



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE MAY 2025

Moolarben Coal Complex

Project updates

Moolarben Coal Complex is progressing plans for key projects to support the long-term viability of our operation, allowing the continuation of the significant positive contribution to the communities of the Mid-Western Regional Council, and beyond.

These projects have been carefully designed to meet rigorous environmental standards, regulatory requirements, and community expectations.



Open Cut 3 Extension Project

The Open Cut 3 (OC3) Extension Project proposes to extend operations south and east of the existing OC3 mining area. The project has undergone rigorous environmental assessments, including input from technical specialists and government agencies.

The Project is currently under review and assessment by the Independent Expert Panel for Mining. The role of the Panel is to provide the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) with specialist knowledge and expert advice in assessing mining proposals under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. This advice will support DPHI in finalising its assessment, after which the Project will likely be referred to the Independent Planning Commission for a final decision.

Once the Planning Commission process is complete, the Federal Government will also make their determination under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

If approved, OC3 Extension operations are expected to commence in late 2026 and mining in this area will continue until 2034.





Project Benefits



The Project would deliver a net gain of 557 hectares of native woodland in the Moolarben Valley through revegetation, rehabilitation, and offsets.



The Project would continue to support the Mid-Western Regional Council area by contributing to the development and improvement of local infrastructure, including roads and transportation networks in Mudgee.



The Project would support ongoing local employment in the Central West region, as Moolarben currently employs approximately 790 full-time staff, with the majority residing in the Mid-Western Local Government Area.

Underground 4 Extraction Plan

We are currently preparing for secondary extraction in the next set of longwall panels within the approved Underground 4 (UG4) mining domain, as mining of the first set of longwall panels in UG4 is set to be completed in the first quarter of 2026.

Secondary extraction represents an efficient and responsible use of the approved mining area, with minimal impacts due to the presence of existing site infrastructure. This would reduce the need for new infrastructure, allow the use of the existing coal processing and rail facilities, and importantly, enable Moolarben to continue supporting local jobs as well as making significant economic and social contributions.



Temporary Road Closures

As part of our commitment to keeping the community informed, we would like to notify nearby road users, that temporary road closures along Ulan-Wollar Road will soon recommence due to scheduled blasting activity in the area.

These short-term closures are necessary to ensure the safety of the community during blasting operations. The road will be closed for up to 20 minutes at a time, and signage along Ulan-Wollar Road will display the date and time of each proposed closure.

For more information regarding scheduled blasting, visit yancoal.com.au/our-sites/Moolarben. We appreciate your patience and understanding while this planned work is carried out.





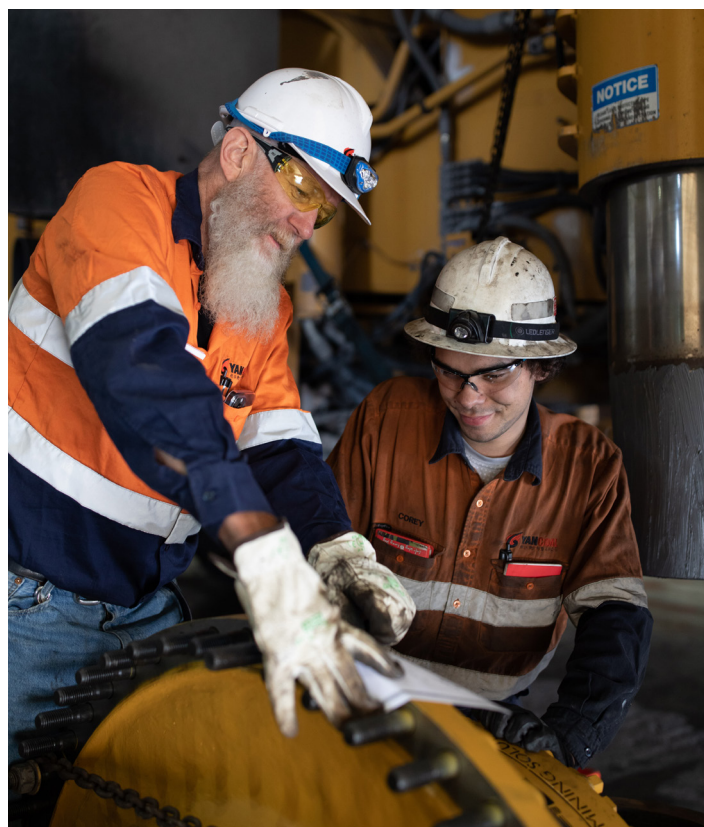
Community Support Program 2025

Since 2010, we have invested over **\$1,200,000** in funding to community groups and projects in the Mid-Western Region, reinforcing our commitment to creating a lasting, positive impact beyond mining. We proudly support initiatives that help local communities grow, thrive, and prosper.

This year, Moolarben Coal will provide funding for over **35 community projects** through our Community Support Program during 2025.

The program funds local projects that benefit education, environmental sustainability, healthcare, infrastructure, arts, cultural heritage.

Congratulations to all grant recipients. We look forward to seeing the projects enhance the lives of people living in our community.



Economic Contribution

The mining sector stands as the largest contributor to the local economy and plays a vital role in the prosperity of Mudgee, the Mid-Western Region and the State. By providing stable employment, supporting local businesses, and funding essential infrastructure projects, Moolarben Coal contributes significantly to the region's growth.

Last year, the direct economic contribution of Moolarben Coal Operations to the Mid-Western Regional Council area reached **\$187 million**.

Moolarben engaged **123 local suppliers**, which generated **\$56 million in revenue** for these businesses in the Mid-Western Regional Council area. This economic contribution assisted Mudgee in continuing to develop as a popular and thriving tourist destination, with the added benefit of numerous community events and cultural activities that attract more visitors to the region.

Community feedback

Engagement with the local community remains central to our future plans. Your feedback informs our approach as we seek to balance operational needs with environmental and social responsibilities. Our proposed extensions aim to support ongoing employment, maintain our site's role in the regional economy, and ensure we continue contributing positively to the community. We remain committed to operating transparently and responsibly, and will provide regular updates to our employees, key stakeholders, and the local community as plans progress and more information becomes available.

If you would like further information on any of our proposed Projects or have questions regarding the Moolarben Coal Complex, please contact us via:

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