

# Community News

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal



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## A MESSAGE FROM ANDY HYSLOP

On behalf on the team at Appin Mine, I would like to wish our community a safe and restful holiday season.

2022 has been a big year for Appin Mine, progressing the Appin Mine Ventilation and Access Project and continuing to operate safely through COVID-19. We are proud to continue our partnerships with local organisations including Life Education, Lifeline Macarthur and the Appin Rural Fire Brigade through our Community Partnership Program. We know this would not be possible without your ongoing support.

To our team members, I'd like to thank you for your hard work this year and helping to maintain a safe and reliable operation despite some tough challenges. I wish you and your families a safe festive season and a Happy New Year.

I look forward to another great year in 2023.

Stay safe and healthy  
Andy  
General Manager Appin Mine



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### SOUTH32 LAUNCHES INDIGENOUS GRANT PROGRAM

We have established a new Indigenous Grant Program to support educational and cultural activities that promote Indigenous culture, pre-employment and start-up business development.

Applications are now open and are encouraged from groups or businesses working in the Macarthur and Illawarra regions that can demonstrate how their project will assist the local Indigenous community.

Scan the QR code for more information and to apply or email [illawarracommunity@south32.net](mailto:illawarracommunity@south32.net).



# NATIVE BIRD'S NEST DISCOVERED AT EXPLORATION SITE

South32's Exploration Team recently discovered a bird's nest carrying eggs during rehabilitation work at a former exploration site in Douglas Park.

Our Exploration Program is an important part of what we do at Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, and involves using borehole drilling techniques to explore areas for coal resource in advance of potential mining to understand the resource location and its qualities. Site rehabilitation is one of the key final steps in this process, where we remove all drilling equipment and restore the site to its original condition.

When the team discovered the nest, work was immediately stopped, and an environmental consultant was contacted and identified the nest to be that of a Black Fronted Dotterel. The Australian native bird can be found throughout Australia, often inhabiting the edges of freshwater sources including wetlands, lakes, dams and billabongs.

The exploration site has been temporary closed until a full environmental assessment can be completed. Protecting local flora and fauna is a critical part to our work in the region and we'd like to thank our skilled and observant operators on site for upholding this commitment.



## APPIN MINE VENTILATION AND ACCESS PROJECT UPDATE

We are pleased to share that South32 has approved funding for the construction of two new ventilation shafts at 345 Menangle Road, Menangle. This forms part of the Appin Mine Ventilation and Access Project.

The ventilation shafts will provide crucial underground air ventilation to Appin Mine, ensuring a safe and efficient working environment for our workers.

The project has undergone extensive environmental assessments including noise, air quality, traffic, heritage and biodiversity. The new ventilation shafts will support our people to continue to work in a safe environment and have been designed to avoid or minimise impacts on the local community where possible.



Preparation work on site has commenced and construction on the shafts is set to start in the first half of 2023 to ensure they are ready for operation in 2025.

Scan the QR code for further details on the Project, construction timeline, concept images and assessment reports.



If you have any questions about the Project, please contact us on 1800 102 210 or email [illawarracommunity@south32.net](mailto:illawarracommunity@south32.net)



## LOCAL LITTLE ATHLETICS LEAVES COVID AT THE STARTING LINE

After a disrupted 2021 season due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Douglas Park Wilton Athletics Club has seen a huge boom in registrations, expecting over 200 local kids to sign up for the 2022/2023 season.

The Club has been operating in the Wollondilly region for 35 years, supporting local children of all abilities develop their athletic skills while having fun in a positive and inclusive environment.

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal is proud to sponsor the Club for another year, providing vital funds for the growing program. Funds will go towards reducing registration fees, weekly running costs, new sporting equipment, uniforms as well as funding athletes to compete at zone and regional competitions.

We are proud of our partnership with Douglas Park Wilton Athletics Club, and doing our part to help build healthier and happier communities.



## SOUTH32 GETS BEHIND CONVOY

On Sunday 20 November, the i98FM Illawarra Convoy of over 1,500 trucks and motorbikes set off from our Appin North Colliery and headed through Wollongong to raise funds for local children facing life threatening illnesses.

Every year South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal is proud to support Illawarra Convoy.

To help local families this year, we pledged to double every donation made to our South32 fundraising page until we hit \$50,000. Thanks to our generous people and local community, the page raised an incredible \$44,568. We were happy to match that amount, bringing the total donation tally for South32 to just under \$90,000.

The final 2022 donation figure for the entire event reached an impressive \$2,078,718.95. These funds will go towards a range of local groups and families through the Illawarra Community Foundation.

South32 Vice President Operations Peter Baker said, "It's a special time in the Illawarra when Convoy comes around, where local businesses and the community rally together for an important cause. I'm so proud that South32 can be involved and do our bit to help local families doing it tough in the lead up the Christmas."

## MENANGLE COMMUNITY HALL TO GET MUCH NEEDED MAKEOVER

South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal together with the Community Partnership Program have donated A\$200,000 to help refurbish the Menangle Community Hall.

The community hall on Station Street is in need of significant repair and is currently not suitable for public use.

The funding will be used to help refurbish the building and create a place for the entire community to use, potentially including a space for meetings, community events and dance, arts and fitness classes. The hall could also act as a place of refuge in times of natural disasters such as bushfires.

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Vice President Operations Peter Baker said "At South32, we love supporting our local communities and it's great to be able to help provide a place for the whole Menangle community to come together to socialise, meet and have some fun."

In February 2022, the Australian Government announced that it was providing A\$845,501 for the refurbishment of Menangle Community Hall from the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program.



# APPIN PINK REPRESENT AUSTRALIA AT INTERNATIONAL MINES RESCUE COMPETITION

South32' Appin Pink Mine Rescue Team recently competed at the 2022 International Mines Rescue Competition this September in West Virginia, USA.

Appin secured their spot on the world stage after winning the Australian Mines Rescue Competition back in 2018. The team waited patiently for 2 years as the international event was postponed due to COVID-19.

From 11- 16 September, 22 teams from 8 mining countries across the globe competed in various challenges, testing their skills in mine rescue, safety equipment, first aid and firefighting. Appin Pink put on a commendable performance, placing 8th overall.

Appin Team Captain Graham Billett said, "International events like this provide a valuable opportunity for the world's best mine rescue teams to come together and share ideas and refine their skills through competition. Though we didn't take out the gold, I'm incredibly proud of what the team has achieved."



## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Community Consultative Committee meets bimonthly and minutes are publicly available on our website. The last meeting was held in November 2022 and the following items were discussed:

- Environment management plans, including noise, water, waste and traffic management
- Construction schedule for the

Appin Mine Ventilation and Access Project

- Truck movements associated with supplying engineered fill to the Spring Farm Parkway Project
- Community investments generated from Illawarra Metallurgical Coal and the Community Partnership Program, including the UCI Road Cycling Event, Douglas Park Athletics Club and Menangle Community and Arts Hall



## 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](mailto:illawarracommunity@south32.net)