

# BENGALLA MINE

## Community Consultative Committee Update

### The Bengalla CCC Newsletter...

*The material in this issue of the Bengalla Mine Community Consultative Committee (BMCCC) newsletter has been selected by the CCC representatives.*

*The BMCCC is comprised of community representatives and representatives from Bengalla Mine including the Chief Executive Officer. This newsletter aims to inform interested community members on matters discussed during CCC meetings.*

### Hay Donations

During December 2019, Bengalla Mining Company was pleased to be able to distribute 350 bales of oaten hay across the local region to assist farmers during the intense drought. Deliveries were made around the Muswellbrook, Rouchel, Wybong and Scone districts. All recipients expressed their appreciation and their stock would have received a boost to their feed over the Christmas period.



### Rainfall

Total rainfall for the period (Nov, Dec and Jan) has been 88mm whilst 2019 rainfall totalled 282mm. It has been the lowest rainfall recorded at Bengalla since 1992.



### Rehabilitation

During 2019, a new practice known as geofluv has been established over an area of previous rehabilitated. The purpose of the geofluv is to create a more natural looking landform, that is designed to drain water through a series of rock lined gullies and grassed depressions rather than across slopes and then down vertical drop structures.



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## Engineering Scholarship Recipient

This years Bengalla Engineering Scholarship recipient is Alex Young from Scone. Alex will be studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Newcastle. Alex and his parents came to site on the 18th February to meet Cam Halfpenny, the General Manager of Bengalla Mining Company, as well as Managers and leaders, and some of the Mechanical Engineering team.

As part of the Engineering Scholarship Alex will receive \$34,000 to support him in his tertiary education studies, and he will also spend 10 weeks onsite every year as part of the vacation work program. The vacation work will enable Alex to get hands on experience and he will also be working on some projects whilst he is onsite.

Congratulations to Alex and we look forward to seeing you at the end of the year.

We have had over the Christmas break, 6 students attend site for completion of vacation work. They have worked across various departments including Environment, Mining, CHPP, and electrical engineering.



## Support for local students

Every year Bengalla Mining Company supports local students in their tertiary studies . Our scholarship program includes one Engineering scholarship each year as well as 8 Undergraduate Scholarships awarded across Muswellbrook High School (4), and one each to Scone Grammar, St Joseph's Aberdeen, Scone High School and one employee's child.

These scholarships are for students undertaking any degree at an Australian University. This year some of the degrees our scholarship recipients have chosen to study are nursing, radiography, archaeology and paramedicine.

Bengalla also supports the Upper Hunter Education Fund, which assists students in Murrurundi, Scone, Aberdeen, Muswellbrook and Denman. Their mission to foster the further education, career and personal development opportunities of young people in the Upper Hunter is why Bengalla has a commitment to the Upper Hunter Education Fund.

Bengalla also has a performing arts scholarship through the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music. This is the Peter Riddy Scholarship in memory of Peter who was a friend to many at Bengalla. This scholarship supports the tuition of one student through the Conservatorium of Music with tuition for one year. Last years vocal scholarship recipient, Leonie Rogers, gave a wonderful performance last year at the conclusion of her scholarship year, showing her dedication to her training.

*The minutes and presentations from CCC meetings are available for public viewing at the Muswellbrook and Denman Libraries. If you have an interest in any of the topics discussed at the CCC and would like further information on this topic or in future newsletters, please contact one of the members listed below.*

If you wish to attend a Bengalla CCC meeting, or would like an issue raised by one of the Committee members, please contact any of the members listed below:

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