

Community

NEWSLETTER



International Women's Day 2025

An update from the Mach Energy team

As we move into the second half of the year, it's a great opportunity to reflect on the strength, progress, and strong sense of community that continue to define life in the Upper Hunter. We're proud of our team's ongoing efforts to operate safely and reliably, while supporting the people, projects, and priorities that matter most to our region.

Many in our community have expressed serious concerns at the recent NSW Court of Appeals judgement challenging the validity of the approval for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation project.

This project went through a rigorous approval process that began in 2018 and received approval as a State Significant Development in September 2022.

Since that time, the approval has been subject to numerous legal challenges. Our team, working closely with the community, will continue to pursue all options to protect this vitally important project and provide continuity and certainty.

The recent judgement will be considered by our legal team. In the meantime, we will continue to operate in alignment with our existing approvals and conditions and ensure our employees, contract partners, suppliers, and local communities are kept updated on progress.

We're grateful for the continued engagement and support and will continue to provide information on ways to help secure the future of this project and our community.



Muswellbrook Business Awards

MACH Energy is proud to be a continued supporter of the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Awards, an event that recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements of local businesses across the region.

MACH's General Manager Operations, Mick Redman presenting the Award for Excellence in Tourism to Laura from Two Rivers Wines.

Aboriginal Community Development Fund

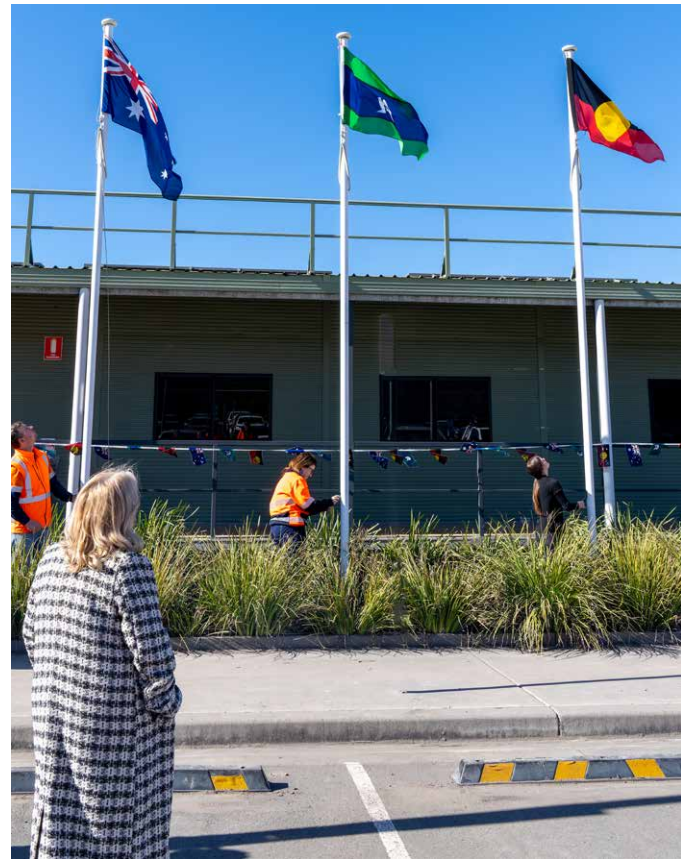
MACH Energy oversees commitments relating to their Aboriginal Community Development Fund (ACDF). MACH welcomes this opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the sustainability and well-being of Aboriginal communities in the Upper Hunter Valley. The ACDF seeks to support partnerships that target issues, needs, and opportunities which are priorities for local Aboriginal communities in areas such as health, economic development, cultural and community development, and education.

In the first half of 2025, the ACDF welcomed five new members to the committee and bid farewell to five of our existing members.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the departing members for their valuable contributions over recent years. Their dedication and efforts have played a significant role in shaping the direction and impact of the committee. We wish the outgoing committee all the very best in their future endeavours.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome our five new members. We look forward to working with the new committee and are confident their insights and experience will bring great value to the work ahead.

This period the ACDF has had great focus on supporting Local Schools to Celebrate NAIDOC Week. This year's theme, The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy, is close to the heart of our committee and aligned with our priority of supporting the next generation through our support of school programs. We look forward to sharing in the NAIDOC week celebrations and celebrating their success in our next Newsletter.



NAIDOC 2025

Lake Glenbawn Family Carp Muster - Saturday 22nd February 2025

The Lake Glenbawn Family Carp Muster is making a significant impact on preserving the health of Glenbawn Dam's ecosystem by tackling the carp problem. Carp are invasive species that negatively affect native fish, biodiversity, and aquatic vegetation. Through this annual event, the muster aims to safeguard the dam's ecosystem for future generations.

This year's event saw 577 people registered, with even more participants turning up on the day. Jamie, the event coordinator, is deeply passionate about the cause and is dedicated to bringing families together for a weekend of fun, fishing, and hands-on help with removing carp from our waterways.

Jamie shared that he had the pleasure of speaking with numerous kids over the weekend who are now "hooked" on fishing. Jamie's quote: "The world definitely needs more tackle boxes and fewer Xboxes." Through the event, kids are discovering the joys of the outdoors, making memories, and learning the importance of preserving our natural resources.

Over the weekend, an impressive 783 carp were caught, totalling almost 2 tonnes. In addition, approximately 100 prizes were given away to participants, making for a fun-filled, rewarding experience for all involved.

MACH Energy is proud to have sponsored this year's event and contributed to such an important and enjoyable initiative.



Community Sponsorships

2025 has been a big year of community support in the Upper Hunter.

It's been a busy and rewarding year for us at MACH Energy, with a strong focus on giving back to the Upper Hunter community through our sponsorship program.

To date, through the sponsorship program, we've proudly supported 61 local organisations, covering a wide range of community interests including rugby league, soccer, netball, equestrian, the Country Women's Association, schools, swimming clubs, agricultural shows, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, pony clubs, photography, cricket, automotive, the Rural Fire Service, and many more.

We're dedicated to playing an active role in the communities where we live and work.

MACH extends a heartfelt thank you to all the passionate groups, volunteers, and individuals we've partnered with. We look forward to continuing this support in the years to come.

Career Opportunities at MACH Energy

Are you ready to take the next step in your career?

Visit our website at: www.machenergyaustralia.com.au/positions-vacant/



MACH Energy out and about in the Community



Muswellbrook Junior RAMS Sponsor Day



Upper Hunter Show



Continue support of the Muswellbrook Polocrosse Carnival



Supporting the Denman Amateur Swimming Club for their swimming season with team shirts

Land and Property

In March 2025, MACH's Land & Property Officers, Sandy Lettice and Rich Ali, hosted a successful Offsets Committee Meeting, showcasing some of MACH's key projects and programs.

The attendees enjoyed a quick coffee at one of Merriwa's local businesses before setting off for a tour. The group travelled to Cassilis, followed by visits to St Antoine and Wahrane, two of our significant Offset holdings. The tour highlighted several key sites and points of interest.



Cattle Creek Cassilis



Llangollen Woolshed

Environment

An additional 32ha of rehabilitation was completed in 2024. Rehabilitation includes shaping of the placed overburden to a natural geomorphic landform, placement of topsoil and ameliorants (gypsum), light ripping and seeding with a mixture of native grass and woodland species. Additionally, 6800 Hiko seedlings were planted.



Rock drain construction



View of recent rehab from centre of waste dump system

Annual Review Report 2024

Our 2024 Annual Review Report is available on our website. It provides a great summary of our activities and performance over the last reporting year. Please visit: <https://machenergyaustralia.com.au/mount-pleasant/documentation/>

Independent Environmental Audit

Mount Pleasant's SSD 10418 requires an Independent Environment Audit to be conducted within one year of commencement of development under SSD 10418 and every three years after. The first of this audit was submitted to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in February 2025. Among other requirements, this is required to be carried out in consultation with the relevant agencies and Community Consultative Committee (CCC) and be conducted by a suitably qualified and independent team of experts whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary. The audit report has now been assessed by DPHI as satisfactory and is been published on the Mt Pleasant website <https://machenergyaustralia.com.au/mount-pleasant/documentation/>

Dorset Road & Castlerock Road Works

Community Update

Road works on Dorset Road and Castlerock Road have now commenced.



MACH have commenced construction activities to reroute Castlerock Road to link with Dorset Road.

Current works include pavement testing and survey on Kayuga and Wybong Roads and repairs to culverts on Wybong Road.

The eastern section of Castlerock Road is scheduled for permanent closure in late Q2 2026.

The figure below illustrates the works on Dorset Road & Castlerock Road.



Timeline:

- Construction of the rerouted road will occur from June 2025 to June 2026.
- General Site Standard Work Hours 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm Saturdays.

Construction works will include:

- Clearing, grubbing and mulching
- Earthworks including topsoil stripping
- Stormwater drainage and service crossings
- Road pavements
- Road fixtures including guidepost, raised pavement marker and guardrail
- Line marking and signage
- Revegetation.

During the construction period:

Temporary traffic arrangements will be in place at Dorset Road with one lane traffic for both directions regulated by traffic lights, which may result in an additional two minutes of travel time.

For further information:

COMMUNITY HOTLINE 24/7: 1800 886 889

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Community Consultive Committee (CCC)

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) continues to play a vital role in keeping communication open between MACH Energy and the local community. So far this year, two CCC meetings have been held, with the most recent in June conducting a tour of the recently constructed workshop. The tour provided CCC members with a firsthand look at the new facilities.



CCC Members and MACH representatives workshop tour



International Women's Day - 7th March 2025

The Mount Pleasant teams were proud to celebrate International Women's Day with a meaningful morning tea, bringing our workforce together to honour the achievements of women and their invaluable contributions in all areas of life.

It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the incredible women who inspire us and to reflect on the positive change they continue to create.

Pictured right, MACH's Environment and Community Manager Lisa Richards and External Relations Officer Kylie Sercombe



Meg, Paige and Isla

Rural Community Scholarship Program

We were proud to officially welcome our 2025 scholarship recipients to the Newcastle office in July. Meg Southcombe (Education), Paige Clark (Engineering), and Isla Smith (Medicine) joined us for introductions and Q&A regarding the scholarship program before receiving their MACH merchandise packs, marking the start of their scholarship journey. While Alix O'Brien (Engineering) was unable to join on the day, we look forward to celebrating with her soon.

About the Rural Community Scholarship Program

The MACH Energy Rural Community Scholarship Program reflects our commitment to building a stronger Upper Hunter community and developing a local talent pipeline. Funded through a portion of our community sponsorships, the program supports students from the region to pursue degrees in high-demand fields, with the aim of encouraging them to return and contribute their skills locally.

By supporting local students in education and health, we help address regional skills shortages in essential services, improving the sustainability of the Upper Hunter. The engineering scholarships further strengthen our business by building a future talent pool for roles at our Mount Pleasant Operation, including vacation placements and graduate opportunities.

Employee Spotlight – Georgia Sweetapple



My name is Georgia Sweetapple, I'm a Mechanical Project Engineer with the Project Delivery team at MACH Energy's Mount Pleasant Operation.

How did I get here?

2018 - Started Uni

2022 - Work Placement Enginova

2022 - Graduated University

2023 - Started Graduate Engineer Role at Mondadelphous

2024 - Started Graduate Engineer Role at WSP

2025 - Started Project Engineering Role at MACH

What's something about your job that would surprise people to know?

The sheer diversity of the projects we work on. It's not all about the mining itself. We're involved in environmental initiatives and many infrastructure projects outside of the immediate mining operation like improving roads in the area.

What might also be surprising is the amount of support you get as someone new to the industry. When I first started, I was worried I would be thrown in the deep end, but you never feel like you're tackling things alone.

What do you do in your downtime?

I love the outdoors. You'll often find me camping, fishing, snorkelling, or swimming. In the warmer months, I'm almost always in the water, whether it's swimming laps, floating in the waves, or exploring reefs.

How do you view the mining industry?

It's important to acknowledge that mining has an impact on the environment, however, there is a large effort put into mitigating those impacts, and the environmental team here on site works on a range of projects, to mitigate the impacts and rehabilitate the land we mine. Currently, the renewable power generation infrastructure just isn't sufficient to meet the growing global energy demand, and coal still plays a critical role in providing the base-load power that the world needs.

Also, mining is a lifeblood for local communities. It provides stable, well-paying jobs to a wide range of people. Many businesses in nearby towns thrive because of the investment brought into the area. The company also invests in community programs, support local infrastructure, and fund initiatives that benefit the wider region.

Kid's Corner

Activity - Colour in the dump truck



Community Hotline 1800 886 889

Blasting Hotline 1800 931 872

General Enquiries 1800 931 873

Our goal is to respond to your community feedback as quickly as possible.

24/7 Operation

The Mount Pleasant Operation operates on a 24-hour, seven day a week roster.

Further information, including blast times and location can be found on our website

www.machenergy.com.au or by emailing info@machenergy.com.au

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