

In this Newsletter: Informing, Consulting, Listening, Supporting

It has been some time since our last newsletter and there has been quite a bit going on since then with the Project's Amended Development Application progressing, the progress of the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation Grants and the advancement of key elements of the Wyong Coal – Guringai agreement. Hence this big edition. I encourage you to take the time to read it and contact us if you'd like to know more or to give us your thoughts on the Project. We are happy to come to you. We'd particularly like to hear your ideas on how we can improve our newsletters and other methods of engaging with the community.

In this newsletter we outline our ongoing community consultation efforts and explain how we benefit from getting feedback and community views whenever we can so we can continually improve our approach.

Our ongoing community consultation work shows us that there are still misperceptions about our project. For example we need to re-emphasise that our project is a **deep underground mining project**, not an open cut mine. And that our coal will all be transported by rail and there will be **no transportation of coal by trucks on the road**. Not any, not anywhere.

So we have some informative reminders about what the project is (and what it isn't) in this newsletter.

We are aware that some project opponents are out and about perpetuating myths about the project, and often the media will put out stories that could have been clarified with just a phone call to us to put them straight.

The conversation with the community started in 1996 and will continue until the mine closes. We'd really appreciate your suggestions on how we can engage more effectively with you all. You deserve to know the true story.

Regardless of your views on the Project this newsletter includes the stories of some well deserving locals and community groups that I think you will find very interesting and stimulating. Enjoy your reading.



Peter Allonby
General Manager

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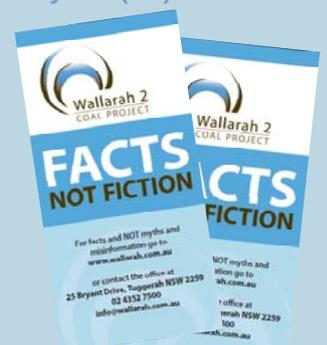


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**Consultation,
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consultation**

**Contact us to have your
say on (02) 4352 7500**



Continuing Community Consultation

Wallarrah 2 has a structured Stakeholder Engagement Strategy that has evolved along with the times since our initial exploration activity started in the mid 1990s. As our project activity emphasis changed from drilling, environmental studies, developing project options and alternatives, and then lodging applications to be publicly exhibited and assessed, so too have our community consultation activities changed to suit. At the current stage we have been evaluating and responding to reviews by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE, February 2017) and then by the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC, May 2017). But clearly we have maintained our close community engagement work.

So, as always, we use newsletters, websites, media releases and other means to get our message out.

In June 2017 we again held a number of well attended consultation sessions at Doyalson Wyee RSL during morning, afternoon and early evening timeslots. We outlined our project, we explained how we are responding to recent review reports and committing to the PAC recommendations for consent conditions, and we listened to questions and to comments from the community, many from Blue Haven. Attendees were specifically interested in our DA Amendment for coal handling and loading arrangements. These consultation sessions will continue on a monthly basis throughout 2017 - see dates and session times below.

Residents were pleased to know how and why the regulatory agencies agree with our findings that the existing air quality and noise environment of Blue Haven will be maintained. It is because of our design and operations management that includes stringent dust controls and noise mitigation measures for train loading adjacent to the Main Northern Rail Line 1.1 km north of Blue Haven.

We are already liaising with three rural landowners in the DA Amendment project area about noise mitigation measures we can undertake at their premises to further reduce noise impacts.

We are consulting closely with adjacent landowners and infrastructure asset owners to maintain and improve access to their properties or assets such as for maintenance of power lines.



Committed to ongoing community consultation



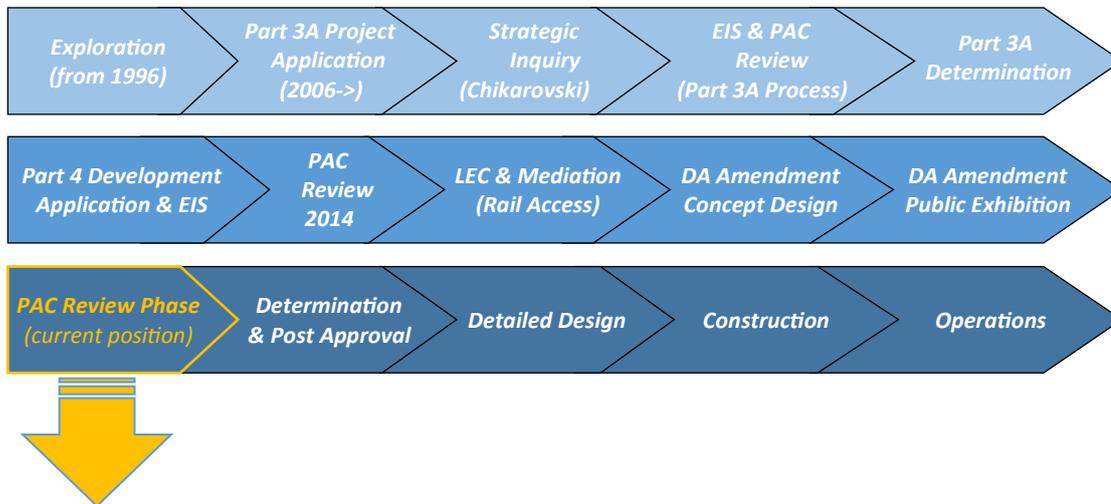
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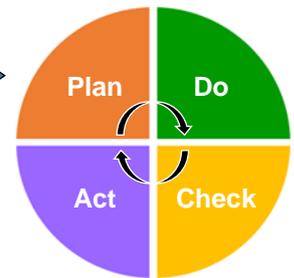
Sessions run for 1 hour starting at 3pm, 4pm & 5pm

Please contact us on 4352 7500 to register

It's a long conversation... Managing the Communications System



... with review and improvement at every stage



PAC Review Phase - Current Elements of Communication & Consultation:

Plan	Do	Check	Act
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share and discuss outcomes of PAC review and draft consent conditions Include all various audiences/stakeholders Prioritise increased reach in 2262 postcode - venue and promotion Communicate specific relevant items from PAC review Direct liaison with owners of the 3 noise affected residences and directly affected land/asset owners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radio and newspaper advertisements for "Having Your Say" (<i>multiple direct enquiries to date</i>) W2CP website Letterbox invitations Information sessions Doyalson-Wyee RSL Direct consulting with residents re Tooheys Rd "closure" Direct consultation with construction-affected residents and landowners Darkinjung LALC direct consultation Request to Kerry Mountain Contact with service providers, Council, CCWA, etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review media response Review general feedback from individuals and other stakeholders Actively seek suggestions and register comments from residents attending information sessions and other stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media interviews to inform and provide balance as required Follow-up brief/meetings with individuals, agencies and other stakeholders Ongoing community stakeholder consultation sessions at Doyalson RSL and Wyong Coal's Tuggerah office W2CP website information updates Address issues in future newsletters Analyse and respond/adjust strategy and messaging as required

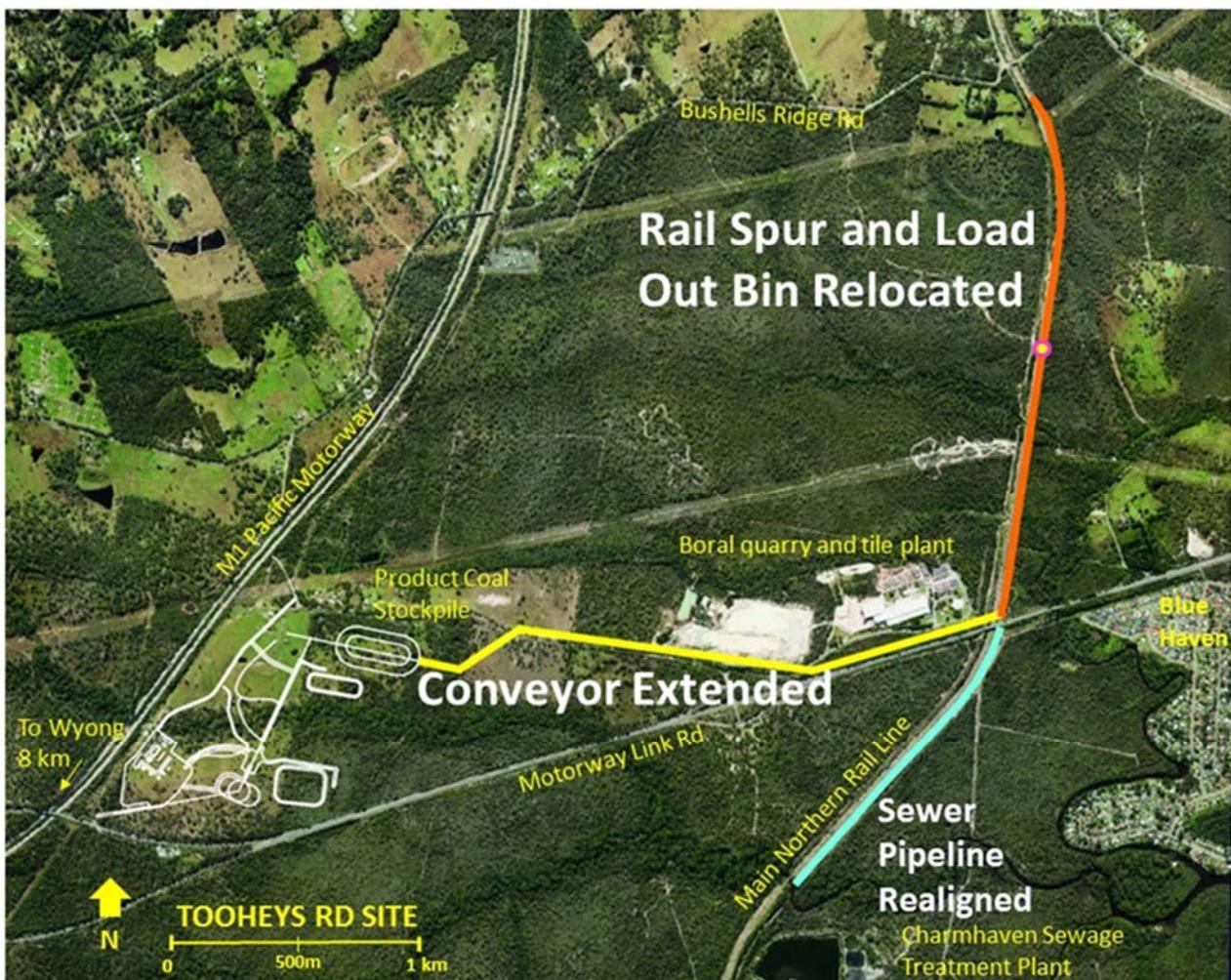
A computer generated fly-over video illustrates the proposed coal handling facilities. Go to the "Project Description" page of our website www.wallah.com.au to view the full video.



Development Application Amendment

The DA Amendment at a glance:

- Improved coal handling arrangement will efficiently deliver coal to the railway from the deep underground mine located west of the M1 Motorway, between 5 km and 10km northwest of Wyong
- Air quality and noise environment at Blue Haven will be protected
- Drainage controls and erosion protection will protect Spring Creek
- Revised coal handling has reduced vegetation clearing by 29% and avoided disturbance to Wallarah Creek
- Train loading facility is 1.1 km north of Motorway Link Rd bridge
- All coal transported to Newcastle by rail
- No transport of coal by road trucks
- Tooheys Rd will continue to remain open to all traffic (No road closure)
- Construction of coal handling and loading facility along the rail spur beside the Main Northern Rail Line will be restricted to the 20m wide Nikko Rd corridor
- Access to Nikko Rd from adjacent properties improved
- Access along Nikko Rd improved for all current users
- Coal Stockpile remains at Tooheys Rd Site over 2.75 km away from Blue Haven, beyond the open cut clay quarry and tile manufacturing plant.



Doyalson Community Garden

There is a very busy group of volunteers toiling away at the Doyalson Community Gardens in the grounds at the rear of the Doyalson Baptist Church. They have identified that our younger generations may not have had the opportunity to learn how to grow their own food and indeed, don't know what can actually be grown in their own backyards. It is the intention of this group to address this problem and to share the knowledge they have accumulated before it's lost.

The garden is very much a work in progress. They started out with an idea over 12 months ago, worked hard to receive grants to get started then officially opened to the public earlier this year. They can now cater for all ages and fitness levels in the garden and hope to have a wheelchair friendly section in the future. The raised garden bed layout has been designed around this feature.

Anyone can 'hire' a garden bed for a period of 12 months, plant it out and gain individual assistance in learning all aspects of the home production of healthy, nutritious garden produce. They tend to the garden and reap the produce for their own use or can donate excess to the garden managers for sale.

The Wallarah 2 Community Foundation is thrilled to be able to assist this very worthwhile group of volunteers with grant funds to purchase container gardens, water pumps and garden soil to expand their already flourishing community garden.

Do yourself a favour and call in to see their fantastic set up from 11am-5pm Tuesday to Sunday, behind the Baptist Church on Wye Road (near the Doyalson lights).



L-R: Peter Smith Environment & Community Manager of Wyong Coal & Kevin Brown with volunteers from the Doyalson Community Garden

JPs help Indigenous Community obtain Birth Certificates

Two years running, the Tuggerah Lakes Branch of the NSW Justices Association has received a generous grant from the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation to develop their collaboration with the Pathfinders National Aboriginal Birth Certificate Program (PNABCP) and fund the costs associated with attending signing days.

The grants will help the combined forces of the NSW Justices Association and the PNABCP provide essential documentation to thousands of Indigenous Australians in Wyong and regional areas. To date the Program has provided birth certificates to over 2,000 indigenous children through signing days in regional areas of NSW.

"Annually, 6,000 Aboriginal children across Australia are not registered at birth, and are subsequently denied access to many facets of Australian society," said Director Bruce Gibbs JP, State Vice President of the NSW Justices Association and Hon. Secretary of the Tuggerah Lakes Branch.

"Without this vital document, many Indigenous Australians face lifetime struggles without access to basic rights and services such as education, employment, getting a tax file number or even opening a bank account.

The funding will also assist the Tuggerah Lakes Branch of the NSW Justices Association to establish awareness

signage for the Branch's eight Community JP Desks, which provide residents across the Wyong region with access to Justice of the Peace services at their convenience.

The branch has also reported that their membership increased by 25 per cent since last year, and credited the grant from Wallarah 2 as the catalyst for their now wide reaching accessibility through various membership drives.



L-R: President of Tuggerah Lakes Branch, Mr Bruce Gibbs with volunteer JP's Darlene Ford & Victoria Peat at the Tuggerah Library Community Desk

Apprenticeships 2017

SUSPENSION CONCEPTS APPRENTICESHIP DRIVES ROBERT'S FUTURE

Central Coast resident, Robert Ryan is thrilled to be undertaking a mechanical apprenticeship at Suspension Concepts at North Wyong, made possible with the assistance of Wallarah 2 Coal Project and Central Coast Group Training.

Robert was always destined to work with his hands, dismantling Tamagotchis, lawnmowers and everything in between during his youth. He is enjoying his new position at Suspension Concepts, who are housed in a very impressive Central Coast Group Training complex built with Federal Government funding as a training centre to help school leavers gain employment.

Suspension Concepts owner, Greg Nolan, says they manufacture and install performance suspension into all kinds of motor vehicles but work primarily on race cars and also export custom made parts to England and New Zealand. Many of his clientele are mining people from the Hunter Valley.

After leaving McKillop College at Warnervale, Robert started a Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) Degree at Newcastle University but soon realised the extensive theory wasn't for him and he wanted to pursue a more hands-on career. He is thoroughly enjoying his first few months at Suspension Concepts.

Partnering with businesses in the Wyong Shire area, Central Coast Group Training has organised the placement of two new school-based apprentices and three new full time apprentices in 2017 under the agreement with Wallarah 2.



Apprentice Robert Ryan at Suspension Concepts

NICHOLAS ZEPANTIS IS EXPRESS LUBE'S 10TH APPRENTICE

16 year old Wadalba student, Nicholas Zepantis has taken on a school-based mechanical apprenticeship with Express Lube at Tuggerah.

This has been made possible through a Memorandum of Understanding between Central Coast Group Training and the Wallarah 2 Coal Project who continue to provide funding and support to apprentices seeking placement in the electrical, automotive and engineering trades.

Nicholas is one of the new school-based apprentices supported by Wallarah 2 and is enjoying his first few months in the mechanical trade. Nicholas is the second eldest of five children who all have a love of cars. Nicholas says his dream car would probably be a rotary engined vehicle and he can't wait to get his driver's licence early next year.

As a school-based apprentice, Nicholas spends three days a week at school, with the other two days spent at TAFE and Express Lube. By the time he graduates high school he will only have three years left of his mechanical apprenticeship.

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager of the Wallarah 2 Coal Project, was delighted to meet Nicholas on the job recently and says that Wallarah 2 is proud to support the growth of youth employment on the Central Coast.

"Central Coast Group Training plays a pivotal role in placing people in apprenticeships and traineeships with host employers, helping business owners bear some of the effort of taking on an apprentice," said Peter.

"It's great to also have the outstanding support of an employer such as Express Tube, Tuggerah who really promote the concept of taking on school-based apprentices that allow students to complete their senior years at high school, while also getting their foot in the door within their chosen trade. Nick is the 10th apprentice to train here at Express Lube" concluded Peter.



Peter Smith from W2CP, Apprentice Nicholas Zepantis and Peter Willcockson, Express Lube Tuggerah

Wyong Coal - Guringai MAC - Indigenous Scholarships

Heath Van Beusekom has been awarded the second university scholarship under the Mutual Advancement Covenant between Wyong Coal and the Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation (Guringai TLAC).

Heath, aged 21 from Umina Beach is undertaking studies for a Bachelor of Construction Management (Building) (Honours) degree at The University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus. He believes he is the only Indigenous student currently undertaking this particular degree. His goal is to finish his degree and start working as a Site Engineer then progress up to Project Director. He will use his experience and knowledge of university to promote education to future generations and give support to those who decide to study.

Heath will use the \$10,000 scholarship funding to purchase required course readings, the many tools

needed for drafting, electronic equipment and reliable internet access which is vital to study.

“Heath’s application stood out above the others, he should be proud of it, it demonstrates he has put in the hard yards. That dedication will help get him through. He is definitely on the right path” says Tracey Howie, CEO and chair of Guringai TLAC.



L-R: Kenny Barry-Project Manager Wyong Coal, David Pross-Guringai TLAC Elder, Heath, Tracey Howie-Chair Guringai TLAC & Peter Allonby-General Manager Wyong Coal

Kyle Howie has been awarded the third university scholarship under the Mutual Advancement Covenant between Wyong Coal and the Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation (Guringai TLAC).

Kyle is enrolled in Open Universities at Charles Sturt University, commencing coursework to count towards a degree in Archaeology and Aboriginal Studies.

Being and Belonging: Culture and Identity is one of the Units that Kyle has selected to study this semester.

Students will develop an understanding of cultural theories from historical to contemporary perspectives by exploring power and inequality, politics and representation, visual cultures and subcultures through communication and language.

Kyle has also enrolled to study *Indigenous Philosophy-Contesting Knowledge in Social Science and Contemporary Aboriginal Issues*.

Kyle’s Scholarship funding of \$10,000 will be used to update his computer equipment and purchase relevant software along with the required textbooks essential for his studies.

“Kyle is a worthy recipient of this Scholarship to study Archaeology and Aboriginal Studies”. He is a very determined and dedicated young man which will no doubt ensure a successful result for Kyle at the end of his course duration” says Dr David Pross, Guringai Elder.



L-R: Peter Smith, Community & Environment Manager Wyong Coal with Kyle Howie, Scholarship recipient

WYONG - A REGION BUILT ON COAL

Mine Subsidence districts across the Wyong area & NSW have been updated following the first collective review in over 20 years. Find out more about the changes at www.subsidenceadvisory.nsw.gov.au (formerly Mine Subsidence Board)

Toukley Lions Club

For the last six years Toukley Lions Club has been operating out of its 30 year old mobile food van, providing cheap food and drinks at community functions around the Central Coast and also in emergency situations when required.

“Our van is in need of some maintenance on the inside. The floor coverings, hand washing station and hot water system are the main items that need replacing.” says Club Spokesperson, Colin Pike.

Thanks to a grant from the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation, Toukley Lions Club can now purchase some of these much needed items and get started on their refurbishment project. The club’s own members, who come from various trade backgrounds, will be doing the lions share of the remedial work over the next few weeks.

It is not widely known that clubs like this who raise funds out in the community must donate those funds back to the community, they can’t use community raised funds for their operating expenses. Therefore additional funds need to be raised via donations, sponsorship from business and other means to pay for building

maintenance, council rates, insurance and general operating expenses.

Toukley Lions Club raises funds for some of these expenses by collecting surplus newspapers for recycling at a rate of 1 tonne per week - that job alone keeps their 22 members very busy.



L-R: Mr Peter Smith, Environment & Community Manager of Wyong Coal presenting a cheque to Toukley Lions Club President, Mr Peter Cooper

Ongoing Community Consultation “Have your Say”



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