

Mount Pleasant Operation News

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ACDF Community Trailer unveiled

The MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation Aboriginal Community Development Fund (ACDF) has funded a special asset for the local community and businesses - the Community BBQ Trailer.

This unique BBQ trailer is a fantastic initiative that will benefit the community for years to come. Steve Fordham from Blackrock Industries, pictured right, came up with the concept which invites local "not for profit" community organisations to use the Community BBQ Trailer for free.

The trailer was designed and built by Brandon "Eddie" Edwards, owner of Muswellbrook business, Eddies Trailers & Steel and involved Gundi Program participants from St Heliers Correctional Centre. The trailer and Gundi Program participants are proudly funded by the MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation ACDF.



Supporting Merriwa



Pictured left: celebrations following two postponements due to Covid, the Pony Club celebrated the 75th year and held their long-awaited Jamboree. **Pictured middle:** we were thrilled to support four young local men who were selected to participate in the Polocrosse National Championships in Ballarat. The boys, competed in the U/16 age group said, "even though we did not come home winners, we are forever grateful for the experience and opportunity, thanks to MACH Energy for your support." **Pictured right:** MACH's Land & Property Officer Sandy Lettice and his family joined in the fun of the races.



Careers Expo

Mount Pleasant's Tom, Mariah, Taylor and Ngaire participated in the first NSW Mining Careers Dinner at Singleton Civic Centre in May.

With an audience of approximately 200, including more than 100 high school students from years 10-12, teachers, parents and careers advisers, the event was an opportunity to network with local employers, education, and training providers and to hear more about study and career pathways into mining employment.

MACH's Environmental Adviser Mariah is pictured with Stephen Galilee, CEO NSW Minerals Council, Coal Handling Preparation Plant Superintendent Tom, and Senior Coal Quality Engineer Taylor to the left.

Banner photo by Firebug Photography

The next stage of the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) has completed its assessment of the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project and has referred it to the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for determination.

Copies of the DPE’s Assessment report and proposed draft consent conditions can be found on the IPC’s website:

<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2022/05/mt-pleasant-optimisation-project-ssd-10418>

The IPC is a standalone decision-making body and operates independently from the DPE. The IPC was established as a consent authority to determine State Significant Developments (like the Project) in 2018.

As part of the Project determination process the IPC will conduct a public hearing and also consider submissions on the proposal. The IPC has indicated that the public hearing for the Project will occur on 7 & 8 July 2022, and the hearing will be conducted remotely by electronic means and live streamed on the IPC website.

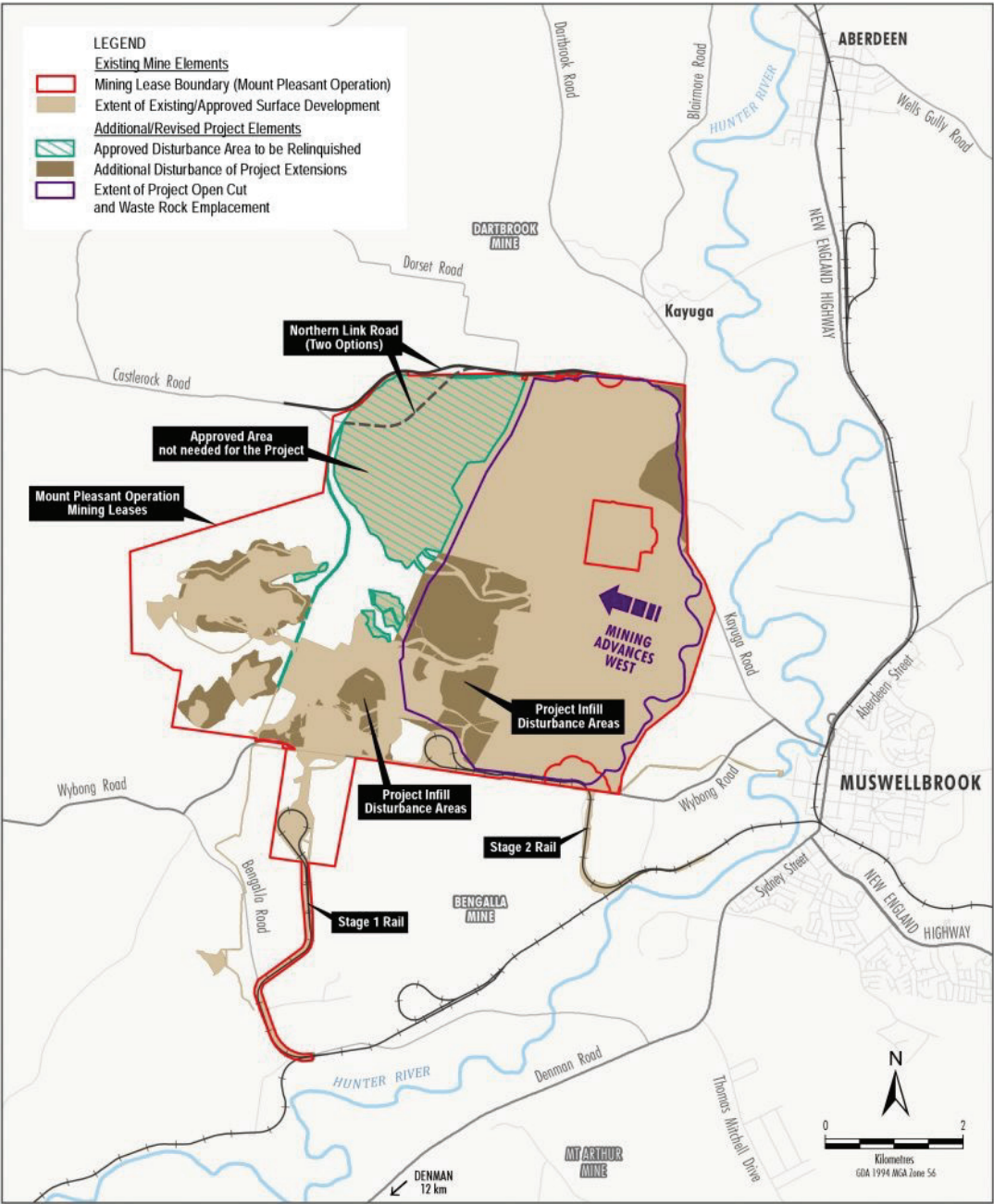
Further details are available on the IPC website at the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project link above.

MACH Energy encourages interested employees, contractors, members of the public and community organisations to make submissions to the IPC on the Project.

The IPC submissions deadline is 15 July 2022.

The IPC process will be an opportunity for the community to comment on or discuss the Project in a transparent forum, so if you’re having any trouble lodging a submission, please feel free to give us a call on **1800 886 889** and we can run you through the process.

Determination of the Optimisation Project by the IPC is anticipated to occur this year. MACH Energy will continue to consult with key NSW Government agencies, Councils, and the public regarding the Optimisation Project as the approvals process continues.



You can also scan the following QR code to directly make an online submission to the IPC regarding the Project:



A spectacular night for the community



Pictured above and below, a snapshot of images from the ACDF Cultural Spectacular which was held on the 21st of May in Singleton. Scheduled for 2020, following the Muswellbrook Spectacular, and postponed twice, the ACDF Cultural Spectacular was an event worth waiting for. Commencing at 1pm with a Welcome to Country and Flag Raising, by members of the ACDF and the Torres Strait Island community, everyone was treated to music, song, and dance, from the talented local dance group of St Catherine’s College to the award-winning Mitch Tambo and much more until the final fireworks at 9pm. Photos and video from the event will be posted to the Cultural Spectacular Facebook page.



Mitch takes music, dance and culture to local schools

Mitch Tambo was also invited by the ACDF to stay in Singleton for an extra two days to visit local schools. Due to timing, Mitch couldn’t get to everyone, so he will be back for a longer visit next time.



Supporting our community clubs, events, and charities



Females in football in Scone

The Scone Mustangs Soccer Club held a successful weekend celebrating 'females in football' recently. With approximately 400 people attending the games, the players donned pink socks as pink and purple balloons and streamers decorated the canteen as they served pink cupcakes. Organisers said they certainly shared the message with colour and the MACH Energy sponsorship was very much appreciated.



Westpac Charity Golf

MACH Energy was represented by two teams on the day, there were winners in fashion, winners on the green, however, overall, the Rescue Helicopter Service won the day thanks to the generous support of so many in the Upper Hunter.

Touch Team Impresses

The young ladies from Team 'MACH & Cheese' played an incredible season ending in a two all draw at full time in the final. Going into overtime, the opposition scored first, the team lost by one try. Thanks to Thiess operator and proud mum Tarn for organising the team.

Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue School Tours underway

Students from Aberdeen Primary school participated in an up close and personal tour of the Mount Pleasant Operation recently as part of the annual Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue's School Mine Tours Program. The students were joined by members of the MACH Energy and Thiess teams and toured the mining operations and the coal handling preparation plant.



Hanging on...



MACH's civil superintendent Angus has been a regular contributor of site wildlife photos over his almost five years at Mount Pleasant, this one was destined for print!

24/7 Operation

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

Contact Us

Please contact the following FREE CALL numbers 24 hours a day, seven days a week if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

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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