

Mount Pleasant Operation News

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NAIDOC Week celebrations

Top left: Thiess Environment & Community Superintendent Peter York and Richard Bailey learn some of the dance moves.

Top middle: The Thiess, MACH and Sedgman teams enjoying the NAIDOC performance.

Top right: Artist, musician and dancer, John Robinson.

Left: Thiess Operations Manager Mick Redman and MACH's General Manager Operations, Richard Bailey with the NAIDOC Week painting by artist John Robinson.

Milestones & updates



As we approach the end of 2019, construction is now complete on the coal handling preparation plant (CHPP) and the first washed coal was processed in late October. Mining operations are moving to the north west with pit development continuing. The Geofluid landform shaping is now complete for Stage 2 and Stage 3 work has commenced near Wybong Road. Topsoil spreading has commenced on Stage 1 and Stage 2 in preparation for seeding.

Top: The completed coal handling preparation plant. Right: the first washed coal through the Mount Pleasant CHPP.



SSD Update

MACH Energy is currently in the process of preparing its Optimisation Project Scoping Report to submit to the NSW Government, the initial step in a new State Significant Development (SSD) application for the Mount Pleasant Operation. The Optimisation Project Scoping Report will build on initial community and regulatory consultation conducted in late 2019, and will present project description information to inform the issue of the NSW Government requirements for the comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement studies that will continue in 2020.

The MACH Energy Australia head office is now located at:

Suite 1, Level 3
426 King Street
Newcastle West NSW 2302

following a move earlier this year from Brisbane.



CCC on tour

Top left: The Mount Pleasant Operation Community Consultative Committee (CCC) pictured with MACH and Thiess representatives following their meeting in Merriwa. Top right: Prior to their meeting in Merriwa, the CCC toured MACH's off set properties in Cassilis, including the historic Llangollen Shearing Shed. Llangollen has undergone extensive renovations over the past 12 months with further work planned throughout 2020.



Gundi Program features at HSEC Conference

MACH General Manager Operations, Richard Bailey, pictured far right, joined Corrective Services Industries (CSI) officers from St Helier's Correctional Centre, Assistant Project Officer - Gundi Paul Boyce, Manager Industry Neil Backhouse, former inmate Steve and Managing Director of Blackrock Industries, Steve Fordham following their presentation to the 2019 NSW Minerals Council Health, Safety, Environment and Community Conference in the Hunter Valley. The team spoke about "Creating employment pathways for inmates into industry, with a focus on Aboriginal Australians." The Gundi Program was established to breakdown employment barriers particularly for but not limited to Aboriginal inmates in the prison system. The Gundi program supports inmates to gain marketable skills through training and by involving them in modular housing construction projects which are then supplied to a variety of organisations. The Gundi Program receives financial support from MACH's Aboriginal Community Development Fund (ACDF).

Speaking to the Society



The Australia Coal Preparation Society (ACPS) invited MACH's Senior Process Engineer Tom Wilson to speak about the construction and operation of the Mount Pleasant Coal Handling Preparation Plant (CHPP) at their recent Muswellbrook Technical Meeting. Following the presentation, Tom, pictured left, received a vote of thanks from ACPS member and Ravensworth CHPP Manager Phil Enderby.

Forum means business

Right: GM Richard Bailey, Procurement Specialist Simon Collins, Environment Superintendent Andrew Reid, Environment Advisor Chloe Annandale, Social Scientist Rhiannon Jaeger-Michael and External Relations Manager Ngaire Baker participated in the recent Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue (UHMD) Forum at the Civic Centre, Singleton. The Annual Forum brings together local miners, community representatives, business leaders, environmental groups and regulators to identify, discuss and address challenges and impacts of mining in the Upper Hunter.



Left: Procurement Specialist Simon Collins joined with General Manager Richard Bailey and other local mining industry representatives to present to the Mining Industry Forum, hosted by the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry and organised in conjunction with the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue (UHMD) Economic and Social Development Working Group. A similar Forum was also held in Singleton on conjunction with the Singleton Business Chamber. The working group was established through the UHMD as a result of feedback received from the UHMD Forum held in Muswellbrook in 2018. Both mining industry events were well supported with more than 120 attendees at both events.



Building houses, building lives

The Gundi Program was in the news in 2019, Newcastle's NBN to be precise. News anchor and respected Newcastle journalist Natasha Beyersdorf was the Emcee for the NSW Minerals Health, Safety, Environment & Community conference and was so impressed by the Gundi story when presented at the conference she asked if it was possible to come to Muswellbrook to interview the participants. Pictured above, Managing Director of Blackrock Industries Steve Fordham with Natasha Beyersdorf at Mount Pleasant. The full story can be found at <https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2019/09/23/building-houses-building-lives/>



The Aboriginal Community Development Fund (ACDF) committee welcomed a new independent chairperson in Tony Jarrett, pictured second from the right and two new committee members, Glen Morris, pictured left, and Renee MacDonald, pictured right. Existing members Malcolm Franks, Aunty Jean Hands and Fiona Murray are also pictured in the centre.

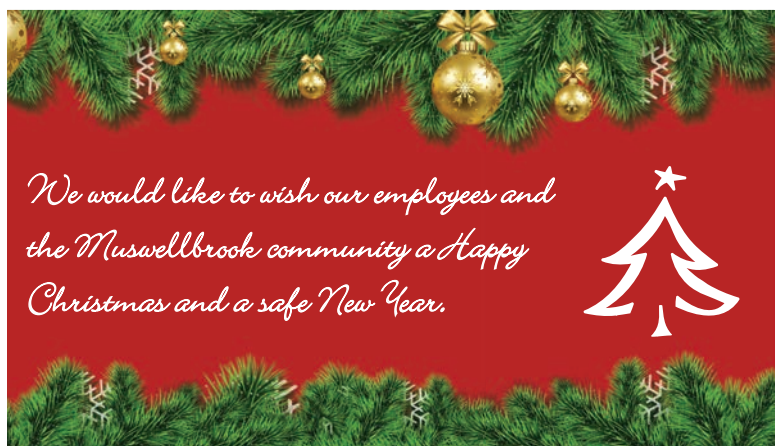


UoN on site

MACH's Principal Mining Engineer Paul O'Loughlin hosts students from the Advanced METS Doctoral Training Centre, University of Newcastle (UoN) on a recent tour of the Mount Pleasant Operation.



As a sponsor of the NSW Women in Mining (WIMnet) Mentoring Program, MACH Energy was invited to award a Scholarship for the 2019 program. The recipient was Scone local Patti Reichel, an electrician with Sedgman at the Mount Pleasant CHPP. Patti is pictured at the inaugural training day in Sydney with her NSW WIMnet Mentee Glencore's Peter Walsh.



Out and about supporting our local community





Forum has enviro focus



Environmental Advisor Chloe Annandale, pictured right, with External Relations Manager Ngaire Baker speaking to visitors at the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Forum in Singleton.



Natural Landform Inspections

Above: MACH mining engineers and members of the environment team host the natural landform design technical inspection in August.

Below: Regulators carry out an inspection of the natural landform design rehabilitation in October.



Sharing the knowledge

MACH's Environmental Advisor Chris Masters, pictured left, and Environment Superintendent Andrew Reid, pictured right, hit the road to share best practice initiatives with the environment team at Peabody's Wilpinjong mine near Mudgee. Wilpinjong's Environment Manager Kieren Bennetts was their host for the day, pictured centre.



Planting trees

Visual tree screen infill tree planting on Wybong Road in September.



Environment team @ work

MACH's Environmental Advisors Chris Masters and Chloe Annandale, pictured left and centre, discuss rehabilitation with Thiess Environment and Community Superintendent Peter York.

24/7 Operation

Mount Pleasant 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.

The free service connects you to a member of the MACH Energy Mount Pleasant team located in Muswellbrook.

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

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

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