and profitability for local farmers as part of a new soil carbon project.

The project will run for four years and aims to improve soil carbon management for farmers and develop a soil carbon model for the Upper Hunter.

Bengalla Environmental Specialist Amy Harburg said the project aims to deliver many benefits to land owners including improving agricultural productivity by increasing soil nutrient levels and water holding capacity.

"The research has the potential to deliver some really positive land-use outcomes for the region," Amy said.

The project will also look at soil carbon sequestration – removing carbon from the atmosphere and capturing it in soil. This has the potential to provide landowners with additional income, by trading sequestered carbon under the Federal Government's Carbon Farming Initiative.

The project is a commitment under Bengalla's consent conditions. Initial testing of all participating properties was completed in August.

Scholarships available for careers supporting rural and regional NSW

Five scholarships worth \$5000 each are available for Hunter Valley students who want to build careers that will help strengthen rural and regional areas of New South Wales.

The scholarships are available through a new partnership between Coal & Allied Community Development Fund and the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation and are aimed at supporting local students who are motivated to help build strong and sustainable rural and regional communities.

Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation Executive Officer Jocellin Jansson said these scholarships will assist students by helping them pursue their educational and training goals.

"We're pleased that Coal & Allied has come on board to support our Rural Scholarship programme as it will help ease some of the financial challenges that rural and regional students often face," Jocellin said.

Applications close on 30 September 2012. For more information contact Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation Executive Officer Jocellin Jansson on 9704 1234 or via email foundation@rasf.org.au.

Partnership to help local businesses

Coal & Allied is proud to launch a three year partnership with HunterNet to help local small to medium businesses understand and get involved in supply chains across a range of Hunter Valley industries.

HunterNet is a not-for-profit member organisation made up of a network of more than 190 small and medium-sized manufacturing, engineering and consulting companies in the Hunter region.

Coal & Allied Managing Director Bill Champion said as supply chains can be extremely complex for small to medium businesses to navigate and comprehend he is pleased to partner with HunterNet through the company's Community Development Fund.



Pictured: Bill Champion, HunterNet Chief Executive John Coyle, Member Services Manager Robert Masterson and Project Facilitator Michael Murray and Coal & Allied's Stephen Sneddon launching the partnership.

"Building upon the success of an initial pilot programme the partnership aims to provide a model that will help businesses identify and target the best fit in a supply chain for their products and services," Bill said. "I look forward to seeing more local businesses benefit from the region's industries."

> Pictured: (Left) GSS Environmental's John Lawrie and Andrew Regan; Dr Brian Murphy, Dr Tony O'Hara, Chris Masters and Shane Curry from HHM Projects, University of Newcastle PhD student Priscilla Tremain and Amy Harburg from Bengalla.

Scholarships help students further their education

Four students from Muswellbrook, Aberdeen and Denman were among those to recently receive scholarships worth \$5000 each to help them get started in their university studies.

Coal & Allied was proud to partner with the University of Newcastle for the sixth consecutive year to help 12 students from the Hunter Valley to pursue their chosen professions with \$60,000 in scholarships through its Community Development Fund.

This year's winners include local recipients Abbey Bates, Jessie Hayne, Jessica Scott and Elizabeth Thompson.

First year Bachelor of Environmental Science student Jessie Hayne from Denman said the scholarship has helped launch her studies by buying textbooks and resources to allow her to focus on her studies rather than expenses.

"I would like to thank Coal & Allied for this scholarship, it has opened up opportunities and experiences that may not have been possible without it," Jessie said.

"When I graduate I would like to go into environmental monitoring and assessment in the mining industry as this will offer lots of different and exciting opportunities."

Coal & Allied Principal Community Investment Stephen Sneddon said the scholarships are part of the company's commitment to help build the sustainability of communities in the Upper Hunter.

"Our partnership with the University of Newcastle is not only an investment in the future of these students and those we have supported in previous years, but a long term investment in developing a diverse range of skills for the entire region," Stephen said.





Thompson with University of Newcastle Foundation CEO Louise O'Connell.

Pictured: Scholarship recipients Jessie Havne and Elizabeth Pictured: International River Paramedics volunteers from Hong Kong, Germany and Korea and a local member take a break from their hard work on the banks of Muscle Creek

River Paramedics rehabilitate local river banks

Community members, International River Paramedics volunteers and a Conservation Volunteers team leader spent a week undertaking rehabilitation work on Muscle Creek and the Hunter River near Muswellbrook recently as part of an ongoing rehabilitation programme.

Conservation Volunteers Northern NSW Regional Manager Leonie Winner said that 100 trees were planted and 6000 square metres of weeds were removed during the project.

"The valuable work the volunteers have done will assist to control erosion, improve water quality, restore habitats for native animals and remove harmful weeds," Leonie said.

Coal & Allied has partnered with Conservation Volunteers Australia through its Community Development Fund to support the River Paramedics programme since 2003.

The programme has seen more than 111,000 shrubs and trees planted, 650,000 square metres revegetated, 477,000 square metres weeded, three tonnes of rubbish removed and almost 9000 volunteer days contributed.



Get to know Dan

Dan Janney has just joined the Bengalla team in the role of general manager operations. Dan has answered some questions for us as we get to know him and his family.

Where were you before you moved to the Hunter Valley?

I lived in the remote town of Jabiru in the Northern Territory with my family and worked at the Ranger Uranium Mine. We lived there for about three and a half years before accepting the position with Bengalla. Prior to that I worked at Kennecott Utah Copper in the United States.

Can you tell us a little more about your family?

My wife Candice and I have three kids - Colton (14), Jacob (6) and Sarah (4). The kids are looking forward to experiencing the Hunter Valley.

What are you looking forward to living in the Hunter Valley?

I am looking forward to many aspects of living in the Hunter Valley. It is a very beautiful part of the world and there are so many things to do in this region. After living in a small remote community, we are also looking forward to having more options and conveniences around every day living.

What are your hobbies?

Hunting, fishing, mountain climbing, mountain biking, skiing and spending time with my family.

What three things should everybody know about you?

1. I grew up in a small country town in Montana, United States. 2. In a personal setting, I'm generally quiet until I get to know someone. 3. I enjoy playing the piano and the guitar.

What advice would you give your 20-year-old self if you had the chance?

I can't think of any advice that I could give to my 20 year old self, but I know my 20 year old self would have plenty to give to me now.

Community joins together to plant trees

Thanks to the joint efforts of local volunteers almost 3000 natives were planted across Muswellbrook's Karoola Park and Hyde Park in Denman to celebrate National Tree Day in July.

More than 80 community volunteers including Girl Guides, Scouts and Bengalla employees took part in the event managed by Muswellbrook Shire Council.

Muswellbrook Girl Guides Unit Leader Sally Jackson said that the Guides have been involved in tree planting activities over the last two years. This year they also cared for the seedlings a month after the planting, laying mulch with Coal & Allied staff.

"The environment is one of the major focuses in Guiding and it is important for us to nurture and care for it," Sally said.

"The girls really enjoy being part of a big project like this and it is a great way for us to contribute to the care of the environment and community."



Pictured: (Above) Muswellbrook Guides' Sally Jackson, Emily Wright, Gemma O'Leary, Angelica Say, Community Relations Officer Nataly Zelayandia, Abby McDonald, Jillian Armstrong, Alice Dunn and Cordelia Prangley undertaking mulching.

Community recognition at Hunter Business Awards

Coal & Allied proudly accepted the 'President's Award' for its contribution to the community at the 2012 Hunter Business Awards.

Hunter Business Chamber President Richard Anicich said he considered close to 1000 individuals and organisations affiliated with the Chamber when selecting a winner.

"I chose Coal & Allied because I was particularly impressed by the way the company contributes to the community outside its core business. Last year the company purchased products and services from more than 400 businesses in the Upper Hunter, injecting over \$628 million into the region's economy," Richard said.

"Through its long term community investment programme, they also invested in nearly 240 local projects in 2011, and over 60 of these were partnerships." Richard also recognised how Coal & Allied's employees are encouraged to be active in their local communities, and since July last year have collectively raised over \$30,000 and committed almost 1600 hours to community work.

Coal & Allied Principal Community Investment Stephen Sneddon congratulated all the winners and finalists and said the company was proud to be announced the winner of the President's Award.

"Coal & Allied has been a strong and active member of the Hunter Valley community for more than 165 years, and being recognised by the Chamber for this work is an honour," Stephen said.

"While we're in the business of producing coal, we're proud of our contributions to the Hunter Valley community and we will continue to look at ways we can address their needs and challenges in the future."

Pictured: (Below) Hunter Business Chamber President Richard Anicich, Coal & Allied's Jennifer Bowcock and Stephen Sneddon and Hunter Business Chamber CEO Kristen Keegan.



Bengalla Link Road construction

Work to upgrade sections of Bengalla Link Road commenced in June and construction is progressing well with the focus continuing on the stretch between Denman Road and Wantana Road.

Works include repairing and strengthening the existing pavement, as well as upgrading drainage and the overall road design. Construction is expected to be complete in April 2013, providing a better, safer route for all road users. The construction is being funded under Bengalla's development consent commitments. The safety of road workers and users is our first priority during this construction period. Traffic management is in place and motorists are required to slow down to 40km/h when travelling through the zone.

Speeds are being monitored for safety purposes and drivers will have seen the variable message board which is in place, to reinforce the need to slow down.

We are committed to keeping road users informed during the construction period. If you have any questions about this project, please drop into our shopfront at 19 Bridge Street or call our community information line on 1800 727 745.



Pictured: A variable message board is in place in the construction area to show drivers their speed.

Upcoming events we are proud to support:

17 – 21 September

Upper Hunter Book Week - Children's author and illustrator Terry Denton will be visiting schools in Muswellbrook, Singleton and the Upper Hunter.

17 October

Muswellbrook Shire Council Solar Boat Challenge race day -Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter students who have designed and built solar powered, remote controlled, model boats will race against other teams. For more information visit www.solarboatchallenge.info

27 October

Bengalla Community Open Day – 10am-2pm Muswellbrook Showgrounds. Bring your family for a great day out including the opportunity to go behind the scenes on a mine tour.

Bengalla Open Day

Bengalla extends a warm welcome to all community members to join them at this year's Bengalla Community Open Day on Saturday 27 October from 10am-2pm. Held at the Muswellbrook Showground, the event will be a great day out for the whole family with a large range of displays and activities for all to enjoy.

There will be entertainment by Kyda Rock, a free barbeque and the opportunity to go behind the scenes on a guided bus tour of the mine. Tours will depart every 15 minutes from the showground between 10am and 2pm - bookings are required on the day. Children must be five years or older to take part in the tour and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian if under 12-years-old. Closed in shoes must be worn for the tour.

For more information, contact Debbie Day from Bengalla by email Debbie.Day@rtca.riotinto.com.au or phone 0459124511. For the safety of visitors and employees this event may be postponed due to rain so stay tuned to PowerFM for updates.



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Pictured: Bengalla employee Wally Boas with wife Felicity and son Zach taking part in the 'dress like a miner' at the Bengalla Open Day.

for more pictures from the day.

Bengalla welcomes record crowd at their Community Open Day

More than two thousand people attended this year's Bengalla Community Open Day, taking the opportunity to go behind the scenes of a local mine and get up close to equipment bigger than their homes.

The bumper crowd at the bi-annual event enjoyed lots of free entertainment including a live broadcast from PowerFM, a free barbeque, face painting, a 'dress like a miner' photo station, interactive displays to learn more about Bengalla's operation and a guided bus tour of the site.

Bengalla General Manager Operations Dan Janney said: "The Community Day was about opening our doors so people get to know a bit more about us, what we do and our contribution to help strengthen the local community.

"It was great to see so many people come along, and have an opportunity for our employees who live in the area to show their family what they do on the guided bus tours. I would like to thank our community partners, suppliers and employees for the part they played in the event's success and thank everyone who attended."

Some of Bengalla's community partners, including Wildlife Aid, were there on the day showcasing the initiatives that the mine supports. Bengalla's environmental experts were also on hand to talk about the types of monitoring equipment used on site as part of managing environmental impacts.

Bengalla employee Wally Boas attended the Open Day with his wife Felicity and son Zach. Wally said: "It was a great family day out, and nice to be able to show my son where his dad works. He really enjoyed the truck displays, face painting and activities. It was also great to see the many community partners and spend time with my co-workers in a relaxed setting."





Tod Claytor – Mount Pleasant

Welcome to the final edition of the Muswellbrook community newsletter for 2012. As the year quickly draws to a close, looking back it certainly has been a busy one for Coal & Allied. We were fortunate to work with many local community groups on projects that will truly build stronger and more sustainable communities surrounding our operations. Coal & Allied took time to celebrate these partnerships in November at our annual communities event. For more information on this event and on some of our community partnerships and programmes see page three.

The Mount Pleasant Project is continuing through a review period that will run into 2013. The review is focused on providing the best value case under the current financial environment for Rio Tinto to consider investing in construction.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and relaxing Christmas, and please make it a safe one by taking special care on our roads over the festive season.

Dan Janney – Bengalla

Bengalla certainly has had a jam-packed second half of 2012. The Community Open Day held in late October was a great opportunity to bring the community, our

employees, suppliers and partners together for a day of fun and festivity. I hope that all who attended found the day both enjoyable and educational as you took a closer look at our operations and our involvement in the community.

Work is continuing to upgrade and strengthen a section of Bengalla Link Road with traffic management in place. With safety as one of our business values we continue to ask road users to travel carefully and drive to conditions in the area. If you have any questions on this work please contact our Community Relations team.

Congratulations to Bengalla's Emergency Response Team for their recent success at the Queensland Mine Rescue Challenge where they competed in exercises to test theory and practice including a rescue from a building filled with smoke, a multi casualty scenario, a fire exercise, vertical rescue and road rescue.

The team performed very well in all exercises, won the fire exercise and came second in individual practical.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the entire Bengalla team and our service providers for their dedicated efforts to work safely and productively each day. I would also like to join Tod in wishing you and your families a happy holiday season and a safe new year.

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Bengalla Continuation project

Bengalla is proposing to extend the life of the mine by 21 years from its current development consent, which allows mining until 2017. The Continuation project would see mining continue west, away from Muswellbrook on land that is owned by Bengalla.

As part of the Bengalla Continuation project the site is preparing an application for a Development Consent under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.* An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will accompany this application is being finalised and is expected to be placed on public exhibition in 2013. Bengalla is committed to engaging the community in this process and will ensure feedback is integrated into the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared. Bengalla will provide the community with further information of where the EIS can be viewed and how to make a submission.

If you have any questions about the Bengalla Continuation project please drop into Coal & Allied's shopfront at 19 Bridge Street or call our community information line on 1800 727 745.

In the community

Solar Boat challenge

On 17 October students from 12 local schools competed in a race with a difference, putting to the test the environmentally-friendly remote controlled solar-powered boats they had spent months creating. Bengalla and the Mount Pleasant Project were again pleased to sponsor the challenge which



Pictured: Race day for the Solar Boat challenge.

gets the students interacting with forms of alternative energy while engaging in fun and creative activities.

This year we were pleased to sponsor two schools and provide technical support for Sandy Hollow Public School, Muswellbrook Public School, Muswellbrook South Primary School and St James Public School.



Pictured: Will Rankin and Jack Price from Muswellbrook Public School with their solar boat.

Beef Bonanza

The seventh annual Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza was held over three days in early November, providing educational opportunities and competitions for young people. The Coal & Allied Community Development Fund supported the event with more than 520 students from 32 high school students from across the state participating to learn more about the cattle industry. The Bonanza also provided



Pictured: Coal & Allied's Stephen Sneddon with student Jenny Quera.

an opportunity for local livestock producers to benchmark the quality of their own cattle production. Coal & Allied principal community investment Stephen Sneddon said: "We are proud to support the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza which promotes beef production as an important industry in the region and educates young people about career opportunities in agriculture."

Sustainability Street holiday programme



Pictured: Lily Kenah, Eden Kenah, Toby Large and Darcy Large with their scarecrows they made for community gardens.

Children learnt how to grow vegetables and make scarecrows during holiday activities as part of Muswellbrook Shire Council's Sustainability Street programme. The programme aims to increase awareness in the community about how easy it is to live sustainably and the simple steps people can take such as recycling properly and switching light bulbs to make a big difference to the sustainability of the community. The programme is a three year partnership between Muswellbrook Shire Council and the Coal & Allied Community Development Fund.

Coal & Allied celebrates partnerships

In early November Coal & Allied joined with some of its community partners, council members, local businesses, school Principals and media to celebrate programmes that benefited the local community this year. This year Coal & Allied had the opportunity to work with more than 170 projects and more than 60 programmes in partnership.

Guests had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful gardens and chapel at the picturesque Sacred Spaces, Convent of Mercy venue in Singleton. With St Catherine's Catholic College students entertaining attendees and delicious catering prepared by Singleton High



Pictured: Coal & Allied and community partners celebrate 2012.

students, the evening was a great opportunity to reflect on a busy and successful year of partnerships.

The Coal & Allied Community Development Fund, Aboriginal Development Consultative Community and the site donation committees would like to thank each of its partners for another great year of collaboration.

Congratulations Bengalla 2012 undergraduate scholarship winners

Each year Bengalla offers five undergraduate scholarships each valued at \$3000. Four are awarded to Muswellbrook High School students and the fifth awarded to the child of a Bengalla employee regardless of their school.

Congratulations to this year's recipients - Tamara Peterson, Natalia Suel, Petra Franks and Nicholas Logan from Muswellbrook High School and Amelia Walsh.



Pictured: Muswellbrook High School scholarship winners.

London 2012 medallist inspires local students

More than 500 Upper Hunter Valley students had the chance to meet an Olympic hero and see Olympic gold and silver medals up close in September when Australian champion rower Drew Ginn toured the region. Drew visited schools, community groups and mines, thanks to his role as an athlete ambassador for Rio Tinto, a proud, official partner of the Australian Olympic Team.

Fresh from winning a silver medal in London, the three-time gold medallist shared his experiences about teamwork, overcoming obstacles and achieving goals with the students at Muswellbrook South Public School and Muswellbrook High School.

"Both students and teachers were mesmerised by Drew - it was an amazing opportunity to have him come and talk to us in person."

Muswellbrook South Public School Principal Rebecca Langdon said: "Drew was an inspiration to the students,

Pictured right: Olympian Drew Ginn talking to students Daisy Ratatagia, Bianca Davies, Cassidy Watts and Rhylie Pereira. sharing his journey and talking about the importance of having goals and aspirations, and what is possible when you put your mind to something.

"Both students and teachers were mesmerised by Drew - it was an amazing opportunity to have him come and talk to us in person after we had just watched him at the Olympics. To see him, and the medal he won in London brought home that he was a person who had worked really hard to get to where he is.



Masterchef Andy Allen helps Bengalla support the Muswellbrook Hospital

The 2012 Masterchef winner Andy Allen joined Bengalla employees to BBQ for a good cause, raising funds for the Muswellbrook Hospital. This event was part of a larger employee-driven initiative to raise funds for the Muswellbrook Hospital Auxiliary.

Employees donated and were able to 'buy' a photo with the Masterchef to raise funds. Raffle tickets were also sold onsite for prizes including one week's accommodation at Fingal Bay.

More than \$8700 was raised by Bengalla, with Coal & Allied matching this amount. The donation will go towards items required by the hospital include equipment and furniture.

Pictured above: Andy Allen with Bengalla's Luke Holz and Shirley Smith, and Sue Durham and Eve Hulbert from Muswellbrook Hospital Auxiliary.

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Seen out: Bengalla **Open Day**

On Saturday 27 October thousands came to take a closer look at Bengalla.

"We are going to plant our Banksia seedlings in our backyard. Do you know that Banksias drop their seeds during a bushfire, so they can grow again?' Sarah and Ethan Wise

"We last did this tour eight years ago and it was fantastic. We drive past Bengalla every day on the way to school. This is a great opportunity to see what happens behind the fence." Nicola Field

"This is my first time at Bengalla Open Day. It is a great day, and wonderful atmosphere. There are so many people here. I am really looking forward to seeing the mine in action. I am definitely going to come again next time.

Mick Wheeler

"I am getting a power switch to make it easier to turn my appliances on and off. I am also signing up for more information about Sustainability Street." **David Hartley**



Pictured: Nicola Field with children Alex, Kate and Chris 'dress like a miner'.



Pictured: Sarah and Ethan Wise with Bengalla Environmental Advisor Calvin Leech.



the Muswellbrook PCYC display.

Pictured: Isobel Dimmock, Jessica Dimmock, Charlotte Bell and Matilda Dimmock with seeds to plant.



Pictured: Russell Hartin; Mick Murdoch, John Brady and Kurt EL-Sayed manning the Maintenance display.

Pictured: Record crowds attended this year's Community Open Day.



Pictured: Becky Lockyer, Trent Stapleton and Nataly Fay trial Coal & Allied's energy bike.

Pictured: Cassandra Mpeleris from St James School with her 3rd , prize winning colouring in artwork.

Bengalla shares environmental practices with international guests and NSW mining industry

Bengalla's environmental team have had a busy couple of months showcasing the leading practice work taking place on site.

In September, journalists, mining executives, university heads and professors and Government advisors from Mongolia visited Bengalla to take a closer look at how the site manages rehabilitation and air quality control.

Bengalla recognises that noise and dust can be issues for neighbouring communities and minimising the effect of these operational impacts is an ongoing focus. An extensive air and noise monitoring network helps Bengalla manage these impacts from its operations.

Bengalla is progressive in its approach to reducing dust and uses cover crop on disturbed areas to minimise dust while rehabilitating land as soon as possible to reduce exposed areas. Rehabilitation is a key part of the mine plan for Bengalla and scheduled well in advance. In late October Bengalla presented at the NSW Minerals Council Environment and Community Conference about its Soil Carbon Project, and the development of a soil carbon model.

Environmental Specialist Amy Harburg said: "Bengalla is one year into a four year project partnering with local farmers and Government stakeholders to develop farm management practices that aim to improve soil carbon levels and soil productivity in the Hunter Valley. The project has progressed well with a large amount of soil mapping already being completed and the development of a soil carbon model is well underway."

Bengalla Link Road construction update

The ongoing upgrade work on Bengalla Link Road is continuing between Denman Road and Wantana Lane. Works have now moved to the Denman Road end, as well as the opposite end on the section between Keys Bridge and Wantana Lane. Works include repairing and strengthening the existing pavement, as well as upgrading drainage and the overall road design.

The first section of roadway is now mostly complete with some further works to be undertaken on the east-bound section. Construction is expected to be complete in March 2013, ahead of our original schedule.

We thank road users for their patience during this upgrade and remind drivers that a variable speed limit of between 40km/hr and 60km/hr is being enforced in the area. Speeds are being monitored for safety purposes and drivers will have seen the variable message boards which are in place to reinforce the need to slow down. The safety of road workers and users is our first priority during this construction period.

This upgrade will provide a better, safer route for all road users and the construction is being funded under Bengalla's development consent commitments.

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