

Dendrobium Community News

South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal



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GOLFERS SWING INTO ACTION FOR GOOD CAUSE

South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) was a major sponsor of the Housing Trust's 40th Anniversary Golf Day, held recently at Wollongong Golf Club.

This is the third annual golf day raising funds for Housing Trusts' annual Tylah West Education Scholarship program, which South32 IMC also supports, providing \$35,000 annually as part of its Indigenous Grants Program.

During the event, 2023 scholarship recipient Tyrone Clarke shared his inspiring story and the impact the Scholarship has had on his future.

In its seventh year, the annual scholarship program has



supported 122 tenants and distributed almost \$150,000 in funds. Scholarships have been used to offset the costs of school, university, and TAFE fees, laptops, equipment, internet services, tools, textbooks, and work boots.

South32 IMC Vice President Operations Peter Baker said, "The Tylah West Education Scholarship is a great initiative we are very proud to support.

"The Scholarship helps provide education, training, and opportunities for its recipients, and the funding we provide will be allocated specifically for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants. We wish the program's scholars the best of luck and look forward to following their progress."



SOUTH32 SUPPORTS AFL MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

With funding support from South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, local AFL club Figtree AFC launched their Mental Health Initiative to educate the playing group and supporters about mental health issues.

The Club partnered with local clinics that agreed to provide players with priority access to their services. Clinical partners also provided general feedback to the club about the demographics of those seeking help so they could tailor services to playing groups that have identified common issues.

Funding also helped meet out-of-pocket expenses for those needing mental health and well-being support.

The club also delivered the AFL's Tackle Your Feelings workshop as part of the initiative. This free training program aims to give coaches the skills to understand, recognise and manage their response to the signs of mental health issues.



'EZY' STARS IN DHARAWAL LANGUAGE STORY BOOKS

Through its Indigenous Grant Program, South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal commissioned a series of two short story books written in Dharawal and English by Dr. Jodi Edwards and illustrated by local Aboriginal artists Dewrang Arts.

The stories follow Ezy, a dog who travels across the local Dharawal country, introducing the reader to the basic Dharawal language and Dharawal Country in the Illawarra and Macarthur regions and the broader Dharawal Community.

Jodi is a proud Yuin/Dharawal woman. She has been in education for 30 years and 28 years in Indigenous education.

Published through Dharawal Publishing, the books will be available to local primary and high schools.



NEW SIGN HONOURS FOUNDING FAMILY

South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal was proud to commission a sign in honour of one of the founding families of Mount Kembla - the Matthews.

'Matthews Flat' was built along the rail corridor in Mount Kembla and was home to Herbert and Winifred, along with their six children, before it was washed away in the devastating 1930s floods.

Family descendant Mark Matthews and South32's Mark Lopeman (pictured) collaborated to position the sign and celebrate their legacy.

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES CONNECT

South32 Connect 2023, held 1 June, brought together Indigenous Businesses, Indigenous Employment Agencies, Indigenous Community Members, South32 Employees, and BlueScope to create opportunities and support the South32 IMC Reconciliation Action Plan





DENDROBIUM DONATES ART SUPPLIES TO MOUNT KEMBLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

After three break-ins within six weeks, the Mount Kembla Public School's art and Year 3/4 room were vandalised. After learning of the extensive damage, Dendrobium Mine General Manager Simon Thomas quickly organised to replace supplies.

"There are not enough words to express my gratitude for replacing our resources. We are such a small school with limited access to funds, so when things like this happen, we are greatly impacted. Because of South32's generosity, we can continue to provide quality experiences for the children of our community. Truly, thank you." - *Mount Kembla Public School*

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Community Consultation Committee meets bimonthly; minutes are publicly available on our website. The following items were discussed at our last meeting held in June 2023:

- Environment update, including noise and water monitoring, progress on the Rehabilitation Management Plan, and the recent catchment tour.
- Operations update, including completion of Longwall 19 and commencement of Longwall 21
- Upcoming community consultation by the City of Wollongong on the Kembla Visioning Project.

SOUTH32 EXTENDS WOMEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

LAUNCHES AUSTRALIA'S FIRST NATIONAL VICTIM-SURVIVOR-LED ADVOCACY PROGRAM.

South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) and the Illawarra Women's Health Centre are pleased to announce a three-year extension of their partnership and the creation of a new, Australian-first victim-survivor advocacy program designed to raise further awareness of domestic, family, and sexual violence and promote systemic change in our communities.

The new 'Experience into Expertise' Victim Survivor Advocacy Program will be co-designed and delivered by victim-survivors, run by the Illawarra Women's Trauma Recovery Centre with the support of the Independent Collective of Survivors, funded by South32 IMC.

The program will provide training and guidance for victim survivors to use their lived experience of domestic, family and sexual violence to help bring about change through community engagement, working with government and industry partners, media advocacy, and engaging in research. It is the first national victim-survivor led advocacy program in Australia.

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South32 IMC Vice President Operations Peter Baker said, "At South32, we are continuing to work with our communities to raise further awareness of gender-based violence and prevent it from happening. Sadly, gender-based violence remains far too common.

"Upon establishment, the Women's Trauma Recovery Centre will undertake vital work supporting those impacted by gender-based violence and helping them step-by-step through what can often be a long process of recovering from that trauma.

"The establishment of the new Victim Survivor Advocacy Program builds on that important work and is the next step in helping to prevent gender-based violence in our communities."

South32 IMC is providing A\$300,000 over three years to support the design, delivery and evaluation of the new Experience into Expertise Program. Last year, South32 IMC became the Illawarra Women's Trauma Recovery Centre's foundational corporate partner, providing funding to support the establishment of the centre.



OPERATIONAL UPDATE DENDROBIUM MINE

Illawarra Escarpment slope stability works: Works are progressing to reduce the potential impact of further land slippage at Kembla Heights. Activities are focused on installing additional erosion and sediment controls in the area. Five months remain for the completion of this activity. Further investigations were conducted for the slope-impacted Dendrobium Pit Top and car park. South32 will keep you updated on action items as works must be undertaken in accordance with the recommendations of the geotechnical report.

Longwall changeout and Kemira Valley Coal Loading Facility: The longwall changeout at Dendrobium Mine from LW19 to LW21 and conveyor belt replacement at Kemira Valley are now complete. Thank you to our community for your cooperation while we conducted these activities.



TEAM DENDROBIUM WINS FIRST AID COMP

Congratulations to Rob Monkley, James Sproates, Rod Powell, and Scott Rowland from the Dendrobium Mines Rescue Team, winners of the 2023 Coal Services Northern Region First Aid Competition on 5 May.

Dendrobium competed against mines from across NSW, testing their first aid skills in various scenarios, including snake bites, chemical burns, and electrocution.



SOUTH32 LAUNCHES NEW COMMUNITY PORTAL

Our new online community portal, 'The Hive' gives residents easy access to property reports and information, current mine plans, guidance on managing subsidence, projects updates and more.

To access the portal, scan the QR code or visit www.community.south32.net/illawarra-metallurgical-coal



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 at illawarracommunity@south32.net

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