

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE DECEMBER 2025

Moolarben Coal Complex

Progress Update

It has been another exciting year at Moolarben Coal, marked by significant achievements and steady progress toward our plans for the future.

Open Cut 3

We are now close to progressing through the next steps in the regulatory process to extend operations south and east of the existing Open Cut 3 mining area. The next milestone is expected to be a referral from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC).

Over recent months, we have been working closely with the Department and anticipate that this referral will be forthcoming soon. The IPC process will provide another opportunity for stakeholders to have their say on the Project. To stay informed and take part when the time comes, we encourage you to sign up for updates via our regular newsletter by scanning the QR code below.

If the IPC approves the Project, it will then require Federal Government approval, and if approved, extension operations are expected to commence in early 2027 and continue until around 2034.



Scan the QR code to keep up to date on future mine extensions, site activities, rehabilitation progress, community activities and more.

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Underground 4 Extraction Plan

Planning for secondary mining within the approved Underground 4 area has advanced significantly this year. Extending mining operations is an extremely complex process, involving extensive studies and detailed analysis. While there is still a great amount of work to be done, we are getting closer to the next stage. Mining in this area began in 2022, and the proposed commencement of secondary extraction in the next planned longwall mining area of UG4 will enable continued operations into the future. We plan to utilise existing infrastructure, minimising new disturbance and maintain the use of our current processing and rail facilities. This will help ensure Moolarben Coal continues to support local employment and deliver ongoing economic benefits for the region.

Rehabilitation

This year our team has worked hard to rehabilitate previously mined land within the OC2 and OC4 areas of our site. Over 45 hectares is currently being rehabilitated to a final land use of native vegetation, comprising white box-narrow-leaved ironbark shrubby forest and white box-yellow box grassy woodland. Landform shaping to blend into the surrounding natural topography has been completed, with drain construction and topsoil spreading now underway. Seeding will follow and be undertaken using a local drone operations contractor, which will ensure the accurate and rapid spreading of the seed mixes. Most of the seed used in our rehabilitation operations is collected from our biodiversity offset properties by a local contractor who specialises in native seed collection and processing. Across our site over 500 hectares of land is now under rehabilitation, with a wide range of maintenance activities carried out throughout the year including weed and feral animal control, access tracks and erosion management.

Supporting Aboriginal youth

In 2025, Moolarben continued its partnership with the Clontarf Foundation, supporting the development of young Indigenous men through education and real-world experiences.

Through initiatives such as Miner for a Day, students were welcomed on-site to gain firsthand insight into the mining industry – from engineering and operations to environment and community roles.

The Clontarf Foundation's programs are designed to build confidence, resilience, and ambition among these men, helping them create pathways to success. Moolarben is committed to playing a role in that journey, by opening doors, creating opportunities, and continuing to invest in programs that make a meaningful difference.

Community Spotlight

Proud to partner with local business

Moolarben is very proud of the partnerships it has with a wide range of local businesses. Here we take a look at two of them:

Double R Equipment

Rusty Russell started his business as a young tradie with a ute. Two decades later, with support from the mining and resources sector, Double R Equipment now supports 280 employees across New South Wales and Western Australia.

Rusty started his business in Mudgee, and has worked with Moolarben Coal since the mine's inception. His business provides maintenance support both on and off site, and employs around 50 people locally.

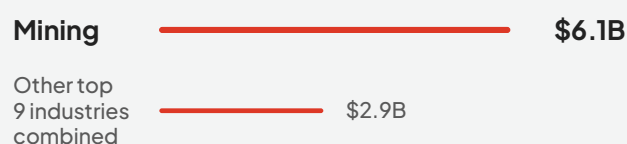
"In Mudgee, our relationship with Moolarben has evolved over many years, and their support has benefited our business by increasing our capability to meet demand both on and off-site," Rusty said.

"It has allowed us to build, grow and provide opportunities for apprentices and other personnel."

Economic contribution

Did you know

According to figures released by the Mid-Western Regional Council this year, mining remains by far the most significant contributor to the Mudgee region's economy. While the very low unemployment rate in Mudgee can be linked strongly to the jobs provided by mining, the economic contribution to the region is more than double the contribution of the next nine industry sectors combined.



Source: Mid-Western Regional Council



Rusty Russell, Director of Double R Equipment Repairs

He said mining has definitely been the backbone of the local economy in Mudgee region.

"Yet it is a case of a rising tide lifting all boats. It isn't just direct mine employees and contractors who benefit from the strength of the local mining industry. A whole range of unrelated industries including hospitality, retail and construction see the benefit of an overall resilient economy," Rusty said.

"Without mining there would be a lot less buffer for economic cycles and a lot more peaks and troughs."

O’Ryan Geospatial

Working with Mudgee’s mining sector allows local survey business O’Ryan Geospatial to engage with industry leaders and bring world-class skills back into the local community.

O’Ryan’s director David Ryan said in regard to large civil and construction projects, mine sites engaged some of the world’s leading consultants.

“When we go onto mine sites like Moolarben Coal, we are dealing with some of the largest consulting companies in the world who have world-class skills. We get to work alongside them and share our expertise on large and complex projects that we wouldn’t normally get to work on in a rural community.”

“Mining provides a large amount of work in the community, and it also provides certainty, which allows us to employ more staff. Our workforce is a blend of long-time locals and skilled professionals who’ve relocated to Mudgee for the opportunities the resource sector provides.”

David said the benefit of Moolarben Coal and mining to the Mudgee community was immense.



(L-R) Greg Purdon, Linda Gibb, Liam Standen, Hamish Quilty, David Ryan (Managing Director) Jessica Ryan, Ben Orr and Bikram Paudel

“We have seen towns that don’t have the benefits of the resources sector in their area, and they don’t have anything near what we do. And their commercial sector can struggle,” he said. He said mining also allowed other support businesses and industries to grow and provide employment, training and development for people.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable festive season

From all of us at Moolarben Coal, thank you to our friends, business partners, and community supporters for sharing another successful year with us. We wish you a joyful festive season and all the very best for the year ahead. Stay safe and take care.

Community feedback

We value the ongoing feedback from community members and technical experts regarding our Projects. As our plans progress and new information becomes available, we remain committed to keeping all stakeholders informed.

Your feedback plays an important role in shaping our approach, helping us to balance operational needs with environmental and social responsibilities.

We welcome further input via:

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