



Ulan Public School Notice Board

17th December: Presentation Night – all welcome

Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 17th December at 7pm at the school. The evening celebrates and showcases student achievements and recognises those who have supported the school during 2013. The wider community is also welcome to attend.

2nd – 6th December: School Excursion to Canberra

Preparations are well underway for the whole school excursion to Canberra, which is being held from Monday 2nd until Friday 6th December. Students are participating in a range of learning activities. A major excursion is organised every two years to allow time for fundraising activities to subsidise the cost. The excursion to Canberra is supported by the P&C who have conducted fundraising lunches over the past two years, supported by the local businesses in and around Ulan.



Buster the instant star

Moolarben employees Nina Mackay and Donna Hartley, along with Buster the dog, played an integral part in the discovery of a missing 79-year-old Cooks Gap man.

The man went missing late one afternoon earlier this month and was found two days later about 400 metres from his house.

The search involved the police helicopter, local VRA, Rural Fire Service and police.

Buster, Donna's dog, raised the alarm. Donna immediately called 000 and Nina administered first aid until the ambulance arrived.

Great job Nina, Donna and Buster.

Rehabilitation Update

- Rehabilitation work is currently underway with 20 hectares of land to be returned to native forest.
- Bulk shaping and construction of water control structures is continuing with topsoil being spread to a minimum depth of 100mm.
- PH and sodicity (sodium affected soil) are improved with the use of ameliorants such as lime and gypsum where required and organic compost is spread across the topsoil to improve the soil structure and enhance microbial activity.
- The topsoil is then deep ripped and sown with a mixture of temporary grasses, native grasses and native tree and shrub mix.
- Following the completion, monitoring will continue to assess the performance of the rehabilitation.



MOOLARBEN NEWS

NOVEMBER 2013



Seven teams from local area commands across regional NSW gathered at Mudgee's Glen Willow Sporting Complex last month for the NSW Police Country Cup.

Mudgee hosts Police Country Cup

PROGRAM	PROJECT	GRANT
Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise	Carols in Mudgee 2013	\$6,000
Cooks Gap Bushfire Brigade	New security system	\$2,400
Cudgegong Cruisers Inc	Can Cruise 2014	\$2,500
Gulgong District Cricket Assoc.	Greenkeepers Turf Mower	\$1,200
Arts Council of Gulgong	Schools Art Competition	\$2,000
Aust. Breastfeeding – Mudgee Group	Replacement of old Breast pumps	\$2,250
Mudgee Public School	Getting Mobile – purchase of iPads	\$5,000
Mudgee Region Muddragons	Trailer for Dragon Boat	\$2,800
Rylstone/ Kandos Show Society	Zone Final Showgirl Judging	\$5,000
Gulgong Golf Club	Plant Life Rehabilitation	\$1,250
Mudgee Valley Writers	14th Biennial Literary Competition	\$1,000
Merriwa Tennis Club	New Tennis Nets & Poles	\$990
Pioneer House Nursing Home	Gladstone Street Garden Project	\$4,879
Little Athletics	New discus cage	\$2,000
CWA Gulgong	Replace broken window dressings	\$852
TOTAL		\$40,121

It was the first time the NSW Police Country Cup has been held in Mudgee. Moolarben donated \$5,000 to support the rugby tournament as part of its Community Support Program.

The Mudgee team was unlucky to go down to Port Stephens in the final, nevertheless improving on last year's third place. The post-game function raised several thousand dollars for our local PCYC.

Since 2010, Moolarben Coal has distributed more than \$275,000 in community grants and sponsorships as part of its Community Support Program. The next round will commence with a call for applications in March next year.

The Program provides funding to assist a range of community-focused initiatives right across the Mid-Western Council district and surrounding areas, helping local community groups in the fields of education, environment, health and safety, infrastructure projects, the arts, leisure and research.

Annual Report

The 2013 annual report is now available online. The report provides a summary of Environmental performance over the last 12 months. To review the annual report go to www.moolarbencoal.com.au



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MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Welcome to another edition of Moolarben News.

I'm very happy to report that our safety performance has been pretty good over the last 3 months as we have been Recordable and Lost Time Injury free. However, we need to stay ever vigilant as we move into the festive season, keeping our focus at work and making sure we are not distracted by the upcoming social activities, so that we can all enjoy this period with our family and friends.

All Moolarben personnel in all areas, our contractors, our consultants and our suppliers, have all worked very hard this year to put our mine in a very strong position both operationally and financially in 2013. I take this opportunity to thank everybody for their sterling efforts in 2013 and from the work we have recently completed on our budget for 2014, I am confident that this Team will be just as strong in 2014 and beyond.

Preparations for Moolarben's Stage 2 expansion are moving along, with several very large pieces of equipment continuing to arrive on site. The new Liebherr R9800 excavator is on site and is currently under construction. At Moolarben we are continually working towards minimising impacts on the local community and surrounds, so this new excavator comes fully sound attenuated and we're looking forward to the arrival of the two additional (Rubber backed) Duratray bodies. Once these two new Duratray bodies arrive and are fitted to our Komatsu 830E Rear Dump Trucks, we will have a full fleet of Overburden Trucks carrying these noise dampening rubber trays.

Unfortunately, our Moolarben Stage 2 expansion is still delayed as we await the next step in the

Approvals process, being the receipt of our draft consent conditions from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. Meanwhile, a significant amount of work has been completed preparing for our commencement of overburden removal operations in Stage 1 Open Cut 2 Box Cut, towards the end of the first quarter next year. All engineering design, planning and scheduling work has been completed or is well under way and importantly, we have gained all necessary government licences, leases and approvals, including the approval of all our requisite Environmental Management Plans.

It was great to be able to use our Community Support Program to help Mudgee host the Police Country Cup this year. Well done to the Mudgee team for reaching the final. I'm sure our local PCYC will put the funds raised at the post-game function to good use. This year over \$100,000 has been donated to a total of 42 organisations right across the Mid- Western Region and the nearby Upper Hunter Shire.

Over the Christmas and New Year period we will shut down to ensure our staff are able to enjoy that very special time with their families.

This will be our last newsletter for the year 2013 and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to catching up in 2014.

All the best,

John Blanning

General Manager, Moolarben Coal

Moolarben Coal employees recently celebrated the milestone of 25 million tonnes of coal being fed to the Coal Handling Preparation Plant. The Moolarben team celebrated with a BBQ lunch catered by Cooks Gap Bushfire Brigade. The following statistics show what a massive job it was to ensure this goal was achieved.

- 1,430 days worked
- \$134 million in salaries and wages
- Recorded 2.7 million hours worked
- 73.5 million bank cubic metres of overburden moved
- Approximately 570,000 truck loads of overburden
- Approximately 135,000 truck loads of coal
- 159 haul truck tyres used
- Approximately 1,100km of drilling
- 133 hectares of land rehabilitated
- 3 Lost Time Injuries recorded



Another milestone reached

Super-efficient excavator to join the fleet

The assembling of the new model Liebherr excavator is well under way at Moolarben Coal. This state of the art equipment is expected to be ready for service in early 2014.



Stealth Fleet sets new benchmark

Having set the benchmark for environmental noise reduction impacts on the community, Moolarben's trial involving a 'Stealth Fleet' of trucks was a collaboration between Duratray, Komatsu and Moolarben.

With continued positive performance around the reduction of loading noise, two additional Duratray bodies have been ordered. It is expected that they will both be operating by the end of this year.

Moolarben was a finalist in the recent NSW Minerals Council Community and Environment Excellence Awards, winning a highly commended award, thanks to the adoption of the Duratray design which reduced the noise rocks make when dropped into the tray.

