

An update on the Wallarrah 2 Coal Project

Following Wallarrah 2 Coal Project's extended Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) exhibition period, Wallarrah has been proactive in defining its role within the Central Coast community.

Project Manager of Wallarrah 2 Coal Project, Kenny Barry, said that the public exhibition of the EIS and submissions played an important step in the planning and approval process.

"We recognise the importance of community feedback. This belief has been a guiding principle in all our activities to date, including our community consultation sessions, the launch of our Community Foundation and our commitment to addressing unemployment issues currently facing the Wyong LGA."

2013 has been an important year for Wallarrah as it moves into the next phase of the approval process administered by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

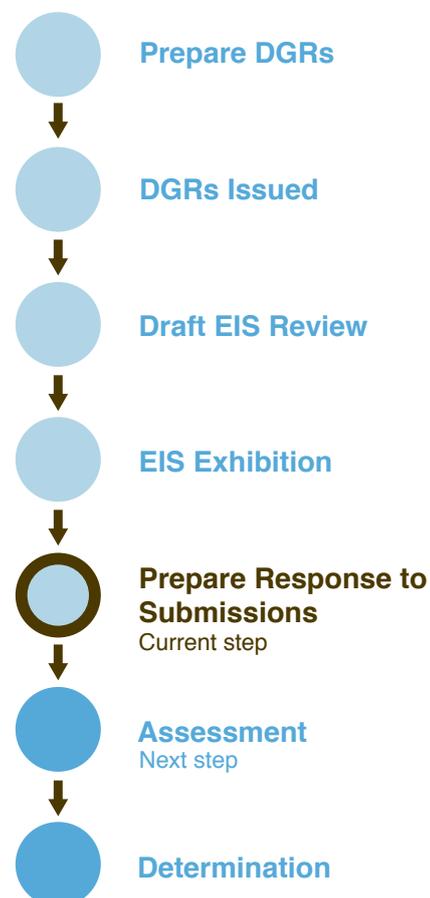
Over the last few months Wallarrah has meticulously reviewed all submissions received during the public exhibition process and provided detailed responses via the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

Wallarrah 2 will now await the final phase of the approval process including an assessment report from the Department and advice regarding the determination process by the NSW Planning and Assessment Commission (PAC).

PAC is independent of the NSW Government, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and provides independent expert advice to the Minister on planning and development matters.

It is expected that the Department's assessment report should be finalised in the near future so as to enable the PAC to complete its work in the first quarter of 2014.

The planning assessment process



Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy benefits from Wallarah 2 grant program

The Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy is one of the latest beneficiaries of Wallarah 2 Coal Project's Community Foundation grant program.

After eight years of rejuvenation, which included planting more than 100,000 trees and establishing walking and wheelchair paths, the \$10,000 grant from Wallarah 2 will go towards building playground equipment and a cubby house.

Marlene Pennings of the Tuggerah Lakes Reserve Trust said, "The next phase for the Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy site is the creation of a community garden facility, to encourage local community involvement.

"The hope is to grow the community gardens so that we can launch an organic market where those involved in the garden can sell their produce and promote a sustainable lifestyle to the wider community.

"The implementation of a playground area and digging plot will encourage children to learn

about real food and will give them a safe place to play, learn new skills and build their confidence - while parents and carers look on from the tea rooms or community gardens."

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager, Wallarah 2 said, "Already the Wetlands Pioneer Dairy has benefited a range of community groups including local garden clubs, the Australian Plant Society, cross-country running groups, the Model Aero Club and bird conservation groups.

"It is anticipated this beautiful site will become a real focal point for Wyong. We are pleased to be able to show our support to the Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy."

The Central Coast Wetlands Pioneer Dairy is located on 155 hectares, which was declared a Crown Reserve in October of 2002. The Wetlands Pioneer Dairy is run by a group of passionate volunteers.



Doyalson Junior Touch Association kicks season off on the right foot

Local sporting competition the Doyalson Junior Touch Association kicked off the 2013/2014 season confident they have the coaches and referees required to train and umpire their games, thanks to a community grant from the Wallarah 2 Coal Project.

Sheralee Langbridge, Doyalson Junior Touch Association Representative Team Committee President, said, "The grant provided by Wallarah 2 will directly support 10 of our young touch teams, ensuring they can continue to play the game they love this season.

"Unfortunately, it is always a challenge ensuring we have refs and coaches for our teams and if we can't secure both there will be no teams and no competition – a sad prospect for our young players.

"Walarah's support means we can afford to pay for these additional resources and we don't have to sacrifice other team-building activities like team BBQs and end-of-season trophy presentations, which are funded through the registration process.

"With the season now underway we have 10 referees locked in and six trained coaches who can help our teams achieve success on the field. Without Wallarah's assistance this may not have been the case."

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager, Wallarah 2 said, "Sporting initiatives like this play a critical role in building the confidence and wellbeing of our young people and creating a shared sense of community – for both the children and their parents and carers. We wish the Doyalson Dragons all the best in the competition."



Re-Leaf for the Central Coast

In an effort to support those impacted by the recent bushfires Wallarah 2 was proud to make a \$500 donation to the recent Re-Leaf Central Coast Bushfire Appeal hosted by Star 104.5 at the beginning of November.

All funds raised in the lead-up to the event and at the fundraising concert event at Catherine Hill Bay Pub went to the Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal.



As we head into the holiday season, the team at Wallarah 2 would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Our sponsored apprentices

Earlier this year Wallarah 2 Coal Project entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Central Coast Group Training, in which Wallarah agreed to provide funding and support to apprentices seeking placement in the electrical, automotive and engineering trades.

With four apprentices successfully placed within the Wyong Shire, Peter Smith from Wallarah 2 Coal Project recently caught up with David Grime, one of the sponsored apprentices, to find out how he was enjoying his role with Express Lube Tuggerah.

David Grime, Express Lube Tuggerah

David Grime, a senior student from Wyong Trade High School, has taken up an apprentice position at Express Lube as part of the agreement between Wallarah 2 and Central Coast Group Training. The initiative is intended to support young people on the Central Coast transition into a trade.

“Having the opportunity to start my apprenticeship while I complete school has meant I can get a head start on gaining the experience I will need once I finish school. This apprenticeship has opened a lot of doors for me.”

Express Lube, is 100 per cent Australian owned and started on the Central Coast in 2009, expanding to three stores across the Coast today.



Offering a ‘no appointment’, ‘while you wait’ service, David said it’s an exciting place to work, with no two days the same. “It’s been amazing working at Express Lube so far, I’ve had lots of support from the trained mechanics and am now confident doing a basic service on my own, which is really rewarding.”

Naithan Roberts, Floor Manager of Express Lube Tuggerah, said the whole experience working with Wallarah, who are sponsoring David, and Central Coast Group Training has been a huge success. “David is just one of the apprentices Express Lube employ across the Coast, but it has been made so easy working in conjunction with Central Coast Group Training and Wallarah 2.”



David said he’s enjoying being on the tools but is finding the TAFE component of his apprenticeship equally as rewarding.

Key Facts and Figures

Job creation:

- Wallarah 2's construction phase will directly employ up to 450 people (in the second year of construction of the mine) and produce a further 600+ flow-on jobs in the Central Coast regional economy across sectors such as: regional production, manufacturing, wholesale/retail, hospitality, building, transport and services. That's more than 1000 direct and indirect jobs in the regional economy at the peak of construction.
- In operation, the mine will create more than 800 long-term jobs across various sectors of the regional economy (300 direct jobs created at the mine and more than 500 additional flow-on jobs). State-wide, the total direct and indirect employment benefit will total more than 1,700 jobs for the 28-year period of the project approval.

Economic benefits:

- Across the life of the mine, Wallarah 2 will drive more than \$600 million in regional output value every year (i.e. direct and indirect business turnover) into the regional economy.
- 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.

Government royalties:

- The project 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.

Economic prospects bright for the Central Coast

The Wallarah 2 Coal Project will provide a boost to employment and economic stimulus on the Central Coast, delivering positive outcomes for the whole community.

Project Manager of Wallarah 2 Coal Project, Kenny Barry, said, "It's important for the community to be aware of the real benefits that will be provided through the Project, both in terms of job creation and boosts to the local, regional and NSW economies.

"We're planning to build an underground mine that will operate for at least 28 years and employ hundreds of local workers.

To turn this into reality requires serious investment - and a long-term commitment.

"We are looking to invest \$850 million dollars into the three-year construction phase of the project, should approval be granted in 2014.

"We're here for the long haul and are committed to being a driving force to support the Central Coast and create a bright future for the region," added Kenny Barry.

Wallahah 2 expands environmental monitoring activities

Aside from reviewing submissions made to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and recent support for community projects there is still a great deal of work to be done by Wallarah 2.

It is anticipated that 2014 will be a year of project assessment and detailed planning, including undertaking multilevel contractual undertakings in anticipation of the \$850 million three-year construction phase of the Project.

As part of this forward planning process Wallarah 2 has commenced an extension to its thorough groundwater management program, installing four new deep water monitoring bores.

Utilising the latest in innovative Vibrating Wire Piezometers, these deep water monitoring bores will offer further comprehensive environmental monitoring data, in line with Wallarah's commitment to environmental sustainability.



Contact Us

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

Our website - www.wallahah.com.au - contains extensive information about the Wallarah 2 Coal Project, 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.