

## 96 candles lit to remember those lost in Mount Kembla Mine Disaster

Sunday, 31 July marked the 120-year anniversary of the Mount Kembla Mine Disaster, where 96 men and boys lost their lives in an underground explosion.

A memorial was held at Windy Gully Cemetery in Mount Kembla, where 96 candles were lit in honour of each of the victims. The incident remains Australia's most deadly industrial accident.

This event provides a sombre reminder of the continuous importance of safety. At Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, the most important commitment we make to ourselves and our colleagues is that we all guarantee everyone goes home safe and well at the end of their shift. Though mining methods and industry safety standards have significantly improved over the years, we are committed to doing more every day, in every aspect of our operation, to ensure that we



continue to keep our people safe and well.

Thank you to the community organisers for hosting this important event and for allowing us to be part of the ceremony.

## 20 year milestone at Dendrobium Mine

This year marks the 20-year anniversary of Dendrobium Mine. Over the last two decades, the team at Dendrobium has produced an impressive 67 million tonnes of coal, contributed over A\$1 million per year to the local community, and employed over 650 staff per annum.

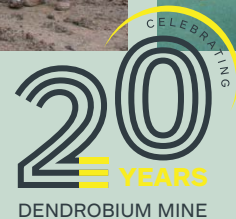
This is a significant milestone, and we would like to thank the communities of Mount Kembla, Kembla Heights, Unanderra and surrounds for their ongoing support.



Then: First metre advanced underground at Dendrobium Mine, May 2002



Now: Opening of a Dendrobium Community Enhancement Committee Project - Ryan Park Playground with Wollongong City Council



## Community Call Line

Residents who have questions, concerns or complaints about Illawarra Metallurgical Coal's activities are encouraged to contact us through our Community Call Line on 1800 102 210.

You can also email the community email at [illawarracommunity@south32.net](mailto:illawarracommunity@south32.net).

# Supporting Illawarra Rugby League

For the third year running, Illawarra Metallurgical Coal is proud to sponsor the Illawarra Women's and Junior Rugby League competitions.

This partnership is near and dear to the heart of South32 Mechanical Engineering Apprentice and Rugby superstar Rachael Pearson.

Rachael is the current halfback for the St. George Illawarra Dragons, and represented NSW in the 2022 Womens State of Origin.

Rachael's achievements extend far beyond the footy field, being awarded Apprentice of the Month for her support as a Vocational Education and Ambassador for South32.

Rachael has represented Illawarra Metallurgical Coal at several industry events, sharing her apprenticeship journey and providing advice to young women looking to make a career in mining.

Stories like Rachael's demonstrate the importance of our ongoing partnership with Illawarra Rugby league, helping to grow the game locally and encouraging more women and girls of all ages to participate and reach their full potential.





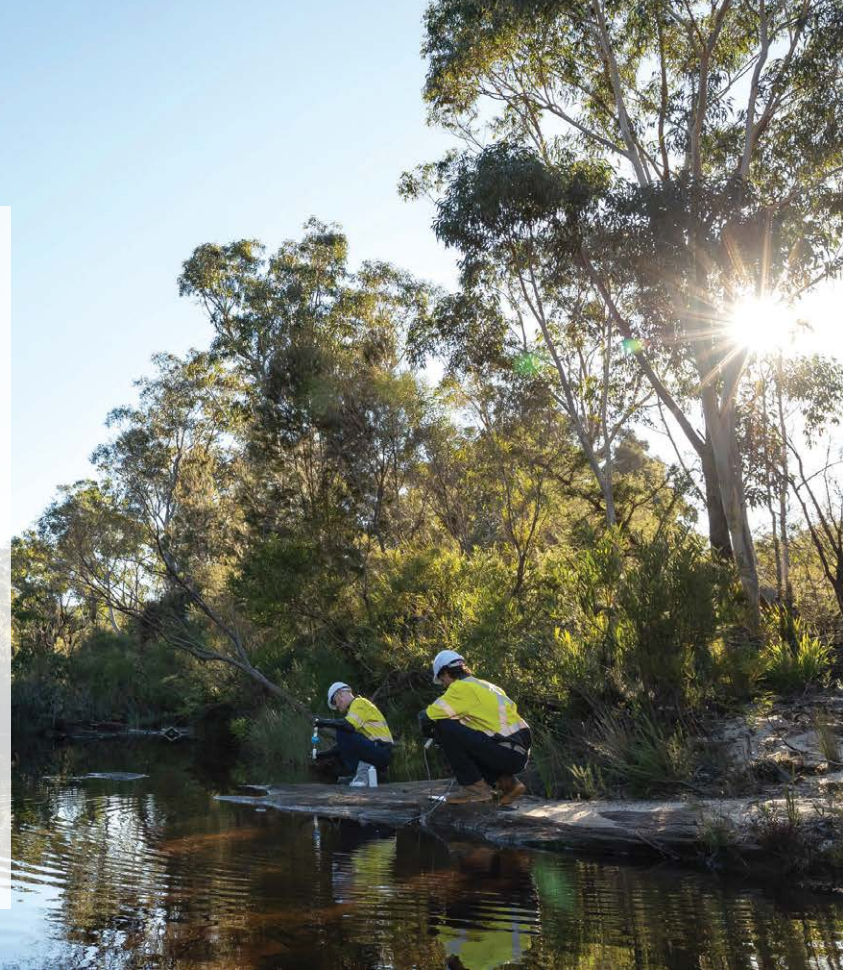
## Dendrobium Mine Extension Project Update

Following consideration of recently completed studies, South32 has decided not to invest in the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project.

We will now focus on optimising our Dendrobium operations within the existing mining lease.

We would like to thank the community on your engagement on the Project to date, including those who made submissions during the Public Exhibition period.

More information is available on our website [www.south32.net/dendrobium-mine](http://www.south32.net/dendrobium-mine)



## Dendrobium Community Enhancement Committee Update

Over the last two meetings held in June and August 2022, the Committee approved over \$100K worth of funding to local groups.

This included a new electronic noticeboard for the Mount Kembla Oval, Mount Kembla Church window restoration, Dance Program for Unanderra Public School, support for the Figtree Community Carols 2022 and support for local sporting clubs. Our next meeting will be held in October.

Please contact us on 1800 102 210 or email [illawarracommunity@south32.net](mailto:illawarracommunity@south32.net) to apply for funding or more information.



Mount Kembla Miners and Soldiers Church window restoration

## Mount Kembla RFS Community Open Day

Mount Kembla Rural Fire Services (RFS) Brigade is hosting a Community Open Day on Sunday, 11 September, 2022.

The Brigade is seeking expressions of interest for new members and would like to share the great work that volunteer brigade members do in the local community.

The Open Day will be held at the Mount Kembla RFS station on Courdeaux Road, Mount Kembla. For more information, contact [mtkemblarfs@gmail.com](mailto:mtkemblarfs@gmail.com).



## Helping to care for land in the Mount Kembla area

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal is pleased to partner with Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council and the University of Wollongong to help care for land near Dendrobium Mine in the Mount Kembla area.

The Ngayagang Yanba Project (Come with Me, in Dharawal language), will use Aboriginal knowledge and perspectives to heal country impacted by residential development, mining and other commercial land uses.

We have a critical role to play in preserving our local environment and we are committed to working with the community to achieve that outcome.



## Gearing up for the UCI Road World Championships

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal is proud to sponsor the UCI Road World Championships this September as a Community Partner.

We will be handing out freebies at our stall in Lang Park over the event weekends and hanging out at the free community cinema in Osbourne Park through the week - be sure to come and say hello.

We have also partnered with Ride Nation to support its Bike Education Program. The program will be rolled out in schools across Wollongong, teaching kids bike skills, road safety and bike maintenance.

We are proud to support local groups and organisations like Ride Nation to create safer and happier communities.

## Illawarra Metallurgical Coal donates \$250K to Women's Trauma Recovery Centre

We are proud to be the Foundation Corporate Partner of the Illawarra Women's Trauma Recovery Centre - it will be the first of its kind in Australia.

This community-led centre will offer critical face-to-face support services in a safe place, for women who have experienced trauma through domestic, family and sexual violence.

Our A\$250,000 funding will help the Centre to employ its first staff and to continue its plight to secure funding for construction.

Once constructed, the Centre will carry out important work in our community, raising awareness and helping to prevent gender-based violence.



Pictured: Illawarra Women's Health Centre General Manager, Sally Stevenson AM, IMC Vice President Operations, Peter Baker, and Illawarra Women's Health Centre Chairwoman, Judy Daunt.