

Hume Coal Charitable Foundation

The vision of the Charitable Foundation is to care for and make a significant difference to the community of Wingecarribee Shire and provide opportunities to improve life outcomes.

Each year the Foundation provides funding across two rounds, closing on 30th July and 1st November. The primary focus of the funding is on education, indigenous programs and not-for-profit pre-school child care. Hume Coal is continually accepting applications for funding in 2018. If you are interested in applying, download an application form at www.humecoal.com.au/community.

Whilst applications for round 1 funding have closed, we are already welcoming applications for funding round 2. The successful round 1 applicants will be published in the next newsletter.



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Recent success at the 2018 NSW Training Awards

Hume Coal would like to congratulate Miss Bree Crouch who won the Phil Darby Award at the 2018 NSW Training Awards (Illawarra and South East Region).

Miss Crouch is currently completing her Certificate III in Business Administration at a local business in the Southern Highlands.

The awards celebrate many of the hard working and dedicated apprentices and trainees through out the state and we wish Miss Crouch all the best as she seeks to take out another award at the state awards later this year.

Hume Coal would also like to extend a big thank you to 1300 apprentice for facilitating Hume Coal's apprenticeship and traineeship program and finding the best candidates to be placed in many local businesses here in the Southern Highlands.

If you're interested in applying for the Hume Coal apprenticeship and traineeship program, download an application form at www.humecoal.com.au/community



L-R: Josh Reid (Hume Coal), Claudia Farrar (Hume Coal), Bree Crouch (winner), Meagan Thorpe (1300 apprentice), Craig Brackenbury (Hume Coal)

University of Wollongong Business & Engineering Scholarships

Hume Coal recently awarded its Hume Coal Corporate Scholarships in Engineering and Business to three local students. This is the second year Hume Coal has partnered with the University of Wollongong to support local students to succeed in their studies by relieving some of the financial strain often associated with tertiary study.

Hume Coal would like to congratulate each of the scholarship recipients and wish them all the best for the remainder of their studies in 2018.

Whilst this year's scholarships have been awarded, if you're studying business, commerce or engineering at the University of Wollongong and are interested in a shot at one of three \$7000 scholarships, check your eligibility online and make sure you apply in 2019!



Staff Profile

Ben Anderson *Planning & Approvals Manager*



Tell us a bit about yourself?

I grew up next door to the Southern Highlands, on a large sheep farm in Crookwell.

I have worked in the resources industry for my whole career, with the majority of time being spent working for coal mines across Queensland and NSW.

What is your role at Hume Coal?

My role is to manage the Approvals and Environment team. I am responsible for ensuring all regulatory project approvals are obtained and regulatory requirements are met. The aim of my team is to ensure that all required approvals are obtained so that the project can be delivered on schedule.

Why do you support coal?

Ultimately, Australia needs coal for both the production of steel and to help ensure we have reliable and affordable energy. As such, we need to find ways to extract coal while minimising our impact on the environment and local communities. The Hume Coal project represents the lowest impact coal mine that I have been involved with and I think that a lot of the research that the Hume Team has done and the underground mining approach proposed, will set a new benchmark for other coal projects to aspire to.

How do you see Hume Coal benefiting the local economy?

From my personal experience in the Hunter Valley and the Mudgee region, coal mining can really complement the economy of regional areas. I think Hume Coal will provide employment for many locals, increase the level of expenditure at local businesses and give younger people an option to stay in the region rather than moving to Sydney or Wollongong for full time employment.

Hume Coal supports the Shute Shield Country Round

Hume Coal was proud to once again partner with the Bowral Blacks and Sydney University through sponsoring the Country Round, held on the 28 April 2018.

Whilst the score wasn't in the favour of the home team (Sydney Uni) it was a great game and many braved the cold and wet weather to catch some great country rugby.

Thanks again to the Bowral Blacks for allowing Hume Coal to be a part of promoting our wonderful region and ability to support these events.

Hume Coal's Response to Submissions

Hume Coal recently submitted the Response to Submissions Report to the Department of Planning and Environment. Since the exhibition of the environmental impact statement and receipt of the government agency and public submissions, Hume Coal has spent the last 12 months undertaking further studies in response to the submissions received.

Hume Coal would like to take this opportunity to thank every individual, community group and organisation who took the time to review the EIS and make a submission on the project.

Hume Coal is committed to develop a mine which is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable and this will be achieved through ongoing communication with the interested residents and businesses of the Southern Highlands.



On the Farms

With the recent rain, some green has started to emerge across the farms. Some winter wheat has been planted which is growing nicely and the farm is continuing to produce consistent volumes of cattle each month.

Hume Coal is also putting a dent in the local rabbit population having removed over 500 rabbits over the past few months from many of the company's Southern Highland properties.

If the project is approved, land owned by Hume Coal will continue to be run as an agricultural business. Our low impact underground mine will allow us to continue to farm on top!



If you'd like to learn more about the Hume Coal Project...

You can visit us at the Berrima Community Shop, currently open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. People can also visit the Moss Vale Office, located in Clarence House (the big white building next door to the Moss Vale IGA).

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter for all the updates on the Hume Coal project.

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