

Community

NEWSLETTER



Mount Pleasant Operation Rehabilitation - Photo credit Alex Wyllie

An update from the MACH Energy team

As we enter the final quarter of the year, it's a timely moment to acknowledge the resilience, momentum, and shared commitment that continue to shape Mount Pleasant Operation and the broader Upper Hunter community.

We're proud to celebrate 12 months Lost Time Injury (LTI) free, a milestone reached on 14th June, thanks to the vigilance and care of our workforce and contract partners. This achievement was recognised at a number of events held in early October, reinforcing the strong safety culture that underpins everything we do.

On the ground, our large enabling projects are progressing well. The Tailings Storage Facility Embankment lift is advancing steadily, and the Northern Infrastructure Works are gathering pace. This includes the Northern Link Road Project and the Northern Surface Water Project—both critical to supporting long-term operational continuity.

In parallel, we continue to pursue certainty on our primary consent, SSD10418. Our application seeking leave to appeal to the High Court was lodged on 20 August 2025.

MACH Energy will also seek an extension to the approved mining period under its other Development Consent DA 92/97 via a modification. This will provide an additional layer of certainty over our future while the challenges with SSD10418 are resolved.

We have all lived with uncertainty around this important project for too long and MACH Energy is doing all it can to secure a stable future for our employees, contractors, suppliers, and the local community.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Mount Pleasant Operation. We'll keep providing updates and remain focused on delivering safe, reliable operations and long-term continuity, and stability for Muswellbrook.



Upper Hunter Westpac Rescue Ball

MACH Energy was proud to support the Upper Hunter Rescue Ball; a standout community event held in celebration and support of the incredible work of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

The evening brought together members of the Upper Hunter community for a night of entertainment, fundraising, and recognition of a service that continues to play a vital role for our region.

MACH Energy Proud Supporter of NAIDOC Week

The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy

At Mount Pleasant Operation, we are proud to continue our support of NAIDOC Week, celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is an important time for reflection, recognition, and connection, and we were honoured to once again stand alongside our community to support local events and initiatives that mark this meaningful week. This year, our teams at Mount Pleasant Operation were privileged to be presented with a piece of Aboriginal art by a Hunter Valley artist and we were also delighted to experience performances by Aboriginal dancers.



Mount Pleasant Operation NAIDOC smoking ceremony



Steve Fordham - Blackrock, Lisa Richards – MACH Energy, Ryan Fox - Thiess and Hamish Gledhill – Sedgman – Photo credit Alex Wyllie



Ngarrama Knox, Jermain Walford and Ngulawaa Knox – Photo credit Alex Wyllie

Aboriginal Community Development Fund

MACH Energy is committed to making a lasting, positive impact in the Upper Hunter Valley through the Aboriginal Community Development Fund (ACDF). This fund helps support projects that matter most to local Aboriginal communities, whether it's improving health outcomes, boosting education, strengthening cultural connections, or creating economic opportunities.

The ACDF committee meets regularly to review funding applications and check in on existing partnerships, making sure they continue to deliver real benefits. We're proud to work alongside community leaders and organisations to support initiatives that reflect local priorities and build stronger, more resilient communities.

We are also pleased to share highlights from NAIDOC Week school celebrations, proudly supported through the ACDF. These events reflect our ongoing commitment to empowering the next generation and celebrating culture through education.



St Mary's Primary School Score – NAIDOC Celebrations at The Washpool NP



Milbrodale Public School Students – Baiame Cave with Uncle Warren

Community Sponsorship

As 2025 continues, MACH Energy remains proud to support a vibrant and diverse Upper Hunter community through our sponsorship program.

Since the beginning of the year, we've partnered with over eighty local organisations, helping to strengthen community connections across a wide range of interests—from sport and education to emergency services and cultural events.

In recent months, we've continued our support of local events and groups, including agricultural shows, classic car and motor shows, rugby league, netball and educational initiatives. These partnerships reflect our commitment to giving back to the local community.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the hardworking volunteers, organisers, and community members who make these initiatives possible. We're proud to stand beside you, and we remain committed to supporting these initiatives.

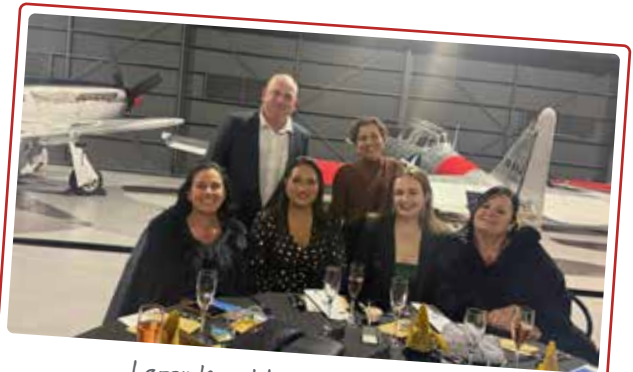


Great Cattle Dog Muster

MACH Energy out and about in the Community



Merrriwa Springtime Show



Legends and Loved Ones Dinner –
Hunter Warbirds Scone



Aberdeen Tigers Sponsors Day



King of the Ranges
Murrurundi



Denman Pony Club

Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue School Tours

We are excited to be part of the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue School Mine Tours Program, an initiative that helps connect students with the mining industry and the career opportunities that the industry offers.

This year, we were pleased to welcome two schools to Mount Pleasant Operation, St Joseph's High School, and St James Primary School.

These visits provided students with a first-hand look at our operations, an understanding of modern mining practices, and insights into the wide range of roles available in the industry.

Engaging with young people through programs like this is an important part of our commitment to education and community involvement, and we look forward to continuing this initiative in the future.



St James Primary School



St Joseph's High School

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. 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.

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2026 RURAL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

About Us
We are committed to empowering local talent by supporting education and creating pathways for careers in essential professional fields within our community. We understand that rural students can face barriers to tertiary study and we are excited to support our local students by establishing and funding these scholarships

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Land and Property

MACH Energy's Land and Property team have been working hard with contractors restoring one of MACH Energy's offset properties. Around 85 hectares of the property has been identified as Derived Native Grassland, which is part of a larger holding of 11,962 ha of White Box, Yellow Box, Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland. These areas have been identified as suitable habitat for Critically Endangered Ecological Community (CEEC) - such as the Regent Honeyeater, Swift Parrot, Spotted-tail Quoll and Greater-long-eared Bat. This ecological community is listed under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.

This quarter, the team has planted over 5,000 seedlings from a variety of native species, grown from forestry tube stock.

These efforts will help restore critical habitat, strengthen biodiversity, and ensure the long-term protection and viability of this important ecological community.



Seedling planting



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Environment Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation at MPO targets a number of Plant Community Types (PCT's) with the main PCT 3395/6 being "White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland"

Rehabilitated areas are monitored annually by specialist ecologists to determine progression towards achieving set PCT criteria in conjunction with set analogue sites that are also monitored.

Annual ecological rehabilitation monitoring was completed in June 2025. All PCT's showed improvement in growth factors, species richness, grass cover and stability, compared to analogue sites. Weed levels have also increased in a few areas and are being treated. Examples of rehabilitation progression are shown in the images below.

What is a PCT:

A "floristic composition is characterised by frequently co-occurring species, including combinations of trees, shrubs and/or groundcover plants". Each PCT is assigned a unique number in the BioNet Plant Community database. (<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/bionet-plant-community-type-data>)

What is an Analogue site:

"An area of land and/or water that is a 'reference site' that represents an example of the defining values and characteristics (such as vegetation composition and structure or agricultural productivity", (NSW Resources Regulator)



Rehabilitation areas Established in 2019 – Monitoring photos 2021 and 2025

Project Update - Castlerock Road Diversion Works

During September, the Castlerock Road diversion works have progressed in line with our project schedule. Clearing and grubbing works are substantially complete; topsoil stripping and bulk earthworks have commenced. The delivery of drainage units is ongoing, and the installation of drainage structures has started with the main drainage crossing well underway.

The establishment of construction facilities on Dorset Road is approaching completion.

The construction works focus during November will include:

- Completion of the main drainage structures.
- Continuation of bulk earthworks.
- Completion of the site facilities (offices and ablutions).
- Delivery of pavement materials.

- Construction and commissioning of temporary access roads.
- Completion of the construction of site access points.
- Ongoing maintenance of construction access roads.

During the construction period traffic control will be in place in with varying speed limits on Dorset Road, Kayuga Road and Wybong Road.

Project Timing:

- The Castlerock Road link to Dorset Road is on track for opening in mid-2026.
- General Site Standard Work Hours 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday, and 8:00am to 1:00pm Saturdays.



Community Consultive Committee (CCC)

In September, MACH Energy was pleased to host members of our Community Consultive Committee (CCC) at Mount Pleasant Operation for our quarterly on-site meeting. These gatherings are an important opportunity for committee members to hear firsthand about our operational progress, ask questions, and share their perspectives on matters that affect the local community.

The CCC plays a vital role in fostering open, honest dialogue between MACH Energy and the broader Upper Hunter community. Their insights help shape how we operate, ensuring that community priorities and concerns are heard and considered. We deeply appreciate the time, energy, and thoughtful contributions of each committee member, and we thank them for their continued involvement.

By working together, we're building a stronger, more connected future—one conversation at a time.

Employee Spotlight – Tom Wilson



My name is Tom Wilson, I'm the CHPP Manager at MACH Energy, Mount Pleasant Operation.

How did I get here?

2007-2010 Studied Chemical Engineering at the University of Newcastle

2009-2012 Work placement and graduate at SGS as Graduate Process Engineer

2012-2016 Process Engineer with Anglo American including two years at Drayton CHPP

2016-2018 Process Engineer at Bengalla Mining Company

2018-Present Senior Process Engineer, CHPP Superintendent, and CHPP Manager

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

No day is ever the same in my role. In my role I work with all parts of the business. One day I may spend time with our geology and marketing teams discussing the expected coal quality from a certain area of the mine. The next day may be spent working with the projects and environmental teams ensuring that a new project includes the correct environmental controls.

What do you do in your downtime?

I have three young sons so very little downtime. In my time away from work I enjoy gardening and getting projects done at home with my family. In winter I enjoy getting to the snow to go skiing.

How do you view the mining Industry?

The mining industry is an essential part of society. The world is moving towards a more sustainable future and mining, including coal mining will be part of that transition. While mining has an impact on the environment, in my experience, mining companies put significant time and resources into mitigating these impacts. Mining also is a major supporter of local communities. On top of supporting employment and the economy, mining is also active in the community sponsoring a wide range of initiatives from indigenous programs, local shows, school breakfast clubs, university scholarships, sporting clubs, local rural fire stations, and many more.

Kid's Corner

Activity - Find-a-Word

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓

COAL

DUMP TRUCK

ENVIRONMENT

EXCAVATOR

MACH ENERGY

MUSWELLBROOK

UPPER HUNTER

WATER CART

Community Hotline 1800 886 889

Blasting Hotline 1800 931 872

General Enquiries 1800 931 873

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Mount Pleasant Operation

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

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