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Muswellbrook Coal Continuation means more local jobs

Idemitsu Australia Resources welcomed the decision by Muswellbrook Shire Council to approve an application allowing for continued mining at its Muswellbrook coal mine.

The mine operated by Idemitsu's local subsidiary Muswellbrook Coal Company will see coal mining operations extended for a further three years to 2022 resulting in a further 4.2 million tonnes of additional coal resources being extracted.

Senior Operations Manager, Grant Clouten said that the decision by the

council will provide economic and social benefits to Muswellbrook and surrounding areas.

"The council's decision to support Muswellbrook Coal provides job security and certainty to our 160 full time equivalent employees, local businesses and suppliers with an estimated \$155 million in annual direct and indirect regional output over the life of the project."

"Importantly, this will continue the long and proud association that the mine has had with the Muswellbrook

township. Mining on the site first commenced in 1907, making it one of Australia's oldest active mine sites."

Mr Clouten said that Idemitsu has committed to undertake a comprehensive rehabilitation of the site so that the land has an opportunity to be used productively post-mining.

"We look forward to working with the council and our local community to identify alternative land uses to ensure the site continues to generate jobs and economic prosperity for the township," Mr Clouten said.



MCC constructing one of 12 new boreholes

Better data to flow from new groundwater program

MCC commissioned 12 additional groundwater monitoring bores this month, after the completion of drilling which began in July 2015. The bores range in depth from a rather shallow 6m to 396.6m, which is one of the deepest holes drilled by MCC in the project area.

A spokesperson for MCC said the program was extremely well executed, despite experiencing a number of technical and operational difficul-

ties, including the original contractor sadly going into receivership.

Vibrating Wireline Piezometers, installed in four of the bores, will be used to collect groundwater data from a number of coal seams within the overall sequence. Data will be collected as a part of the quarterly water sampling program, improving the veracity of the existing data set currently being collected for future EIS and technical studies.

Christmas is a magical time of year. Christmas means something different for each of us, and may often be the only time of year we get to spend with our extended families. With so many travelling on our roads, we would like to wish each and every one of you, a safe and happy Christmas.

From the Team at Muswellbrook Coal

Merry Christmas



Young farmers set to benefit from new Upper Hunter venture



Students, teachers, Muswellbrook Coal representatives and community members at the olive grove to celebrate the commencement of the project.

The next generation of young farmers are set to benefit from the Co-Ag learning venture, which was recently established near Muswellbrook.

Muswellbrook Coal has partnered with St Joseph's High School Aberdeen and John Flood Real Estate to turn a disused olive grove into a working farm.

The school's agriculture students will manage and raise cattle on the property. There are also plans to sow pastures and carry out fencing on the land.

St Joseph's Science Coordinator Lisa Bright says the opportunity is

invaluable for her students.

"The size and scope of the operation allows us to do so much more than we have previously. We hope to establish our own breeding herd. The students will be involved in a very hands-on way. We would like to thank Muswellbrook Coal for their generous support," she said.

Students, teachers, Muswellbrook Coal representatives and community members recently gathered at the olive grove to celebrate the commencement of the project.

Students performed a traditional Japanese coal miner's dance for representatives of Muswellbrook Coal's parent company, Idemitsu.

Guests were also served a lunch prepared by the school's hospitality students which included yabbies from the farm's dam.

Muswellbrook Coal's Paul Martinkus says his organisation is proud to be supporting young farmers in the Upper Hunter.


"We believe the Co-Ag learning venture will give local agriculture students a real leg up. Having access to

this kind of operation in a supportive learning environment will inspire young people in the Upper Hunter to take up careers in agriculture," he said.

The school is now holding a walk-a-thon to raise funds to buy a mini-bus to transport students to the site for







SJA student showing MCC visitor photos of farm activities



A Partnership between
Muswellbrook Coal Company
and St Joseph's High School Aberdeen

Olive Grove



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