

Community

NEWSLETTER

An Update From the MACH Energy Team

Following an extensive and rigorous assessment process and significant inputs from a range of experts, SSD 10418 received approval from the NSW Independent Planning Commission in September 2022. However, the July 2025 NSW Court of Appeal decision has created uncertainty around that approval and concern across the local community.

MACH Energy has appealed the NSW Court of Appeal decision. The appeal was heard in the High Court on 13 May, and we now await the Court's decision. MACH Energy will continue to operate strictly in accordance with all existing approvals and consent conditions and keep the community informed while these processes progress.

In parallel, Modification 8 to Development Consent DA 92/97 has progressed and MACH Energy has responded to submissions.

971 public and organisation submissions were received. Of these, 687 supported the application, 277 objected and there were 7 comments.

The map shows that local submissions were strongly supportive, while 81% of objections came from outside the Hunter region.

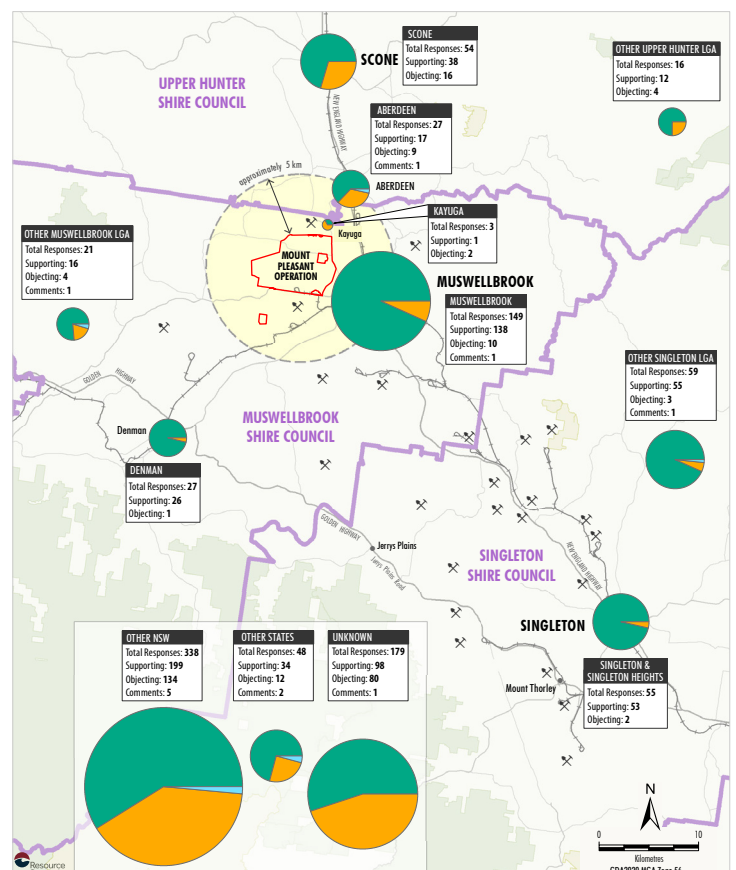
Your engagement with this process is deeply appreciated and reinforces the importance of providing certainty for our workforce, our suppliers, and the broader community.

Mount Pleasant remains committed to supporting local jobs, local businesses, and community partnerships across the Upper Hunter.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement and support.



Mount Pleasant Operation Family Day May 2026



MACH Energy 2026 Scholarship Recipients

On 24 June, MACH Energy was delighted to welcome the recipients of the 2026 Mount Pleasant Operation Community Scholarships and their families to our Newcastle Corporate Office to formally receive their scholarship awards.

The scholarship program supports local students pursuing studies and careers that are important to the future of the Upper Hunter region. Through these scholarships, MACH Energy is proud to invest in the next generation of professionals and community leaders.

As an update to our previous Community Newsletter, we are pleased to introduce Tarun Srikrishna Nagaraj as the recipient of the Medical Scholarship. This scholarship supports aspiring medical professionals and aims to encourage more doctors to live and work in the Upper Hunter in the future.



Tarun Srikrishna Nagaraj, Jade Constable, Mick Redman & Samuel Redgrove

Our 2026 scholarship recipients are:

Lachlan Peasley (Muswellbrook) – Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)

Samuel Redgrove (Singleton) – Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)

Jade Constable (Muswellbrook) – Bachelor of Education

Tarun Srikrishna Nagaraj (Muswellbrook) – Bachelor Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine

MACH Energy congratulates all of our 2026 scholarship recipients on this outstanding achievement. We wish them every success in their studies and look forward to seeing the positive contribution they will make to the Upper Hunter and beyond in the years ahead.



Lachlan Peasley & Mick Redman - General Manager Operations

Muswellbrook Chamber Business Awards

MACH Energy is proud to continue its support of the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Awards, an annual event that recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements of businesses across the Upper Hunter region.

This year's awards were held at the picturesque Two Rivers Wines in Denman, bringing together local businesses, industry leaders, and community members for an evening of celebration, connection, and recognition. The event showcased the strength, innovation, and resilience of our local business community and highlighted the significant contributions businesses make to the region's economy and prosperity.

MACH Energy is honoured to support an initiative that acknowledges business excellence and encourages the continued growth and success of the Upper Hunter business sector.



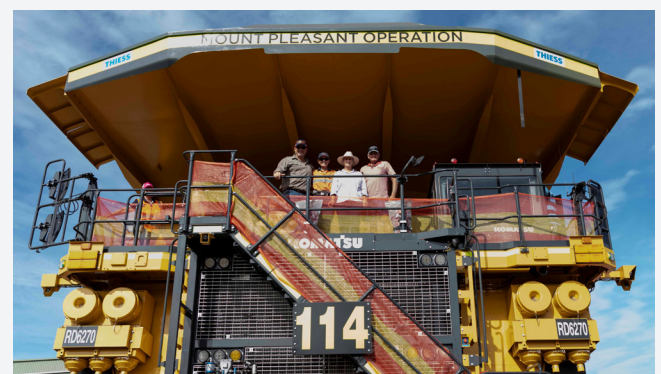
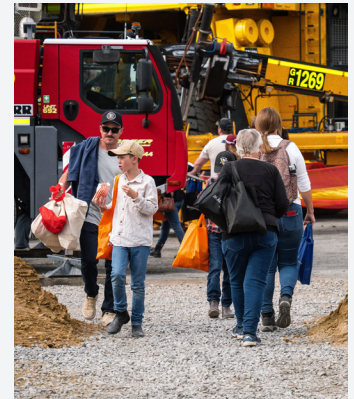
Mount Pleasant Operation Family Days

In May, Mount Pleasant Operation welcomed employees and their families on-site for two separate Family Days, providing a unique opportunity to showcase where our people work and the important role they play in our operation.

The events were filled with activities and entertainment for all ages, including amusement rides, a petting zoo, reptile displays, supplier displays and the chance to get up close to large mining equipment. Families had the opportunity to take part in guided Mine and CHPP tours, providing a

firsthand look at the operation to understand the work undertaken by their family members each day. Attendees enjoyed meeting members of the local Kayuga Rural Fire Brigade and sampling the delicious sweet treats from the Muswellbrook Country Women's Association (CWA).

A big thank you to our employees, suppliers, and community groups who contributed to the success of the events. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the experience and gaining a greater understanding of life at Mount Pleasant Operation.



Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

MACH Energy held its second Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting for 2026 in early June at Mount Pleasant Operation, bringing together community representatives, local stakeholders and MACH Energy personnel.

The CCC provides an important forum for open discussion, allowing members to stay informed about site activities while also sharing feedback, questions and community perspectives.

Topics discussed included current operations, environmental performance and upcoming activities across site.

We value the input and engagement of CCC members and appreciate the opportunity to maintain open and transparent communication with our community. We look forward to continuing these discussions throughout the remainder of the year. invest in the communities that support us every day.

Community Sponsorship

At MACH Energy, supporting our local communities is about more than sponsorship, it's about investing in the people, events and organisations that make the Upper Hunter a vibrant place to live and work.

During the first half of 2026, we were proud to support more than fifty (50) community organisations across the region. From grassroots football clubs and equestrian groups including polocrosse and pony clubs to agricultural shows, air shows, cricket, tennis, golf, dog trials, schools and even traditional Highland Games, each partnership reflects our commitment to helping local communities grow and thrive.

Every organisation we support plays an important role in bringing people together, encouraging participation, celebrating local traditions and creating opportunities for people of all ages. Whether it's helping young athletes achieve their goals, supporting volunteers who give their time so generously, or contributing to events that connect families and communities, we're honoured to play a small part in their success.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the volunteers, committee members and organisers whose dedication keeps these clubs and events running year after year. Your passion is the foundation of strong, connected communities, and we are proud to support your efforts.

As we look ahead to the remainder of 2026, MACH Energy remains committed to building meaningful partnerships and continuing to invest in the communities that support us every day.



Merriwa Pony Club



Muswellbrook Junior Cricket Presentations



MACH Energy Beat the Burn in the Bush Ball



MACH & Cheese Touch Football



Muswellbrook Polocrosse



Voice for Mining Newcastle



MACH Agri Continues to Grow

In 2025, MACH Energy Australia diversified its portfolio with the establishment of MACH Agri, an owner-operated agricultural business created to maximise the potential of the company's rural land holdings.

MACH Agri focuses on improving land utilisation while delivering positive environmental outcomes. As part of this commitment, the business is progressively improving the operations and properties. Construction is currently underway on two new centre pivot irrigation systems, which will irrigate 30 hectares and provide full remote operation and monitoring once complete. These improvements will increase our irrigation coverage and water use efficiency whilst creating opportunities to grow specialised crops such as corn and other intensive crops in the future.

This year, 174 hectares have been planted to winter crops, with 74 hectares currently under irrigation. To date, MACH Agri has produced 2,579 bales of oaten and lucerne hay, which has fed into the local agricultural market as well as MACH Agri's own livestock, demonstrating the continued growth and success of the operation.

Through MACH Agri, MACH Energy is investing in sustainable land management practices while strengthening the productivity and long-term value of its rural land and the Agricultural industry in the region.



Project Update - Castlerock Road New Alignment Works

The Northern Link Road works are continuing to track well against the project schedule. The existing Dorset Road intersection has been completed with final pavement layer placed.

The construction of the new alignment for Castlerock Road is occurring over the coming weeks with sealing, guardrail and line marking. During July the works on the new section of road will be largely completed (weather permitting) and opened to traffic.

Works over this period include:

- Road pavements.
- Guardrail, sealing and line marking
- Roadworks and safety improvements on the western section of Castlerock Road.

During the construction period, traffic management controls will be in place, and road users may experience some delays. We ask the public to be patient during this period, drive with caution and obey all traffic control measures and signage.

Project Timing:

- The new alignment for Castlerock Road is on track for opening in late July
- General site standard work hours 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Saturday.



Employee Spotlight – Cassie Williams



My name is Cassie Williams; I'm a Coal Quality and Logistics Coordinator at MACH Energy's Mount Pleasant Operation.

How did I get here?

2016: Graduated from the University of Queensland as a Chemical Engineer. Landed a gig with a chemical supply company, hoping to build a career in the water treatment industry. I was shipped off to Central Queensland to help service and maintain cooling towers on underground coal mine sites.

2018: I discovered just how interesting Coal Handling and Preparation Plants (CHPPs) were while running chemical trials for flotation and dewatering equipment. That led me into a Process Engineer role, working across multiple plants in Central Queensland. I loved the hands-on nature of the job and seeing the support I provided make a real difference to day-to-day plant performance. I worked with people from all sorts of backgrounds and learnt as much as I could from everyone around me. Before long, I found myself wanting to understand the whole site's coal flow and how plant performance tied back to coal washability data. I enjoy piecing the puzzle together and then seeing if I got it right when that material finally goes through the plant.

2023: Given an opportunity to step up into a CHPP Superintendent role. My favourite part of that role was helping build a CHPP crew from scratch and assist where I could with giving them the knowledge to get the most out of the feed presented to them. This led me to move to NSW, accepting a similar role at Malabar. Both roles were equally challenging and rewarding!

2026: Looking to get back into a more technical role I made a jump and now find myself in the Coal Quality and Logistics Coordinator role at Mount Pleasant Operation. I'm really enjoying the opportunity to combine my operational experience with the technical side of the business.

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

Probably how much of my job is like putting together a giant puzzle. I pull together bits of information from all parts of the business and try to make sense of the bigger picture. It can be challenging when the pieces don't quite fit—or decide to change shape in the last hour! The surprises never really stop, which keeps the role dynamic and interesting. When everything finally comes together, it's incredibly rewarding.

What do you do in your downtime?

Outside of work, I'm a bit of a nerd and have a pretty serious gaming setup. I probably shouldn't be trusted with adult money—I own far too many gaming consoles! I also love good food and wine. I'm still amazed by how many great places there are to check out around here. If anyone has any recommendations, I'm always keen to hear them!

How do you view the mining industry?

Mining's a bit of a pressure cooker, and I reckon that's why it attracts a certain type of person—people who like a challenge and know how to get the job done. I've genuinely enjoyed the people I've come across over the years. There are some great characters in the industry. We're a resilient bunch, driven to succeed but always looking out for each other, and that's what makes working in the industry worthwhile.

Kid's Corner

Activity - Spot the Difference

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

CAN YOU FIND ALL THE DIFFERENCES?



10
DIFFERENCES



2
EXPLORERS



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Great Job little explorer!
Keep learning, keep asking questions and keep shining bright!

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Fun Facts - Did you know?

- Mine sites are home to lots of wildlife! It's common to see wedge-tailed eagles, kangaroos, wallabies and many native birds around Australian coal mines and within our rehabilitated land.
- Coal began forming from plants that lived 300 million years ago—long before dinosaurs roamed the Earth!

Quiz Question - Can you guess?

How many tyres does a Komatsu 930E haul truck have?

A) 4 B) 6 C) 8

What do miners wear to help protect their heads?

A) Baseball cap B) Hard hat C) Bike helmet

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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