

ILLAWARRA COAL DENDROBIUM NEWS

Dendrobium community newsletter

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In Dendrobium operational news this quarter, Dendrobium has achieved a number of milestones, including a new safety record of 347 days total recordable injury free, as well as two development records for total metres developed and metres developed by a single continuous miner.

DENDROBIUM OPERATIONAL UPDATE

IN MAY 2011, DENDROBIUM REACHED A RECORD 347 DAYS TOTAL RECORDABLE INJURY FREE, WHICH IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT FOR OUR SITE.

While a minor injury to one of our employees has seen the tally reset, our employees are motivated by the fact that we are able to achieve such a high level of safety and will continue to work towards surpassing this record to ensure a zero harm site into the future.

The mine has also achieved a lost time injury frequency rate of zero, which means that there have been no employees on site injured in the past year which resulted in them having any days off work.

Dendrobium has also reached a development milestone, with the Mine achieving a monthly record in May for total metres developed (2,177 metres) as well as reaching a new record in March for metres developed by a single continuous miner (Eagles Miner - 844 metres).

The Eagles Miner has also reached 8,000 metres developed for this financial year, which is a record for a continuous miner at Illawarra Coal.

In development, three units are currently in operation, with two units in West Mains (the main heading roadways to Area 3B), and one unit in Maingate 8.

The longwall move from Longwall 6 to Longwall 7 began at the end of March and was completed in early May. During this period there was an increase in the number of large truck movements along Cordeaux Road due to the transportation of heavy equipment associated with the longwall move. We acknowledge that there may have been some inconvenience to residents and your cooperation throughout this period is appreciated.

Longwall 7 commenced operation in the first week of May, and is now operating at expected production rates.

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MT KEMBLA MINE MEMORIAL PATHWAY UPDATE

THE MT KEMBLA MINE MEMORIAL PATHWAY IS CONTINUING TO PROGRESS, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR STAGE 2 OF THE PATHWAY AND ASSOCIATED SUBDIVISION AND REHABILITATION WORKS SUBMITTED TO WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL RECENTLY.

The application has been advertised and landholders adjacent to the planned works have been notified. The closing date for submissions on the plans was 23 May 2011. The application has now been referred to the relevant regulatory agencies for review and we expect to receive a response towards the end of June or in early July.

During discussions with Wollongong City Council, a preference was identified for weed trees growing in the area to be removed during the winter months to reduce the risk of impacts to birds that may be nesting in the trees in spring.

Quotes are currently being sought for undertaking the weed removal and work is expected to commence in the coming months. Some large privet trees will be poisoned and removed at a later date to provide perching trees for birds utilising the area.

In other Pathway news, some erosion has occurred on the embankment adjacent to Stage 1 of the Mt Kembla Mine Memorial Pathway. This erosion was a result of the heavy rains in March 2011, which caused a drain to the north of the site to overflow and the excess water flowed down an unprotected slope.

A contractor was engaged to install an additional rock-armoured gully to direct those flows safely down the bank in the future. Some additional large rocks were also installed to stabilise the embankment.



Works to install a rock-armoured gully have been conducted on Stage 1 of the Pathway to combat erosion that occurred due to heavy rains earlier in the year.



Dendrobium is urging people to be rail safety aware and never trespass inside the fenced rail corridor.

RESIDENTS URGED TO BE RAIL SAFE

Over the past few months, there has been an increasing number of rail trespass incidents on Illawarra Coal's private railway line that runs from Mt Kembla to Port Kembla.

Trespassing in the rail corridor is **illegal and extremely dangerous** as the trains are heavy and can not stop quickly in an emergency situation.

To ensure the safety of the community in and around the rail line, we ask that parents, children and the wider community abide by the following four cardinal rules:

- **Never trespass inside the fenced rail corridor**
- **Never walk on the rail tracks or attempt to ride a train**

- **Never throw anything at a train or place anything on the rail line**
- **Always be alert and watch for trains near level crossings.**

Due to the number of trespass incidents in the rail corridor, Illawarra Coal will be increasing surveillance measures along and inside the rail corridor to ensure the safety of the surrounding community.

Anyone who sees people in the rail corridor are asked to report it immediately to the police and the Dendrobium Community Call Line on 1800 000 510.

NEW FACES ON BOARD AT DENDROBIUM

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DENDROBIUM IS WELCOMING SOME NEW MEMBERS TO ITS TEAM, WHILE BIDDING FAREWELL TO SOME FAMILIAR FACES.

Chris Schultz, who has been Dendrobium Environment and Community Manager since December 2007, has taken up a new role with the Company as Illawarra Coal Manager Property and Landholder Relations. He and his team will be responsible for managing properties and non-operational surface leases owned by Illawarra Coal, as well as the Company's interactions with landholders surrounding its operations.

While Chris will now be based at Illawarra Coal's Regional Operations Centre at the Innovation Campus in Fairy Meadow, he and his team will continue to be actively involved with the Mt Kembla community to manage local resident enquiries and complaints, as well as liaising on a number of local projects including the Mt Kembla Mine Memorial Pathway and the Mt Kembla Mine Managers' Residence.

Chris said his time at Dendrobium had been very rewarding in developing an effective

working relationship with the Mt Kembla community.

"I've really enjoyed getting to know a range of community members through the Pathway Group, Mt Kembla Mining Heritage, the DCCC and DCEC, Mt Kembla Public School, and private landholders," Chris said.

"I'm delighted that a number of great community projects are also being implemented, such as Stage 1 of the Pathway, and I look forward to working with local residents for the implementation of the remainder of the project into the future."

As part of the move, the Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee and Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program will now be managed by the Illawarra Coal Public Affairs team. This team is also responsible for the coordination of the community consultative committees and Illawarra Coal Community Partnerships Program which serve the communities surrounding the Company's Wollondilly operations.

Dendrobium is also saying farewell to its Environment and Community Advisor, Dave Gregory. Dave started at Dendrobium

in July 2009, and during this time has been involved with managing and improving Dendrobium's environmental management systems, as well as helping to address community questions and concerns about the mine's operations.

Dave has departed Dendrobium to join the Illawarra Coal Environmental Field Crew (based at the Company's old Cordeaux Mine site) as part of his graduate development program with Illawarra Coal.

With the departure of Chris and Dave, Dendrobium's environmental responsibilities will continue to be managed on site by new Dendrobium Environmental Officer, Peter McMillan.

Peter has worked with Illawarra Coal for almost five years as a member of the Company's Environmental Field Crew and as an Environmental Officer at Illawarra Coal's Appin West Mine (in Douglas Park). During this time, Peter has been involved with subsidence monitoring, including water quality and surface impacts, and baseline assessments for approvals, as well as geomorphology mapping.



Dave Gregory and Chris Schultz are moving on from Dendrobium to pursue new positions within Illawarra Coal.



Pete McMillan will manage Dendrobium's environmental requirements as the new Environmental Officer on site.

DENDROBIUM OPENS ITS GATES TO THE COMMUNITY

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Mt Kembla residents Merv and Di Boatswain took up the opportunity to experience what it is like underground at the Dendrobium Open Day. They are pictured with Dendrobium Operator Todd Williams.

LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE GIVEN AN INSIDE VIEW INTO THE WORKINGS OF DENDROBIUM MINE WHEN THE SITE HELD ITS OPEN DAY IN MAY.

Over 240 residents from the surrounding area and families of Dendrobium employees attended the Open Day, which gave Dendrobium employees the opportunity to showcase the operations of their mine site.

The day was designed to give people who live in the communities surrounding Dendrobium and family members of Dendrobium employees the opportunity to see how the mine works and to get a first-hand experience of what it's like underground.

Approximately 170 local residents and Dendrobium employee family members took up the exciting offer of an underground tour, while surface tours of the Pit Top and Kemira Valley were also provided.

Dendrobium's younger visitors were kept entertained with face-painting, and the Mt Kembla Rural Fire Service also provided a sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation. For those after something slightly sweeter, ice-creams and coffee were available for a gold coin donation, with raised funds also donated to the RFS.

Over \$650 was raised for the Mt Kembla Rural Fire Service, which is also eligible for matching through the BHP Billiton Employee Matched Giving Program. This will see more than \$1,300 donated to the local RFS from the Open Day.

The South Coast Country Music Association provided musical accompaniment across the day.

Outgoing Dendrobium Environment and Community Manager, Chris Schultz said the day was a success thanks to the large turn out of Mt Kembla residents.

MARY THE CONTINUOUS MINER RECOGNISED FOR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ONE OF DENDROBIUM'S RECENTLY DECOMMISSIONED CONTINUOUS MINERS WAS RECOGNISED RECENTLY AT THE DENDROBIUM OPEN DAY.

Mary the Continuous Miner arrived at Dendrobium in 2003, and developed over 19 kilometres between July 2003 and July 2010. Following eight years of service in development, Mary was decommissioned in July 2010 and parked underground. Following a brief retirement, the miner will now travel to Queensland where she will continue to be used in development.

The continuous miner was named after Mt Kembla figure Mary Dungey, the widow of Francis Dungey who was killed in the 1902 Mt Kembla Mine Disaster. Mary, who at the time of the disaster was the mother of eight young children, was instrumental in supporting other widows in the community following the tragedy and assisting them with their day-to-day needs.

To recognise the continuous miner's long and successful career at Dendrobium, Greg Dungey,

great-grandson of Mary, was presented with a Miner's Lamp at the Dendrobium Open Day.

Greg, who still lives in Mt Kembla, said he was delighted to have both his great-grandmother and her continuous miner namesake acknowledged for their efforts.

"It's wonderful to have my great-grandmother's service to the community recognised by the Mine at an event like the Open Day. I thoroughly enjoyed the Day and appreciated the opportunity to go underground and experience the industry a number of my relatives have been involved in since the late 1800s," Greg said.

Members of the Kirkwood family also received a Miner's Lamp last year following the decommissioning of Fred, another of Dendrobium's long-term continuous miners, that was named after prominent Mt Kembla identity Fred Kirkwood.



Greg Dungey, great-grandson of Mary Dungey, was presented with a Miner's Lamp at the Dendrobium Open Day to recognise the development efforts of Mary the Continuous Miner, which is named after the Mt Kembla identity.

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 31 JULY 2011 MT KEMBLA MINERS' HERITAGE PICNIC DAY AND 96 CANDLES CEREMONY

THE MT KEMBLA MINERS' HERITAGE PICNIC DAY WILL AGAIN BE HELD AS PART OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE MT KEMBLA MINE DISASTER.

Mt Kembla Mining Heritage Inc is busy planning for the 2011 event, following on from the success of the inaugural Picnic Day in 2010.

The Picnic Day will again take place at Mt Kembla Public School on Sunday 31 July, and will kick off with a Poets' Breakfast followed by a fun-filled day of music, food and entertainment for the whole family as the community recreates the times of the Mt Kembla community from the past. Watch your letterbox for further details or contact Paul Mack on 0419 483 355 or at paul@daptodogs.org.au.

There will be a break from the festivities at 2pm

on the Sunday for those who wish to attend the traditional memorial service in the Soldiers and Miners Memorial Church. This service has been held annually since Sunday 3 August 1902, and uses the same Service of Evening Prayer that was read at the very first memorial service three days after the disaster.

The annual 96 Candles Ceremony will also be in the evening of 31 July to commemorate the 109th anniversary of the Mt Kembla Mine disaster. The service and candle lighting ceremony will be held in Windy Gully Cemetery at 6.30pm to remember the 96 men and boys who died in the 1902 disaster.

There is no parking at the cemetery, so catch a free shuttle bus from the village or Kembla Heights. Contact Danielle Davis-Cook on 0422 531 325 or at greg.danielle@bigpond.com.

Further information about the commemoration events will be available closer to the date.



Dendrobium employees Dave Nicholson, Hayden Morland, John Piana and Aaron Lucas have taken out the 2010 Mick Condon Memorial Shield as part of the Mine's Charity Golf Day to raise funds for KidzWish.

DENDROBIUM TEES OFF FOR KIDZWISH

DENDROBIUM EMPLOYEES HAVE AGAIN HELD THEIR CHARITY GOLF DAY AT THE KEMBLA GRANGE GOLF CLUB IN SUPPORT OF KIDZWISH RECENTLY.

Over 80 Dendrobium employees and contractors teed off at the Mick Condon Memorial Golf Day Shield to raise money for the charity, which supports sick, disabled and disadvantaged children in the Illawarra.

Now in its fourth year, the day raised over \$6,600 for the charity, which is also eligible for matching through the BHP Billiton Employee Matched Giving Program, and will see over \$13,200 donated to KidzWish.



The Mt Kembla Miners Heritage Day Picnic will again be held in 2011, offering a day filled with music, food and entertainment for the whole family that showcases the proud history of the village.

MT KEMBLA MINE SITE REHABILITATION WORKS PROGRESS

THE OLD MT KEMBLA MINE IS RECEIVING A MAKEOVER, WITH THE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (NPWS) CONDUCTING A SERIES OF REFURBISHMENT WORKS AT THE SITE.

Funded by a NPWS heritage grant, major drainage stabilisation works of the timber yard, bathhouse and pit pony stables were recently completed at the site. The pony stables and toilet block now have new

roofing, while additional conservation works were also carried out on the stables.

Archaeologists have also undertaken surveys at the site, while bush regenerators have spent time poisoning weeds.

The NPWS is currently undertaking beautification works with community volunteers one weekend a month at the timber yard terrace. Works being conducted include weeding, tree planting, rubbish collection, raking, painting and installing signs. If you're interested in putting your

green thumb to use while conserving one of Mt Kembla's most significant sites, please contact Ranger Jodie McGill on 4223 3004.

Sadly, in other news, following the conservation works on the pit pony stables, vandals broke two of the new windows. If anyone has any information about the incident or sees any suspicious activity taking place near the Mt Kembla Mine site, please contact the Police immediately and inform NPWS Illawarra Area office on 4223 3000. Reports can be anonymous.

DCCC AND DCEC UPDATE

DCCC UPDATE

THE DENDROBIUM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (DCCC) IS PLEASED TO WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE GROUP.

Mt Kembla residents Phil Diamond and Phil Grant have both joined the DCCC following a call for nominations for new members from the local community through a flyer included in the March 2010 edition of Dendrobium News.

The two new members submitted applications for review by the DCCC, and were then interviewed by the Illawarra Coal Human Resources department. Both candidates were then endorsed by DCCC members and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The DCCC is now comprised of five community representatives and two environmental group representatives, and currently stands with its full complement of members as defined by the DCCC Terms of Reference.

DCEC UPDATE

THE DENDROBIUM COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE IS CONTINUING TO ASSESS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR INNOVATIVE PROJECTS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO BENEFIT THE LOCAL MT KEMBLA AND KEMBLA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY.

The DCEC is currently corresponding with a number of groups to gather information on their proposed projects for further assessment by the Committee.


In other news, the Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program (DCEP) Business Strategy is currently being reviewed.

As part of the formation of the Business Strategy in 2010, community groups were approached to submit Expressions of Interest for funding for projects that would benefit the local Mt Kembla and Kembla Heights communities. These ventures were then included in the Business Strategy as potential projects the DCEP could support across the next four years.

The strategy has allowed the Committee to better manage the Program by identifying and dedicating funding for potential long term projects as well as still being able to support short term opportunities.

The DCEP Business Strategy and allocation of funds will now be reviewed based on the progress of projects and future plans outlined in the strategy to decide if any adjustments to the strategy need to occur.

Community groups with project ideas that can benefit the local communities surrounding Dendrobium's operations are encouraged to apply for funding from the DCEP. For further information, please contact Zina Ainsworth on 4255 3319 or at Zina.M.Ainsworth@BHPBilliton.com.

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