

# Community News

South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal



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## ILLUMINATE WOLLONDILLY DELIGHTS COMMUNITY

South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) proudly supports events such as Illuminate Wollondilly, which unites the community and showcases the region's best food, art, and music.

In its seventh year, the recent three-day festival delivered exciting activities for the whole family, including crowd favourites, stilt-walking street performers, fire breathers, LED dancers, and awe-inspiring lighting projections.

The South32 Art & Light display in Picton Botanic Gardens

and our mining-themed photo booth were also popular, as well as providing us with the opportunity to chat with the local community.

The town's glowing buildings were the festival's centerpiece, with amazing artworks projected onto the Menangle Street buildings and a spectacular fireworks display concluding the proceedings.

South32 is Illuminate Wollondilly's premier event partner for a further two years.

### APPIN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Community Consultative Committee meets bimonthly, and minutes are publicly available on our website. The following items were discussed at our last meeting held in August 2023:

- Environment update, including Brennans Creek Dam, water treatment plant, and rehabilitation activities.
- Update on the Appin Mine Ventilation and Access Project and VAMMIT Project.
- Operations update, including progress of Longwall 709 and exploration activities.
- Longwall 905 End of Panel Report.
- Complaints data and community investments, including Illuminate Wollondilly, Wollondilly Women in Business, and our Indigenous Grants Program.



## APPIN MINE DISASTER MEMORIAL

South32 employees and members of the broader community gathered on Monday, 24 July, to mark 44 years since the 1979 Appin Mine Disaster which claimed the lives of 14 miners.

Although some years have passed since this tragic event, their families and communities continue to feel the loss.

Among those gathered to pay tribute were guest speakers, including General Manager of Appin Mine Andy Hyslop, Greg Warren, Member for Campbelltown; Judith Hannan, Member for Wollondilly; Matt Gould, Mayor of the Wollondilly Shire, and Frank Lauterbach, Brother of Jürgen Lauterbach.

The ceremony also included a performance by the Appin Primary School Choir, a poem reading and laying of the wreaths.

Events such as this are a sombre reminder of the importance of safety, with nothing more important than everyone returning home safely to their loved ones at the end of every shift.



*Vibroseis Truck uses low-frequency vibrations to analyse underground geology along seismic lines.*

## SEISMIC SURVEYING IN MENANGLE

South32 recently conducted a 3D Seismic Survey in the Menangle area in early September 2023, on private properties only, with land access agreements negotiated and in place with those landholders.

A 2D seismic survey will be carried out later this year, on both private properties and some public roads, with dates and survey locations to be confirmed via our web portal soon:

[www.community.south32.net/seismic-survey](http://www.community.south32.net/seismic-survey)

Seismic surveys are an essential exploration tool for obtaining a detailed image of underground geology. Using low-frequency vibrations, seismic surveys provide insights into the rock type and structure within the sub-surface. Similar surveys were conducted in the local area in the past. Exploration in a specific location does not necessarily mean that mining will follow.

## SWAS ACADEMY OF SPORT AWARD SPONSORSHIP

Congratulations to all the award winners at the recent South West Sydney Academy of Sport's annual Athlete Graduation and Sport Awards Dinner.

Special mention to the South32 IMC Athlete of the Year, Adam Bates, and Athlete with a Disability (AWD) Athlete of the Year, Daniel Lill, for their outstanding achievements in 2023.



## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON MENANGLE COMMUNITY HALL

The Menangle School of Arts (MSA) project continues with the completion of demolition and early site establishment works.

With recent survey work confirming the property boundaries, earthworks, plumbing, and slab will commence once the construction certificate is issued in the next couple of weeks.

The MSA is also working towards making the community facility self-sufficient with the installation of a rain tank for day-to-day needs and applying for grant funding to install solar and batteries. The MSA will also partner with the Menangle Men's Shed to work on a heritage project within the hall.





# LATEST INDIGENOUS GRANT RECIPIENTS

South32 is committed to creating shared value and positively contributing to the communities where we operate. Our Indigenous Grant Program is committed to developing local Indigenous organisations and projects across our region. The latest grant recipients are:

## CBK AND TWO WAY CRANES

The Illawarra Innovative Industry Network (i3net) has received funding from South32 IMC to support two local Aboriginal industrial businesses to join the network for 12 months under the Indigenous Grant Program.

i3net worked closely with IMC to gather a short list of potential businesses before Two Way Cranes and CBK Construction were announced as worthy recipients.

The donation will cover the i3net annual membership fees, including attendance at all events and training sessions.

Two Way Cranes are experts in adaptable mobile crane, material handling, and specialty lifting solutions and provide complete project management and an exceptional CrewSafe-certified team. Two Way Cranes is a 100% Aboriginal-owned business and is proud to be certified by Supply Nation.

CBK is a proud Indigenous-owned business that offers complete engineering, construction, and project management services from the NSW South Coast. From humble beginnings in 2005 with only three



employees, CBK has worked hard to become a leading engineering and construction company delivering major infrastructure projects throughout NSW for government and private sector clients.

i3net has supported Illawarra industry for 20 years, providing a network that fosters relationships that lead to real work opportunities, collaboration, knowledge sharing, skills development, and strengthening relationships between Illawarra-based businesses.

## BARRACK HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Barrack Heights Public School has a large Aboriginal representation and runs a range of extra-curricular experiences, including a dedicated Aboriginal education program. A portion of the funds helps fill their community pantry with healthy food and snacks to help feed their 200 Kindergarten to Year 6 students.



## PCYC NATIONS OF ORIGIN

Nations of Origin is a multifaceted sport, cultural, education, and leadership program that culminates around NAIDOC week annually. This year's event was held in Western Sydney in July.

Each year, around 1,400 Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people represent their Aboriginal Nation in Rugby League, Football fives, Basketball, Netball, and Gymnastics to promote reconciliation within communities and celebrate Australia's diverse Indigenous culture.



# APPIN HOSTS MINES RESCUE COMPETITION

Appin Mine recently hosted six teams from mine sites across the region competing in the annual Southern Mines Rescue competition.

South32's Dendrobium Blue team was named overall winner, taking out top honours for the competition's firefighting, first aid, and underground components.

The teams worked through a series of scenarios designed to test their emergency preparedness capabilities, teamwork, and communication skills while they worked under pressure.

The tasks simulate incidents and situations that rescue brigades could face should they be called to action, for example, underground search and rescue, monitoring mine conditions, firefighting, and first aid. There is also a theory exam.

Lachlan Grant, State Operations Manager NSW Mines Rescue, thanked South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal for hosting the event at their Appin North mine.

"Allowing us to create scenarios at an actual mine enables us to take the competition to another level and really test the skills of our brigades," he said.

"The primary purpose of Mines Rescue is to provide emergency response to the NSW coal mining industry in the case of an emergency. Fortunately, major incidents requiring brigade response are limited, but events like these allow brigade members to practice and hone a range of skills that can be used at work and in the community."

Dendrobium Blue will represent the Southern District at the Australian competition to be held in Queensland later this year.



## OPERATIONAL UPDATE APPIN MINE

Appin Mine has completed more than 90% of the extraction of Longwall 709, with expected completion in October 2023. Extraction will then commence on Longwall 710A, located in the Menangle and Razorback areas.

Siteworks are progressing well at the Appin Mine Ventilation and Access (AMVA) project on Menangle Road, with assembly of the temporary headframe and completion of the collar for ventilation shaft 8.

Small trial blasts were conducted in early September ahead of the commencement of controlled blasting.

Easily search your property by address to view its location in relation to our mining activities on our Community Portal:

[www.community.south32.net](http://www.community.south32.net) or by scanning the QR code.



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CALL LINE**

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