



# MOOLARBEN NEWS

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## Celebrity Golf Classic tops \$100,000

### Celebrities rally behind a great cause

The Moolarben Coal Celebrity Golf Classic, now in its 6th year, has managed to raise over \$100,000 for Mudgee Hospital, Pioneer House Nursing Home, Mudgee Men's Shed and Mudgee Junior Golf.

The Classic, held in early February, attracted large numbers for both the Ambrose golf and the charity auction dinner. Ellerston Golf took home the hotly contested Ambrose prize, defeating a group of 38 teams.

With big names such as Billy Birmingham, Jim Cassidy, Phil Kearns and Benn Robinson joining Classic regulars Malcolm Johnson, Ken Sutcliffe and Peter Sterling, the day proved to be a successful fundraiser for a great cause.

Peter Sterling prepares to tee off



Celebrities gather at the Golf Classic

## Community Support Program - Round 2

Since 2010, Moolarben Coal's Community Foundation has distributed over \$980,000 to support local community sporting, cultural, educational and recreational activities.

During 2016 the Community Support Program donated nearly \$75,000 to 29 not-for-profit organisations within the Mid-Western Region.

Recipients from the second round of 2016 funding include Gulgong Amateur Fishing Club, Mudgee Park Run and Mudgee Junior Triathlon Club.

Applications for the first round of 2017 funding are set to close on Friday 7th April, so now is the time to get your applications in if you have a community project or activity in need of funding assistance.

More information on requirements and how to apply can be found on the Moolarben Coal website: [www.moolarbencoal.com.au](http://www.moolarbencoal.com.au)



Mudgee Triathlon Club's Junior Development Squad

## Planning and Approvals Update

### Open Cut Optimisation

Moolarben Coal continually strives to improve, and has identified opportunities to optimise its operations. To realise these improvements Moolarben Coal will be seeking approval to modify its Project Approvals.

The proposed modification would involve:

- Minor extensions to disturbance limits to facilitate safe and efficient mining
- Refinements to final landforms
- Increased peak open cut production, coal washing and railing
- Site infrastructure refinements, such as haul road locations

An environmental assessment is currently being prepared to support the Modification, which will describe existing environmental baseline data, potential impacts of the Modification when compared to the approved operations, and avoidance, monitoring, rehabilitation and management measures.

The environmental assessment will be supported by specialist studies, including for biodiversity, heritage, noise, air quality, water and visual amenity.

More information, including on Moolarben Coal's existing licences and approvals, is available at [www.moolarbencoal.com.au](http://www.moolarbencoal.com.au).



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## MESSAGE FROM

# THE GENERAL MANAGER

Welcome to the 2017 Autumn edition of the Moolarben Coal Community Newsletter.

On the 20th February this year, Moolarben Coal Complex recorded its 800th consecutive day without a Lost Time Injury. This is an outstanding achievement and testament to our focus on the safety of our people. This milestone is particularly notable when you consider that our workforce is much larger today than it was two years ago, and it's an achievement of which we can all be proud.

Moolarben Underground is entering an exciting phase as we move closer to the commencement of our longwall operations. The next few months promise to be busy as we look to grow our underground workforce with a mix of both experienced and new to industry workers, and start the related training and on-boarding of the team.

Likewise, our Open Cut operations are entering an important phase as we seek approval from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment for some key modifications that will optimise our operations and improve the performance of our business.

I was pleased to see the Moolarben Coal Celebrity Golf Classic return in its 6th year. The event has raised over \$100,000 which is a remarkable achievement and is reward for the hard work and time committed by both organisers and participants. Acknowledgment must go to Peter Mayson, Peter Sterling and the Golf Classic team for their tremendous work.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the impacts of the recent bushfires in our region. I would like to thank those members of our workforce and the broader community involved with the Rural Fire Service for their efforts fighting the fires. I was pleased that Moolarben was able to donate both funds and fencing supplies to those impacted, and I hope that this contribution will go some way to helping them get back on their feet.

**Steve Archinal**  
General Manager, Moolarben Coal



## Traineeships underway at Moolarben

January saw thirteen local trainees start at Moolarben Coal. The group, spread across both the Underground and Open Cut operations, started out with initial training on day shift before progressing to working on shift with various crews.

The broad exposure that trainees receive throughout the year provides an invaluable kickstart for their careers in mining. Over a twelve month period the trainees will work across the full spectrum of underground or surface operations, gaining experience and competencies as they go.

The next trainee intakes are scheduled for March and June this year, and we encourage anyone interested to visit the Skillset website for more information.

[www.skillset.com.au](http://www.skillset.com.au)



## Clontarf comes to site

Clontarf Foundation

In February, 40 students from the Clontarf Dubbo Campus visited Moolarben Coal.

Clontarf is an organisation dedicated to improving the education, life-skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander men. Since opening in 2000, Clontarf has grown to cater for nearly 6000 young men throughout Australia.

The visit involved a presentation by the Clontarf boys to Moolarben management, networking lunch and a tour of the Open Cut Operations.



## Moolarben wins top Safety Award

Late last year Moolarben Coal won the New South Wales Minerals Council's highly regarded Safety Excellence Award for 2016. This award was recognition of the design and implementation of a lighting system created to prevent heavy mobile equipment collisions.

The concept arose from a crew review of operating protocols, and resulted in the development of a signal light on the roof of bulldozers, that would allow the dozer driver to communicate with other operators without having to use the radio.

The lighting system was found to have positively improved communication while increasing the speed of response and on-site procedures. The system has now been implemented and installed on all tracked equipment at Moolarben.