

Mount Pleasant Operation News

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Opening the door to a story

We often receive donation and sponsorship requests, most are focused on education, children's and adult sport, health, community groups and initiatives. However, one of the more unique requests came during the lockdown period of Covid. Merton Village, Denman General Manager Shani Mitchell had seen a concept that she felt would work for the residents in the Village and asked for our support.

As residents were isolated in their rooms due to Covid, Shani wanted to capture "who was behind the door" with a full-size image on the front of the door, so staff, visiting medical officers etc., could see who they were visiting before entering.

Resident Neville is pictured above in front of his door, he selected an image with his beloved greyhounds and loves to spend time reminiscing and telling visitors about his dogs and life in Denman during those days.



Oliver joins in schools Harmony Week recognition

Pictured, Oliver, son of CHPP Superintendent Tom and wife Nyssa, dressed in his hi-vis orange to join his classmates recognise National Harmony Week, a week that sees Australian's celebrate cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week because traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.



Construction of the Rail Two Project completed

Pictured, MACH Energy and Daracon representatives inspect the completed viaduct. Construction activities were carried out by Daracon following their successful tender for the work. Activities included in the rail two project involved a rail spur, rail loop, conveyor, and train load-out facility and associated services. These aspects of the construction were completed in early 2022 with trains now in operation on a 24/7 roster.



Banner photo: Vegetation growth on rehabilitated stockpiles.
Photo taken by MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation Environment Adviser Mariah Lane.



Community Consultative Committee back on site

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting was held in March with members finally able to get out and visit areas of the Mount Pleasant Operation. Covid restrictions and wet weather in December (their last meeting) meant that the CCC had not been able to see firsthand the developments around site.

The CCC are pictured with members of the MACH Energy and Thiess team in front of one of the rock drains in the rehabilitation area at the front of the mine.

A day with "Team Enviro"

Following a presentation by MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation to Singleton High School in late 2021, year 12 student Ashlee, pictured right with Rail Two Project Environment Manager Scott Grunsell, asked if she could come to site and spend some time with our environment team. At that stage Ashlee had applied to undertake an environmental science degree at the University of Newcastle in 2022. Ashlee spent her day between the rail two project, mining operation with the valuable assistance of Peter and Michell from Thiess and with the MACH environment team. A worthwhile exercise for all involved.

Hello Ngaire,

I am very excited with this news, and I'd love to share it with you. Last Friday I found out that I was accepted into Newcastle University for the course I wanted: Environmental Science and Management.

I am really excited because it means I am a step closer to seeing everyone at MACH Energy again.

Thanks again for everything you did to get me to Mount Pleasant, and to everyone involved in my work experience day, it was amazing.

I'll continue to keep in touch with how everything is going on the uni front.

Kind regards, Ashlee



Baime Cave Cultural visit

Pictured, a visit to the culturally significant Baime Cave was organised by Steve Fordham, Managing Director of Blackrock Industries, and members of the Blackrock and Blackroo teams. Uncle Warren Taggart, pictured right, hosted the group to Baime and areas of Cultural significance. MACH's External Relations Manager, Ngaire Baker, left, joined the group which included local mining representatives MACH's Aboriginal Community Development Fund Committee Member and community advocate Aunty Jean Hands.

Teaching the teachers

In its third year, the PRIME (Pathways to Resource Industry and Mining Employment) Program offers Stage 5 students an insightful opportunity into career opportunities available right here in the Hunter region.

Supported by @NSW Minerals Council and @Regional Development Australia, the Program aims to shine a light on innovative career pathways available in the mining sector to our future generation.

At the recent Program launch, MACH Energy Maintenance & Reliability Engineer Matt Travis shared his own story of the successful and rewarding path he took from Cardiff High School to the Mount Pleasant Operation. Matt emphasised to teachers and students that they should, "never pass up a chance to learn."

Matt is pictured on the left with fellow speakers from Bengalla and Glencore and CEO of the NSW Minerals Council, Stephen Galilee.



Rail Salvage work commences



Modification 4 Construction Works 2022

- As part of the Modification 4 Construction Works 2022, MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation will commence the removal of existing rail infrastructure (Rail Salvage Project) from **Wednesday 23rd March 2022**.
- The Rail Salvage Project work has been awarded to contractor McMahons and is expected to be complete by Q3 2022
- There will be increased traffic movement on Wybong, Bengalla Link and Old Bengalla Roads during this period

Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project

The assessment process for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project is ongoing and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has provided MACH Energy some requests for additional information (RFIs). MACH Energy is progressively preparing responses to the RFIs as they arise.

Copies of the DPIE RFIs and MACH Energy's responses can be found on the Department's website:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/26611>

Determination of the Optimisation Project by the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC) is anticipated to occur this year, following provision of DPIE's assessment report. MACH Energy will continue to consult with key NSW Government agencies, Councils, and the public regarding the Optimisation Project as the assessment process continues.

PCYC Family Day 2022

Pictured at the PCYC Family Day in Singleton, MACH's Ngaire and Richard are joined by Dave Layzell, National's Member for the Upper Hunter, and the PCYC team. The Family Day was an initiative of Nick Bailey, Youth Mentor for the Muswellbrook, and Singleton PCYC. Nick's role is funded by the MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation Aboriginal Community Development Fund for a period of two years. He was recently announced as the 2021 NSW PCYC Young Person of the Year – Male. Singleton PCYC Manager David Andrews said it was great recognition for a young man who is changing people's lives.



Aboriginal Community Development Fund supports youth dance group

The MACH Energy Aboriginal Community Development Fund (ACDF) supports numerous Aboriginal community organisations through their partnerships in the areas of health, business, culture and education. They are extremely proud to continue their support of the St Catherine's College, Singleton Puwampi Unti Kunarr (Guardian Spirit of Hunter Valley Dance Family) Dance Group. The group are pictured performing at the Singleton PCYC Family Day.



Rolling out a donation to Denman Cricket Club

MACH employees and Denman Cricket Club members, from left, Josh and David, pictured with a new roller purchased with donated funds.

International Women's Day recognised



Members of the Operations team, from left, Sherelle, Ngaire, Taylor, Lesley, Paul and recently seconded from Sedgman, Clayton join in the IWD recognition.

Wrapping up Christmas for the community

The Mount Pleasant team, pictured above, took some time out to wrap handpainted Christmas baubles for members of the community. As most of the team were unable to gather to assist in large groups this on site activity meant that our team could help the community at this special time of the year. Our super scribe with the neatest handwriting is Taylor, pictured working through the mountain of individual cards.



Merriwa Polocrosse Jamboree celebrates 75 years

We were pleased to be able to support the Merriwa Polocrosse Jamboree after two failed attempts to run the event due to Covid. Congratulations to all involved.

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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