



Chittaway Rural Fire Brigade to benefit from grant

Wallarrah 2 extended a hand of support to the Chittaway Rural Fire Brigade, providing funding of \$2,500 as part of its Community Foundation initiative.

Matt Horwood, Brigade Deputy Captain, welcomed the grant funding saying, “We will utilise the money donated by Wallarah 2 to purchase a Stihl Quick Cut Saw and Leaf Blower to complement the tools and equipment that is carried on our trucks.

“These items, while small, play a vital role in an emergency. The Quick Cut Saw will improve our ability to gain access into buildings in the case of a structural fire and allow us to suppress and control building fires quicker, assisting in minimising damage to life and property.

“The Leaf Blower on the other hand will assist us in clearing roadways of debris following car

accidents and will aid in the construction of control lines for hazard reduction burns, which are employed to protect homes in the Wyong Shire”.

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager, Wallarah 2 said, “The Chittaway Rural Fire Brigade Service carry out critical services across the Wyong LGA, including responding to bush fires, house fires, vehicle incidents and providing support in storms. So it was an easy decision to lend a hand to ensure the volunteers could purchase and upgrade the equipment they need to continue to provide professional emergency services.

“Without the assistance of these volunteer firefighters a wide variety of emergencies across the region – from Yarramalong to Tumby Umbi and Ourimbah to Wadalba – would have the potential to threaten the normality of life across the Wyong Shire”.

Wallarrah 2's local economic benefits

Each year, the Wallarrah 2 Coal Project will drive more than \$600 million, both directly and indirectly via regional output (i.e. business turnover), into the regional economy, that will benefit the Central Coast local community across the life of the mine.

In fact, locals will benefit from an increase in household income across the Central Coast of

close to \$80 million annually, throughout the 28 year life of the mine.

More broadly, the mine will make a substantial contribution to regional, state and federal government revenue bases, paying corporate taxation and royalty benefits amounting to \$1.58 billion (undiscounted value) over nearly three decades.

Wallarrah 2 to increase employment opportunities

The Project is also dedicated to providing increased employment opportunities within the Wyong region.

With Wyong identified as a high-need area by the Federal Government through the Keep Australia Working strategy, the improved employment prospects presented by Wallarrah 2 will certainly play a pivotal role in increasing long-term career opportunities and creating positive outcomes for locals.

Project Manager of Wallarrah 2 Coal Project, Kenny Barry, said, "We are committed to investing in the future of the Wyong region.

"We believe future employment opportunities will lead to positive outcomes for the greater community.

Wyong has higher levels of disadvantaged people than the neighbouring government areas of Gosford and Lake Macquarie and will be the primary beneficiary of the creation of more than 1000 direct and indirect jobs in the region at the peak of construction of the Wallarrah 2 Coal Project.

During operations, there will be more than 800 regional (direct and indirect) jobs generated from a total of approximately 1,700 jobs across NSW.

Some of the primary sectors that are anticipated to benefit from flow-on jobs within the local economy include primary production, manufacturing, utilities, wholesale and retail, accommodation and hospitality, transport and services.

Wallarrah 2's commitment to the environment

At Wallarrah 2 we place great emphasis on ensuring all of our processes preserve the surrounding environment and we are committed to establishing a development that is both sustainable and community conscious.

In doing this we have been proactive in undertaking thorough and in-depth environmental research. In fact, more than 30 professional studies, including specialist peer review reports, have been undertaken to ensure our project:

- safeguards water catchments
- is progressive around water management and water treatment issues
- meets all ecological criteria in relation to surface facility areas, biodiversity offset areas, the valley and western forested hills
- undertakes stringent management of noise and dust to protect amenity and health.

Wyong to gain increased access to apprenticeships

As part of the formal Memorandum of Understanding that the Wallarah 2 Coal Project entered into with Central Coast Group Training (CCGT), Wallarah 2 has provided funding for four apprentices placed in electrical, automotive and engineering trades within the Wyong area.

Peter Smith from Wallarah 2 said, “The Wyong Shire was positioned well below many of the other local government areas across NSW in the Australian Bureau of Statistic’s Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), which measures socio-economic conditions by geographic area.

“In entering into an agreement with CCGT we are able to give back to the community and address unemployment issues currently facing the Wyong LGA.

“Limited access to employment on the Central Coast and the additional costs of travelling to Sydney or Newcastle for work are all pressures faced by young people on the Coast. By partnering with CCGT, and local host businesses, we can increase opportunities and aid young people develop robust skill sets that will strengthen their long-term prospects.

“We are committed to supporting the Wyong LGA and hope to grow this program to eight apprentices next year and then 12 the following year, offering locals access to new occupational opportunities.”

Peter Smith from the Wallarah 2 Coal Project has been catching up with each of the sponsored apprentices to get an insider perspective on the how they are tracking in their new roles.

Robert Cox, Brian Hilton Motor Group, Wyong



Robert, a local Charmhaven resident, joined the team at Brian Hilton one day a week as part of the first year of his apprenticeship.

Robert, who is getting experience across all sides of the business, from mechanics to customer service, said he was “enjoying the opportunity to have a real-life hands-on learning experience”.

“I’ve had the benefit of driving the courtesy vehicle and liaising with customers and I am

looking forward to continuing my training with the mechanics”.

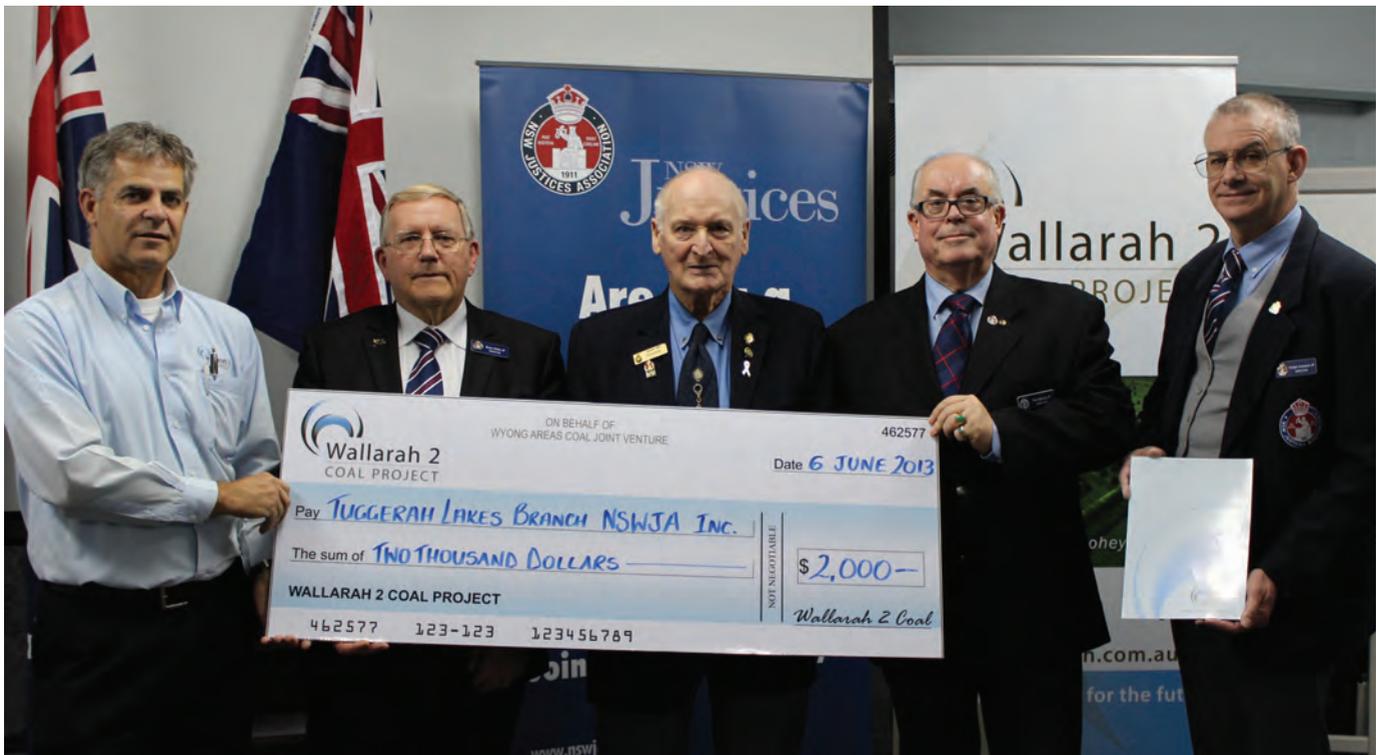
Service manager Ashley Donnelly expressed his appreciation of Robert’s work ethic and ability to adapt in a busy workplace.

“We’ve had to throw Robert in the deep end and he has always responded enthusiastically, showing his genuine willingness to learn and understand all elements of the operation”.

Ashley described the added value apprentices can contribute to the business and his pleasure at partnering with Wallarah 2 in supporting young locals.

“It’s great having Robert on board. Cars are getting more technical; it’s not all about the oil and filter changes anymore. Robert is technically minded so a lot of the newer hi-tech stuff comes really naturally to him.”

NSW Justices Association Incorporated grateful for Wallarah 2 support



The Wallarah 2 Coal Project recently presented the Tuggerah Lakes Branch of the NSW Justices Association with a \$2000 grant as part of its Community Foundation initiative.

The grant will aid the NSW Justices Association in the implementation of an online training program that will train JPs so that they can better serve the community. The Association receives no government funding and is only supported by volunteer membership.

The Tuggerah Lakes Branch of the NSW Justices Association was formed 26 years ago. The Branch operates five free community JP desks in Wyong, with up to 600 locals a week utilising the free services provided. Their services are in so much demand that JPs can sign up to 250 documents at Westfield Tuggerah Library each Saturday morning.

Bruce Gibbs, Director of Member Benefits and Director "The Justice of The Peace" Journal said, "We are very appreciative of the support

of Wallarah 2. It is wonderful to see a company so connected to the community, it's a quality we share. We are dedicated to providing a service and giving back to our community.

"The volunteer JPs who sit on desks across the Wyong Shire provide an essential service to the community. JPs are an important part of the legal process, the building blocks to our legal system, and so it is crucial that they are trained and confident in the service they're providing," he said.

The development of the training program, which in its initial stages will be assisted by the grant from Wallarah 2, will provide a framework which, in conjunction with support from the Attorney General, can be amended and rolled out across other states to suit the particulars of each jurisdiction.

"Our aim is to have a nation-wide Certificate III training program on the National Training Network in eight years," added Bruce.

Getting the facts...

While public feedback is an important element of the planning and approvals regime for State Significant Developments, unfortunately there has been misinformation circulated by project opponents about the Wallarah 2 Coal Project that must be corrected to set the record straight.

The EIS for the project does *not* state that there will be significant harm or adverse health impacts due to dust emissions. In fact, it states the opposite. The project is required to assess the background (pre-mining) air quality conditions as well as to model the predicted emissions from the project under a variety of meteorological conditions including wind directions and strength, as required by the EPA. The EIS shows that the project will comply with strict amenity and health-derived air quality standards at nearest residential areas (including further away at Blue Haven). Accordingly, community amenity and health will be safeguarded.

The Project will not cause adverse impacts or losses of water from the Central Coast water supply system. Long term water yields from the catchment will remain unchanged. There will also be no impacts on Mardi Dam, Mangrove Creek Dam or any key infrastructure, including Mardi-Mangrove Creek Dam water supply pipeline.

Project moves into next phase

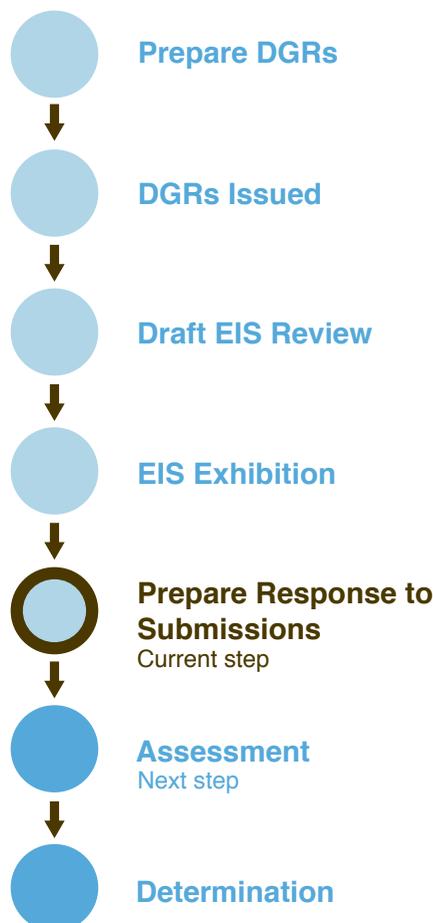
Following an extended Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) exhibition period, the Wallarah 2 Coal Project has now moved into its next phase of the approval process administered by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure supports sustainable growth in NSW working to encourage long-term planning for the State's regions, drive well-located housing and employment land as well as assess State significant development proposals. In doing this the Department works closely with local government, stakeholders and the community.

Walarah 2 is currently in the process of reviewing and providing detailed responses to submissions received during the public exhibition process. Responses will then be provided back to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The next stage of the project will see the Department of Planning and Infrastructure undertake a final assessment, before a determination is made by the Planning and Assessment Commission.

The planning assessment process



Wallahah 2 support the Family Room at Gosford Hospital

Following a call for Central Coast businesses to contribute to raising much needed funds for the Gosford Hospital Family Room by purchasing a brick for \$1000, Wallarah 2 was moved to support this important local initiative.

Kenny Barry, Project Manager, Wallarah 2 Coal Project said, “We saw the amazing effort the community had gone to in raising funds for the Family Room and we wanted to do our bit

in helping to ensure the room has the money it requires to continue to support families with seriously ill children.

“The Central Coast community is a wonderful example of a district that is passionate about working together to support local initiatives – and we are honoured to have the opportunity to be able to assist the Family Room continue its great work for families on the Coast”.

Sponsorship supports Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council NAIDOC Week activities



The Wallarah 2 team were major sponsors of Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council’s NAIDOC Week events taking part in a Family Golf Day at Wyong Golf Club and attending the NAIDOC Ball which was held at Crowne Plaza Terrigal. Kenny Barry, Project Manager for Wallarah 2 said, “As an organisation, Wallarah 2’s role in the community is paramount. We

value the opportunity to partner with other community minded organisations in giving back to the Central Coast region. NAIDOC Week is an important celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and Wallarah 2 is privileged to have the opportunity to play its part in recognising the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields”.

Contact Us

We hope you find this newsletter informative but as always we welcome your enquiries and comments.

Our website contains extensive information about the Wallarah 2 Coal Project www.wallahah.com.au, however we are always available to respond to landowner enquiries or to provide you with further information.

Our offices are at 25 Bryant Drive Tuggerah and you are most welcome to visit. Please note that it is advisable to telephone first to ensure the person who can best help is available.

The Wallarah 2 team is also available on the phone 02 4352 7500 or via email info@wallahah.com.au, whichever is more convenient.