

Minutes of the Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee Meeting Q4 2025

Date: Wednesday 5 November 2025

Location: MTW

Time: 2:58pm – 4:59pm

Attendees

Colin Gellatly (CG - Chair)	Independent Chairperson MTW CCC
Gary Mulhearn (GM)	MTW Environment & Community Manager
Cris Shadbolt (CS)	MTW General Manager
Tim Veness (TV)	MTW Manager Statutory Functions
Joshua van Bezouwen (JVB)	MTW Environment and Community Advisor
Ian Hedley (IH)	Community Representative
Stewart Mitchell (SM)	Community Representative
Neville Hodkinson (NH)	Community Representative
Myree Russell (MR)	Community Representative
Barb Brown (BB)	Community Representative
Kevin Waldcock(KW)	Community Representative
Nerida Manley (NM)	Independent Minute Taker (Atlantech)

1. WELCOME

- CG opened the meeting and welcomed CCC members.

2. APOLOGIES

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- **Standing Declarations:** CG is engaged by MTW to provide the services of Independent Chairperson.
- GM cited that new members are to provide a declaration of pecuniary interests / conflict of interest and code of conduct forms. CCC Guideline state that members need to confirm their acceptance to the code of conduct annually.
- CG asked the CCC members if there were any new interests to declare. None were declared.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Action Items arising from the 27th August 2025 Meeting

Refer to **attached** CCC presentation for previous actions, and relevant response / update made by MTW. Other notes of relevance discussed during the meeting in relation to Business Arising are below.

GM provided an update of the actions from the previous meeting.

Action 1: CCC members that are yet to complete the updated code of conduct and declarations of interest forms to complete and provide these to Chairperson as required by DPHI CCC guidelines. Form has now been provided as of this meeting.

Action 2: KW to provide example video dust observations of what he has observed at the next meeting. To be carried forward to a future time.

Action 3: MTW to provide IH with a response in regard to how much dust is generated from a blast. GM advised information was found in the EIS Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Assessment. Dust emissions for an overburden blast are about a bit over 1,000 kgs of dust and for coal it is around 220kgs.

Action 4: Records of the water truck operations from the 22nd July to be provided at the next meeting. GM/TV confirmed there were eight water trucks operating at the time of the meeting and provided an example of the velocity and movement sheet for day shift of any particular day.

Action 2 to be carried forward. No other new actions raised during business arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 29/08/2025 - MTW Community Support Program 2026 - Applications Open!!
- 11/09/2025 - MTW CCC Q3 2025 - Draft Minutes
- 22/09/2025 - 250922_GM-CCC_MTW September 2025 Community Update Newsletter - Example letter
- 24/09/2025 - MTW CCC Q3 2025 -Final Minutes
- 2/10/2025 -MTW VPA Community Committee - Funding Program Round 2 - Community Feedback Survey
- 20/10/2025 - MTW CCC Q3 2025 - Weds 5 November 2025 - Draft Agenda and Site Tour
- 24/10/2025 - MTW CCC Q4 2025 - Weds 5 November 2025 - Business Papers

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

- Confirmed at the meeting by CG.

7. COMMUNITY MEMBERS – New Enquiries

- BB raised that the minutes are extremely comprehensive rather than a summary and there are spelling errors that should be corrected and asked if they needed to be. IH responded that he thinks they are perfect and doesn't take too long to read.
- IH spoke of the concern from the community around the amount of dust in the morning around dust settling. Raised that the health warnings and alerts are usually during the night or early in the morning and deposited in his workshop overnight. Invited CS and GM to come and have a look at how dust impacts the MTW neighbours.
- IH raised a second point that when the mine started there used to be blast damage observed in the area but there was always denial which noted ground movement, but since the mine has moved away there has no longer been a problem although some community members within the Bulga area have mentioned to him that they are seeing cracking. Believes it will get worse the closer the mine moves towards Bulga and asked if that could be kept into consideration of mine planning. GM mentioned that the mine does design the shots to meet what is a vibration criteria in all the residences around them, not just in Bulga and the site does have data to show what sort of vibration levels are seen in those areas. IH asked if the community

can ask for inspections of their homes? GM confirmed that there is a process in the development consent which says if someone has a claim for structural damage due to them seeing something in their home then there is a process to make a claim, an engineer selection process, an assessment, and a process through the Department of Planning if the resident does not agree with the outcome, and that process can be shared with others. GM noted that the engineers will review blast monitoring data when they do their assessment, and noted that he has not seen an engineers assessment where the claim was caused by blasting as the monitored levels from MTW are at a low level.

- KW added that he spent \$3.17m repairing his 160 year old home from ground vibrations from the Coal and Allied days. KW indicated an engineer reviewed his claim and denied that damage to his property was due to blasting. KW did not agree but chose not to pursue. KW believes there is a heritage level for ground vibrations in the NSW legislation hidden in the roadworks legislation. It is for continuous of trucks going past heritage buildings. Believes it would be a good gesture of MTW to look at that. GM confirmed that MTW uses the requirements of the consent conditions for the mine and KW is welcome to contact the Department of Planning for further information.
- GM provided how the engineers are selected and confirmed that the mine puts forward some engineers the community members can choose from, or they can select their own that MTW would need to also agree to.
- KW asked to speak of a community issue regarding the amount of dust getting around. One is that if he does not clean the swimming pool every day you can not swim in it and the dust on the side of the house. NH asked to see the photos so the committee can see the photos. KW added that on a defence basis that he agrees that all the dust is not from MTW but it is the defensive stance of the mine saying that there is no dust adding that the committee saw the dust from the blast at today's inspection and that he had a long conversation with JVB yesterday who said we don't have dust. JVB stated that he did not say that there is no dust. KW added that JVB said that dust does not go off site to which JVB disagreed with. IH advised he is told when making a complaint that there is dust but it isn't going offsite, and continued that dust is going offsite or it wouldn't be all over their cars and roofs. GM added that at times dust does go off site and site, and when we receive a complaint we are able to go and take photos within half an hour and show an example of the condition of haul roads.. GM added that the site modelled for the site and dust is going off site when blasts are undertaken, dust goes into the atmosphere and moves offsite.
- IH said that today not all water trucks were not moving today on the very far dump and that he did not see any water carts. GM added that water carts were operational today and the roads were drying but could see trucks were slowing down in that area.
- KW noted that he had been on many mine sites, and the effort observed at Warkworth today was as good as it gets, world class. TV advised we have demonstrated we have put the effort in, since he has been involved with this with the watercarts. GM showed some photos taken of the site after IH spoke to the CRO's to show that when the site says they cannot see dust coming from the pit this is what is observed within 30 minutes of the complaint. IH added that he will provide a photo from that day. GM stated that IH is at the other end of the pit which is 5kms away and said he just wanted to demonstrate what is seen in pit when someone is saying that site has looked at it.
- GM stated that MTW is bringing forward the purchase of three CAT789 watercarts from 2028 to 2026 as advocated for by CS. CS added that there is around \$30m worth of water carts coming within the next 12 months.
- KW added that there has definitely been effort shown by the mines behalf to address the dust is a step forward, but it is not what he sees on a daily basis at his place.

- IH that he could not see trucks running in the picture shown. TV counted 13 that could be seen in this photo alone and there is probably another three on the end of the top row. TV noted there is an expectation that operations are managing dust impacts. TV was in pit on other matters and was the person that collected the photo, then moved on to other matters. The mine operations were managing their area already.
- NH added that isn't what we are talking about is the Bust the Dust Campaign? GM said no this is just operating our mine on a daily basis. NH asked how the site manages dust getting into the air. GM noted that MTW operates the controls including watercarts to address wheel generated dust, and this addresses the EPA feedback from 2023 about MTW not adequately managing wheel generated dust. NH continued that the question to everyone is where the dust is coming from?
- CS added that the site understands that the valley has multiple different mines all of which are a source of dust and they do generate dust up and down the valley. CS added that the controls in place at MTW are the best he has seen in the valley. The infrastructure, the capital that we've spent on dust, just dust suppressing equipment alone, is probably three to four times more than the next biggest mine, which would be Mount Arthur and then HVO. MTW have TARP's in place where the drag line is shut down, the high dumps are shut down and the teams understand and are trained to react. MTW has the right equipment with alarms and those processes are run through day and night no matter what the conditions or the time as the equipment and teams are live in managing it. CS stated there are no other mine in the valley that has that in place and that the committee has talked through it multiple times but the work MTW is doing is extensive and is only getting better. The investment is now up over \$55m of just capital investment alone on dust since January last year and that does not include operating costs.
- NH said that there two issues have been raised today being dust and vibration damage and that dust can be discussed all day and the mine and the community have different opinions on dust and that the meeting is going nowhere as dust has been discussed with the EPA at the last meeting and prior meetings before that.
- CG added that the company has been responding and doing investments, trying to do their best and from what he can see as an independent observer there is still a community issue that is always going to be an issue.
- KW asked if the bar was too high in regard to dust and added that years ago when he supplied explosives to the mine they used water to water down the shot. CS added that the mine does this. TV added they have two smaller water carts for this purpose. There are five small water carts running around the ancillary roads. He added that when it comes to vibrations that the blast observed today by the committee is as big as it gets. CS continued that he would love to do two and a half million cube blasts but instead do up to 1.5 million cube blasts. They have vibration limits due to major infrastructure that run through the pit that is public government owned and has even stricter vibration limits that MTW have to adhere to. These powerlines have their own monitors on them which are inside most of the other monitors that are on external boundaries so they also pick up results and the pit has to be within those. CS added that the site understand that this is an issue that has been around ever since mining started.
- IH asked for clarification of the slide that was on the screen. GM confirmed that the photo was taken in the morning after a complaint that was around deposited dust and that the site was not using water carts at night. GM explained that drones go out and do a fly over to see what the conditions are like routinely. KW asked what was in the background of the photo. GM replied that it was fog, mist, haze across the whole area that was not emanating from this mine from what he can see in this picture. KW added that he had just emailed two pictures. GM continued that this is to demonstrate that the site does operate water carts to treat the roads and that the site does operate at night. IH said that not all the dust comes from the roads. CS replied that the draglines shut down most nights in early hours of the morning. KW added if the

committee would be interested in a study and they could do a DNA on the dust. GM continued that this photo shows extensive haze-dust across the whole area but not a source that is coming from MTW which is what the photos are trying to show.

- CG added that there is a process in terms of vibration and damage but with the dust, that the committee will not solve it today.
- CS asked if he could add one question regarding vibration and asked if this has been something new that has happened in the last few months. IH confirmed. Continued that the pit only progresses 100m a year. When the committee says that this is a new issue, there is nothing that has changed at the mine. KW detailed blasting practices in Black Thunder in the States. CS said he fully understands as the site does the modelling for the blasting, they model all the geotechnical structure in the area because the site understands that vibration travels along the weakest path of resistance. CS continued that here are times when you can blast in a certain spot and the biggest vibration point might be five kilometres down, maybe 10 kilometres in extreme cases if there is a certain geotechnical structure that allows it too. CS continued that MTW geotechnical structure does not have a lot of faulting. of those pathways and that they don't come out in the middle of Bulga so they know they have the modelling and that it is going to be relatively consistent. The site has done a lot of drilling and exploration work to understand the structures and that they understand that when they blast around different faults where the timing of blasting and direction is going to be to minimise any of that vibration or any of that energy dissipating down those faults or any of those structures. CS provided further examples of studies done at Muswellbrook Coal that had structural issues but highlighted the MTW does not have those issues.
- MR was asked if she had anything to raise. KW added that she did and she got dust just as bad as he did and that he does not know how to clean it. CS interjected that KW has had the chance to have his say and if that's what he wants to bring it up then bring it up but not to put words in people's mouths. MR said she didn't have anything addition to bring up but from the 3 meetings she has been at it has been raised as an issue and her question was to IH in what should the mine be doing. MR continued that the site has told the committee what they are doing and that she has learnt to live with it and it is better than what it was when she moved to the area. KW asked MR what advantage you get or what disadvantage you get by learning to live with it? MR continued that she is continually cleaning but we choose to live here and said that the group is going in circles and she does not know what more can be done. CS said the mine is happy to answer any questions and supply what they need to supply. MR added that all the residents can do is complain when those days are bad.
- SM spoke that in today's business paper that there was an exceedance on the 12th of August at Bulga it didn't give a time of day and he presumes it was at night time that the CRO's on site added 2dB modifying the volume. GM added that there is a different method for doing the low frequency. SM asked why didn't the real time monitoring equipment not give an alarm as to what the level noise was? GM responded that this has been looked at extensively as it has been reported to the Department of Planning but he can't remember the timing of the alarms but he knows that the Community Response Officer was out there making changes on that particular night. GM continued that the external person that is engaged will not tell the site when they are coming but will communicate at the end of their monitoring if the site has exceeded or not. GM added that the site CRO monitoring occurs every single night and then the external checks are undertake monthly but on that particular night, the total noise was measured within the limits but because it had a low frequency content, it pushed over by one decibel and we had to report to Department of Planning and the neighbours within the representative area then the site had to go back and monitor within two weeks and we did that and that one was okay and that's what's reported in here. GM highlighted that the site is reacting to alarms every single night through a TARP system.

- CS added that he has spent three weeks straight living on Wambo Road to get his own take on dust, noise, vibration, nighttime lighting in his camp trailer in the middle of a cow paddock with his family to get a better understanding of the issues, could have stayed in a house, but chose to camp. CS continued that at multiple times through the night he was listening to make sure the site was shutting down when the noise exceeded and confirmed that it did. There were even times he could tell every bucket a 9800 excavator was putting in the back of a truck and it was shut down without him calling. CS even went out and talked to the CRO's and watched them and thought that the mine was doing exactly what they said they were doing. SM said that what concerns him that the site didn't respond until they were advised by the CRO. GM said that before the external noise consultant finished their run and before telling the site they believed it was over that the site had already controlled the noise levels through their own processes such that the site was only over for a very short time period which was able to be provided as evidence to the Department of Planning. The Department of Planning then did their own assessment and appreciated the information and MTW was given a warning letter for it this week. SM asked if the site monitoring equipment gives a differential between A scale and C scale? GM replied no but the Community Response officer does have a tool that the site has developed and that JVB was key in developing that with the noise consultant to purchase a new style of noise monitor that has one third octave, developed a tablet with an application that can determine the low frequency content and then we apply that to our CRO readings and that MTW is the only one with this equipment. The monitor allows the site to look for low frequency content and modifying the site operations to suit if needed. CS added that the site has gone out and built their own technology to be able to pick it up better than anyone else and they have been using it since May last year. KW added that there is equipment that will measure any deviation in a building which noise will do the same thing. GM responded that you can measure noise but you can't attribute to direction and there's no tool currently that you don't have to do post-processing on to identify the low frequency content per the industrial noise policy.
- IH asked the dates CS he was on Wambo Road. CS provided the dates.
- SM advised that he had told GM that he is preparing a social impact report for the Bulga community and would like confirmation from MTW that prior to the next report going into the Department of Planning that they will interview residents of Bulga for their views as Rio Tinto did in the past. GM asked if it was for updating the Social Impact Management Plan and said he wouldn't think so as they did it as part of their Environmental Assessment for the continuation project. SM asked why the site submit it to the Department of Planning if the site doesn't have too. GM responded that the site does not have to submit the Department of Planning, but it is something MTW has committed to and have done but it does not need to be approved by the Department of Planning. GM added that it is on the website as well. GM said that if MTW do another social assessment of that scale then they can incorporate the findings of that into the Social Impact Management Plan.
- BB returned to the issue of dust and asked if the dust issue is a bigger issue around health. IH said yes there is the inconvenience of it but it is the dust that they are breathing. KW said that due to MTW's location that Warkworth does not affect Singleton so it gets a free pass. CS responded that MTW does have systems with live maps to monitor the dust which he was watching today in the blast observed by the committee. CS continued that it has an overlay map that shows him exactly where the dust went and it includes the site TARP which has triggers on it when a blast would need managers approval. CG asked if BB had her answer to which she responded that she wants to know what will change the discussion. KW added that Singleton hospital report Australia's highest respiratory problems in Australia, noting this is not all MTW's fault.
- BB spoke of a forum at Muswellbrook on the 20th November to gather community perceptions funded by BHP Mt Arthur.

- KW asked if the site receives feedback from the EPA's bust the dust campaigns. GM responded that there has been two unannounced visits from the EPA since they started their campaign, one of which was undertaken after a complaint. GM continued that two representatives come to site and say they want to go and look at the operation and you have to take them out straight away. GM said that on both times they were satisfied with the site operations and no further comments or actions were received. KW noted that judging from the drive around out there today, you'd get a tick every time. CS and TV noted that today is a tough day to manage with winds.
- NH referenced a heritage list from 2012 from the Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group. NH continued that over the past 15 years the World Health Organisation committees have come to the conclusion that there is a major problem in regard to air quality and health and they came out with guidelines in 2022 however the Australian standards are set for 2021 and stated that the standards are declining in relation to PM10 and PM2.5. NH continued that the second issue is sense of place so there are two issues here one is air quality, and the other is heritage.

8. PROPOSER REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

MTW Operations

Refer to presentation

- GM provided update on MTW operations and production. Mining progressing to the west.
- GM made reference to the site tour and noted that rehabilitation was seen right up to the edge of where we can possibly undertake rehabilitation up to, noting this is also a dust mitigation measure to minimise the open area as much as we can.
- Coal processing and train loading normal operations.
- WML: Water management drains and sediment dams commenced completed March 2025.
- Licenced discharge operations have occurred in September 2025 to decrease water inventory (190ML discharged September MTD).

North Out Of Pit Dam (NOOP)

Refer to presentation

- GM provided a brief update on the NOOP Dam upgrade status.
- Pumping infrastructure in progress: Mechanical installation complete. Electrical partially completed to allow water supply to CHPP, remainder to be completion by Q1 2026.

MTO Discharge Upgrade

Refer to presentation

- GM provided a brief update on the discharge point upgrade status.
- 75ML/day to 300ML/day as per approval in Mt Thorley consent. Commenced in August 2024 with works still progressing.
- EPL variation is required and consultation with the EPA prior to the variation has occurred.

Exploration

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on exploration for 2025.

- GM noted exploration undertaken as shown in the presentation slides as per usual ahead of mining and is scheduled to continue to the end of the year.
- Exploration planning for 2026 is currently in progress and is expected to start in February 2026 and continue until October (TBC).

Groundwater Monitoring Bores Installation

Refer to presentation

- GM noted 2 new ground water bores, one next to Putty Road. Same rig used for groundwater bore as is used for exploration and noted specifically there is not exploration licence in that area. Signage to be used to state that it is a ground water bore.
- MTW does not hold exploration licences / mining lease in the area near Putty Road and the drilling is purely for groundwater monitoring.

MTW Operations

Refer to presentation – summary of downtime

- GM presented information on equipment downtime and CRO noise assessments completed year to date.
- JVB presented some downtime and noise statistics.

Rehabilitation / Disturbance

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on rehabilitation progress and disturbance YTD.
- Rehabilitation planned for 2025 – 89 Ha seeded.
- 114.7Ha of dump released for rehabilitation and 77.1ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped.
- 54.9Ha of area seeded / claimed rehabilitation as shown in presentation in yellow.
- Disturbance forecast for 2025 – 53.7Ha and the progress to the end of September 2025 is 47.4Ha.
- GM provided a map of where the MTW offset locations are.

Vertebrate Pest Management

Refer to presentation

- GM advised of control programs completed so far and planned for 2025.
- Pig trapping has continued which has been successful.
- Wild deer ground shoot conducted at Bowditch Biodiversity Area in Autumn.
- Ground baiting program targeting feral pigs.
- Cage trapping onsite for feral pigs.
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas has been scheduled for Spring.
- Noisy miner control program at the Goulburn River Biodiversity Areas to assist Regent Honeyeater conservation is continuing.
- Additional programs are undertaken as required.

Weed management

Refer to presentation

- Weeds continued to be targeted.

Offsets Other

Refer to presentation

- GM presented slides showing flora and fauna within the offset areas.
- GM presented works undertaken in the Northern Biodiversity Area which includes approximately 10,000 plants in 2025 adding to the total number of 80,000 plants planted within this area. A short video was shown to the committee of the area.

Business Papers

Refer to presentation

- Business papers were provided to CCC members prior to the meeting, including a summary of; Complaints, Incidents, Environmental Monitoring, Rehabilitation, Website Uploads and Community Investment Update. MTW Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report (MEMR) for June 2025 to August 2025 were provided. September 2025 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

Management Plans / Reporting

Refer to presentation

- **Annual Reporting**
 - **Annual Return** for MTCL submitted to EPA 22/09/2025 required by Environment Protection Licence 24.
- **Management Plans**
 - MTW submitted several management plans to DPHI:
 - Noise Management Plan (submitted 25/07/2025, approved by DPHI 25/08/2025).
 - Blast Management Plan (submitted 28/07/2025, approved by DPHI 13/10/2025)
 - Air Quality Management Plan (25/07/2025, resubmitted to address DPHI comments 21/10/25).
 -
 - MTW will progress Management Plan updates for several management plans in 2025:
 - Site Water Management Plan, Environmental Management Strategy, Cultural Heritage Management Plans.
 - Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP), consultation with CCC is a requirement of development consent. RMP was provided to CCC for consultation 22 February 2024. Feedback on the content of the RMP is again invited from CCC ahead of a submission to the Resources Regulator by end of 2025. RMP is available on MTW website:
<https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-documents/#mgt-docs>

Heritage Update

Refer to presentation

- NPWS Land Acquisitions and Dealings Team advised Dec 2024 they have progressed documents relating to the registration of conservation agreements to their legal team for lodgement with Land Registry Service.
- Follow up has occurred Feb, Mar, May, June, Oct, and Nov 2025 – awaiting confirmation from NPWS of status with LRS.
- Meeting with working group (CHWG) meeting was held 9 May 2025
 - Plan of Management Implementation Group (PMIG) for the Conservation Areas forming 2025/26.

- PMIG meeting held 28 May 2025.

Historic Heritage

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on Historic Heritage activities including some additional works undertaken due to vandalism.
 - Springwood access upgrade ready to commence and is scheduled for early November.
 - Red Brick House
 - Detailed inspection to scope roof and gutter works to occur.
 - Installation of curtilage date delayed due to contractor availability.
 - After being repeatedly vandalised, door boarding has been reinstalled with security hardware.
 - RAAF Cook House
 - Access track works delayed following elevated initial quote. Scope of works in review to bring within budget.
 - Asbestos inspection postponed due to weather. To be rescheduled.
- Routine area maintenance and termite management has continued at each site.
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting held 9 April 2025.

9. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- No additional agenda items.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business MTW - Community Update

Refer to presentation

- GM advised that the Community Support Program. The 2026 was advertised in local media from August – September in 2025. 36 applications were received, currently being assessed by MTW's CSP committee.
- BB asked what was being done for the local community for Christmas. CS and GM said it could be looked at next year. GM mentioned that that MTW has engaged a consultant to review how the mine undertakes stakeholder engagement

General Business MTW – MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on the contributions made. After January 2025 payment, MTW has contributed \$9.05M (of \$11M total).
- Overview of new VPA Committee members provided.
- Meetings have been completed at Bulga community hall on the 11th September and 30th October 2025. Council website has minutes and reports of meetings. Applications are open for the next VPA round which close March 2026.

General Business MTW – Bulga Tavern Update

- In February 2025, the Tavern licensee provided notice they will not continue as licensee. The Bulga Tavern has temporarily closed.
- MTW engaged a Hotel broker and a local Agent to run the process of finding a new long term Lessee.
- Of those parties who had prerecorded an interest, none have progressed further.
- The initial advertising program did not result in any interested parties.
- The search for a new Lessee is ongoing.
- Having the Tavern Operational is a key outcome for MTW and its importance to the local community is well understood.
- CS stated the MTW is doing some work with the real estate to try and make the process easier for a new lessee.

General Business MTW – Bulga Service Station/Shop Update

Refer to presentation

- GM advised a DA for demolition, rehabilitation and new construction has been lodged with Singleton Council.
- Tenders have been received back to the project managers .
- The project managers have finalised their tender review against the tender scope and we have their recommendations which meet out budget expectations.
- MTW is currently working through its budgetary process and allocation of capital for 2026 and 2027.
- The project timeframe is approximately a year. This will involve a period when fuel services will not be available. We will be looking at options to continue the 'general store' services for the community.
- CS stressed the importance MTW is placing on getting both the Tavern and Service Station back operational.
- SM said that neither the Tavern or Service Station were under compulsory acquisition for the mine and that they were voluntarily purchased. GM responded that both properties had a commitment to the owner because they have a residential property adjacent and aligned to them. SM stated that he was disappointed in what has happened. CS responded that he understood SM is disappointed, but these two properties were bought in good faith as it was the right thing to do and no one else would have bought them in the state they are in. CS continued that MTW is spending millions of dollars in capital that is non mining activity to develop the community. IH added that the service station would be closed now if it was still community owned. SM added that the issue with the tavern is that they cannot find a lessee. CS responded that there are a couple of people interested but it requires a large amount of money to buy into a tavern and MTW is working with the real estate to make it as easy as it can be. CS added that right now if you were to buy into it that the tavern is not commercially viable. CS stated that even in tough times that MTW has committed to doing this work and he will not cop criticism for the work they are doing including cultural heritage works being done as no one is going to invest their own hard earned money into an old run down house that is on their property.

General Business MTW – Community Amenity Tank Cleaning

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on the Community Amenity Tank Cleaning
- Invitation to participate remains open.

General Business MTW – Yancoal MTW First Aid Courses

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on the Yancoal First aid courses which are open to Yancoal personnel, contractors, family members and local community. GM advised in our view it is good to have first aid trained people in our community.

11. NEXT MEETING

Next CCC Meeting: Wednesday 4th March 2025 at 12:30pm.

CG thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

MEETING CLOSED 4:59 pm.

Action 1: KW to provide example video dust observations of what he has observed at next meeting.

Action 2: MTW to provide process for blast damage claims outlined in the development consents to CCC members.



Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)

Community Consultative
Committee (CCC)

Wednesday 5 November 2025

Time:

2:30pm

Location:

MTW Boardroom

Independent Chairperson:

Col Gellatly

Minutes:

Atlantech (on behalf of Chair)

Reaching new horizons together



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- 7. Community Members – New enquiries**
- 8. Proponent reports and overview of activities**
 - Progress of the project, environmental monitoring and performance, community complaints
- 9. Other agenda items**
- 10. General business**
- 11. Next meeting**

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3. Declaration of pecuniary interests / conflicts of interest

Declaration forms all received. All members must declare any new interests.

4.11 Declaration of interests

All committee members must sign a declaration of interest form (see toolkit of supporting material) before they join the committee and keep this up to date. Committee members will have an opportunity to declare any new interests, or interests relevant to the agenda, at the start of each committee meeting.

The declarations include any pecuniary or other interest that may affect committee operations.

Examples of pecuniary or other interests include:

- holding a private contract with the proponent
- holding voluntary acquisition or mitigation rights under the proponent's approval or consent
- receiving sitting fees or payments for personal expenses from the proponent
- if the member represents a stakeholder group, the stakeholder group receiving funding or a grant from the proponent.

4.12 Conflicts of interest

A chairperson should advise the department as soon as possible of any potential or actual conflict of interest that may affect their ability to fulfil their role on the committee.

Committee members should notify the chairperson as soon as possible of any change of interest that may affect their ability to fulfil their role on the committee.

The chairperson may decide that an interest is significant enough conflict that a member should withdraw from discussion on a particular issue.

Source: Community consultative committee guideline, State significant projects (DPE, June 2023)

3. Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct Form - All members must sign CoC form – and annually confirm acceptance of the code of conduct. All members confirmed acceptance at May 2025 meeting.

Department of Planning and Environment



Community Consultative Committee code of conduct for committee members (excluding chairperson)

Application of the code

This code of conduct (the code) applies to all committee members of community consultative committees and should be read in conjunction with the *Community consultative committee Guideline: State Significant Projects 2023*.

Standards of conduct

All committee members must demonstrate appropriate standards of behaviour to support efficient operations of the committee. This code outlines the standards of conduct expected of committee members. It is the personal responsibility of each member to comply with this code.

We have developed this code to ensure members:

- have a clear understanding of their role and responsibilities
- act consistently within the scope and purpose of the committee
- communicate and act in a respectful manner towards all members
- act honestly when carrying out their functions as a committee member
- disclose any interest (pecuniary, non-pecuniary or otherwise) that could conflict with the proper performance of their functions.

Respect and inclusion

Respect and inclusion are fundamental to a harmonious, productive and psychologically safe environment where people feel able to speak up about concerns.

The department has no tolerance for bullying, harassment, victimisation or discrimination.

All committee members are responsible for:

- treating people with dignity and respect, and contributing to a positive and productive space
- advising the chairperson in advance when they cannot attend a meeting
- trying to resolve disputes and following the directions of the chairperson
- making sure other committee members feel valued and can take part fully
- not discriminating against, harassing or victimising anyone on any grounds
- demonstrating inclusive behaviours and language
- not interrupting when another member is speaking
- preventing bullying.

4.13 Conduct of committee members

Chairpersons and all other appointed committee members must sign the code of conduct agreement during the appointment process and before they take part in a committee meeting. Members must confirm acceptance of the code of conduct on an annual basis.

The chairperson must notify relevant members if they witness or become aware of any alleged breach or perceived breach of the code of conduct. The chairperson may give the relevant members a warning. If the alleged breach is severe, the chairperson may refer it to the department for review.

3. MTW CCC Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference has been updated with current CCC members and circulated on behalf of Chairperson – Discussed and confirmed at May 2025 meeting



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Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee - Terms of reference

The Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW) Community Consultative Committee Terms of Reference is in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's *Community consultative committee guideline: State Significant Projects 2023*.

Purpose of the community consultative committee

The committee has been established to provide a forum for open discussion between Mount Thorley Warkworth, representatives of the community, stakeholder groups and Singleton Council on issues directly relating to Mount Thorley Warkworth, which includes the Warkworth Continuation Project, the Mount Thorley Continuation Project and exploration licence activities associated with Mount Thorley Operations Pty Ltd.

Purpose and scope

The purpose of this committee is to serve as a forum for ongoing communication about the project and its environmental performance. It is not a decision-making body but performs an advisory and consultative role.

The scope of this committee includes:

- discussing the resolution of community concerns and complaints
- discussing the implementation of any conditions of approval or consent and management plans
- consulting on any proposed amendments or modifications to projects
- reviewing the results of any monitoring, annual reviews or independent audits
- consulting on any community initiatives
- conducting site visits to view the project.

Committee membership

Chairperson

The appointed chairperson is Dr Colin Gellatly.

Committee members

The committee members are:

- Mr. Stewart Mitchell - Community Member
- Mr. Ian Hedley - Community Member
- Ms. Barbara Brown - Community Member
- Ms. Myree Russell – Community Member
- Mr. Kevin Waldock – Community Member
- Mr. Neville Hodgkinson - Stakeholder Representative (Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group)
- Cr. Hollee Jenkins - Singleton Council Representative
- Mr. Cris Shadbolt - on behalf of Yancoal MTW, the proponent
- Mr. Gary Mulhern - on behalf of Yancoal MTW, the proponent
- Mr. Josh van Bezouwen – on behalf of Yancoal MTW, the proponent

4.1 Terms of reference

The procedures and processes for how each committee will operate will be set out in the terms of reference that the committee prepares and approves. The department has prepared a terms of reference template that sets out standard processes and suggested timeframes for operational matters (including meeting frequencies and the distribution of draft agendas and minutes).

Committees must use the template to outline:

- committee purpose and scope
- membership of the committee
- procedures for meeting operations including frequency, format, agendas, papers, minute taking, and extraordinary meetings
- procedures for site visits
- the publication of materials related to the committee
- the production of an annual report
- review processes.

The committee must discuss the terms of reference and the members must confirm them annually, although they can be reviewed at any point by request or when the conditions of consent or approval are modified.

Template for Terms of Reference Source: Community consultative committee guideline, State significant projects (DPE, June 2023)

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4. Business Arising

Action No.	Action	Response/ Update
1	CCC members that are yet to complete the updated code of conduct and declarations of interest forms to complete and provide these to Chairperson as required by DPHI CCC guidelines.	All previously completed forms have been provided to Chairperson. -One CCC member's CoC form is outstanding. Follow up has occurred since August 2025 meeting.
2	KW to provide example video dust observations of what he has observed at next meeting.	Action item from May meeting followed up with KW 19/8/25. Item carried forward from August meeting.
3.	MTW to provide IH with a response in regard to how much dust is generated from a blast.	The Warkworth Continuation Project EIS Appendix G - Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Study (2014) estimates dust emissions of: Overburden - 1143kg/blast; Coal – 220kg/blast. Available on MTW website: https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-documents/#approval-docs
4.	Records of the water truck operations from the 22nd July to be provided at the next meeting.	Eight (8) water trucks were operating 22 July 2025.

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5. Correspondence

- 29/08/2025 - MTW Community Support Program 2026 - Applications Open!!
- 11/09/2025 - MTW CCC Q3 2025 - Draft Minutes
- 22/09/2025 - 250922_GM-CCC_MTW September 2025 Community Update Newsletter - Example letter
- 24/09/2025 - MTW CCC Q3 2025 - Final Minutes
- 2/10/2025 - MTW VPA Community Committee - Funding Program Round 2 - Community Feedback Survey
- 20/10/2025 - MTW CCC Q3 2025 - Weds 5 November 2025 - Draft Agenda and Site Tour
- 24/10/2025 - MTW CCC Q4 2025 - Weds 5 November 2025 - Business Papers

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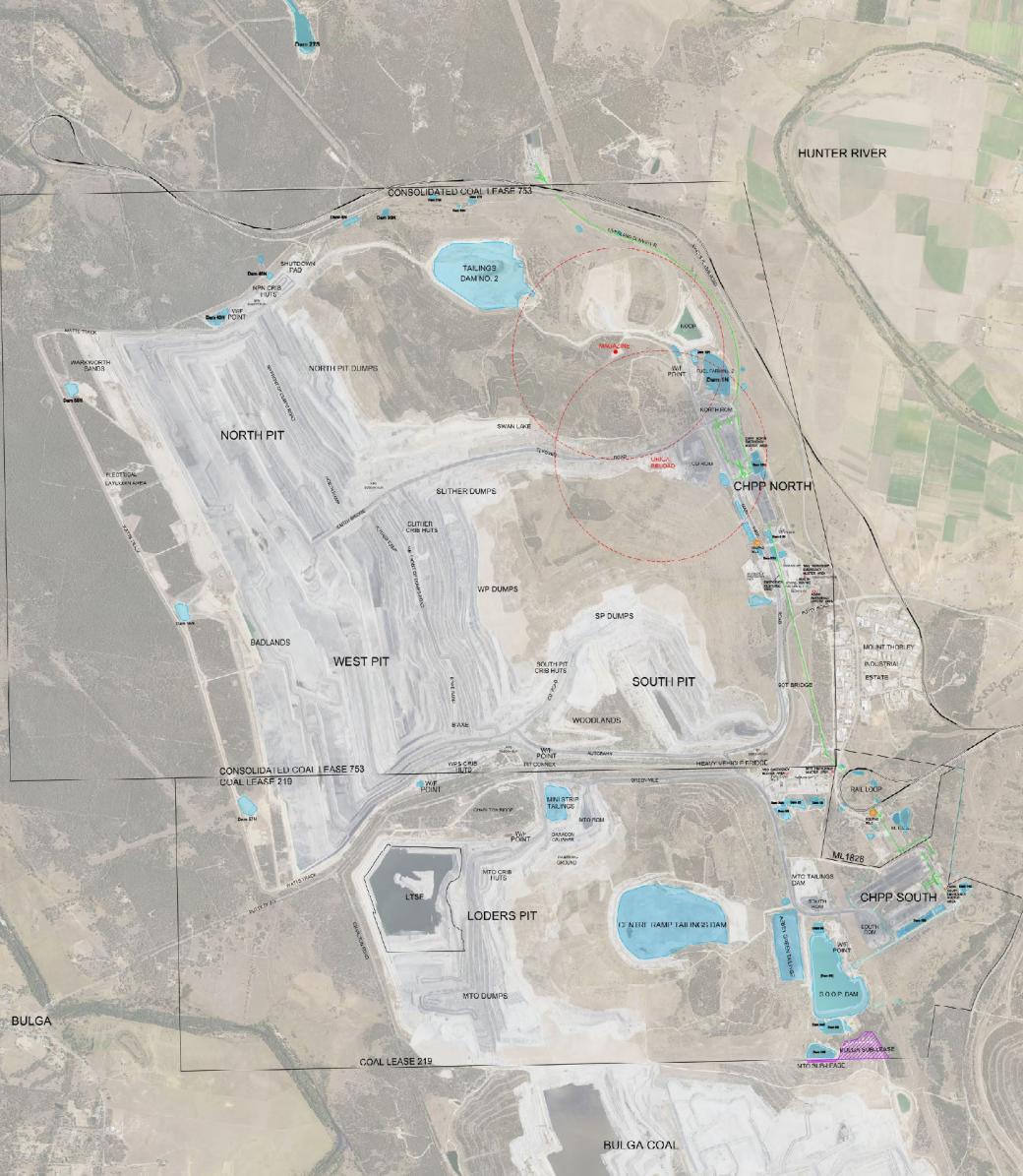
- Opportunity for community members to raise new enquiries earlier in the meeting.

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MTW Operations

- MTO: Coal production ceased at MTO in early 2021. Load and haul waste will continue to be dumped in the pit from the WML. Opportunity for coal in western highwall benches during backfill operations identified.
- WML: DL103 has been working in the lower passes of North Pit while DL 101 is working in the lower passes of West Pit respectively
- WML: Normal load and haul operations have continued.
- Coal processing and train loading normal operations.
- WML: Water management drains & sediment dams commenced completed March 2025.
- Licenced discharge operations have occurred in September 2025 to decrease water inventory (190ML discharged September MTD).



MTW Operations – NOOP Dam

NOOP is an approved dam in Warkworth Continuation Project development consent SSD-6464 and will provide improved water security / supply / balance position at MTW.

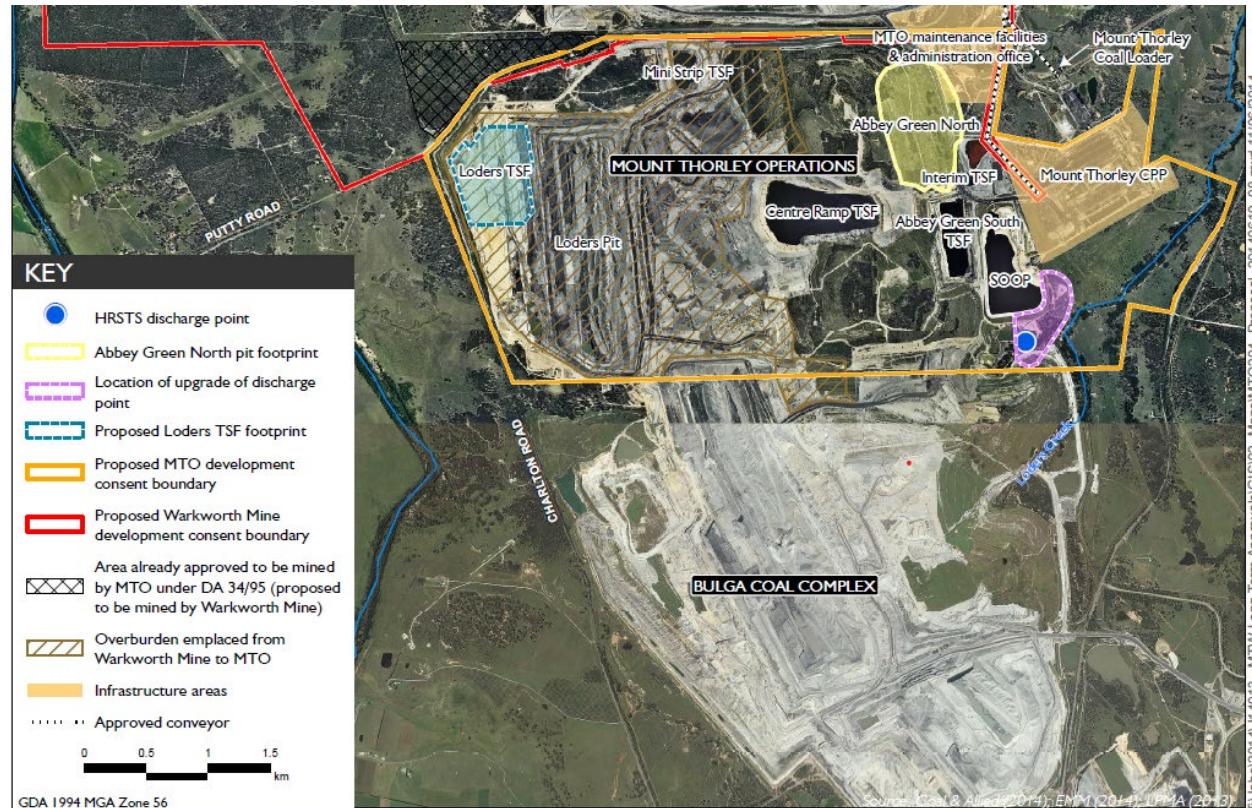
- North Out of Pit (NOOP) Dam main mining excavation completed Q2 2024.
- Pumping infrastructure in progress: Mechanical installation complete. Electrical partially completed to allow water supply to CHPP, remainder to be completion by Q1 2026 (Air photo is 30 September 2025)



MTW Operations – MTO Discharge Upgrade

The Mount Thorley Continuation Project development consent SSD-6465 approves an upgrade of the HRSTS discharge point up to 300ML/day. This will improve the ability for MTW to manage water inventory.

- MTO discharge upgrade works commenced August 2024.
- Civil works and pipeworks Q4 2024.
- Electrical works and systems (SCADA) integration / programming completed July 2025.
- MTO Environment Protection Licence 1976 variation required as part of project prior to use. Consultation with EPA prior to variation has occurred.

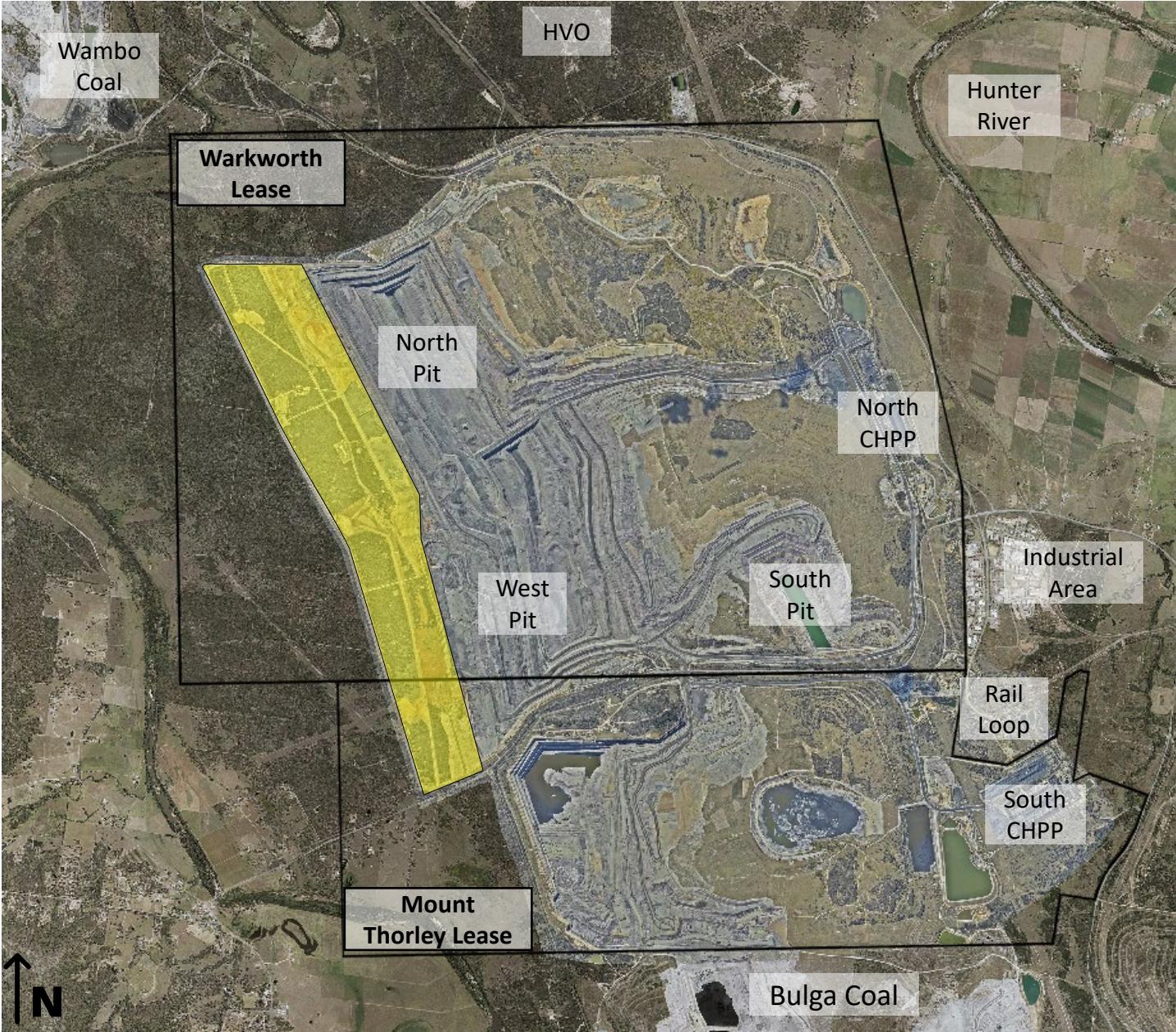


The proposal
Mount Thorley Operations 2014
Environmental Impact Statement

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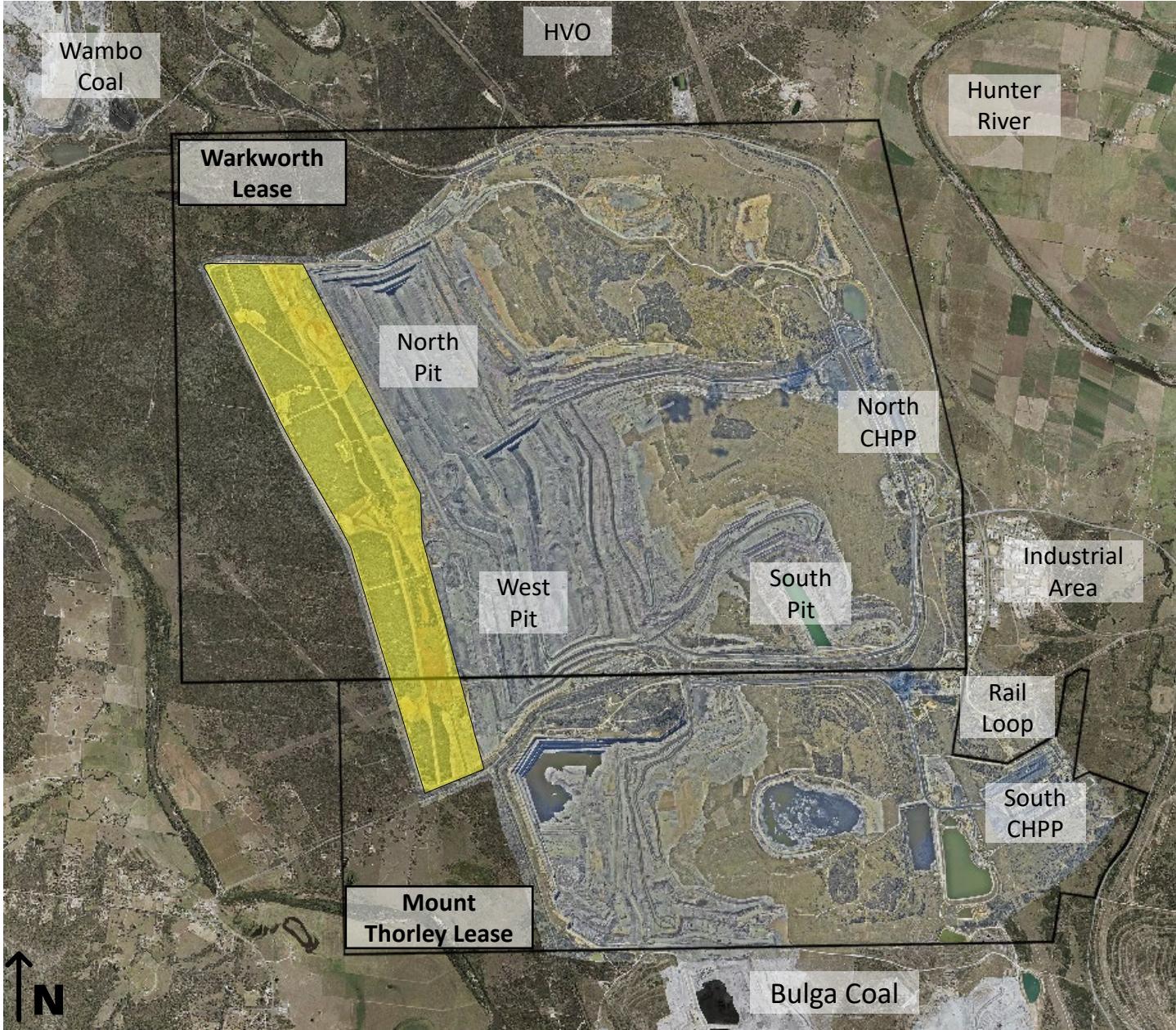
Exploration

- All exploration sites are on Yancoal owned land and mining tenements.
- Exploration will be within the yellow polygon and no activities are taking place outside the disturbance limit.
- Exploration drilling for 2025 is expected to continue until the end of the year.



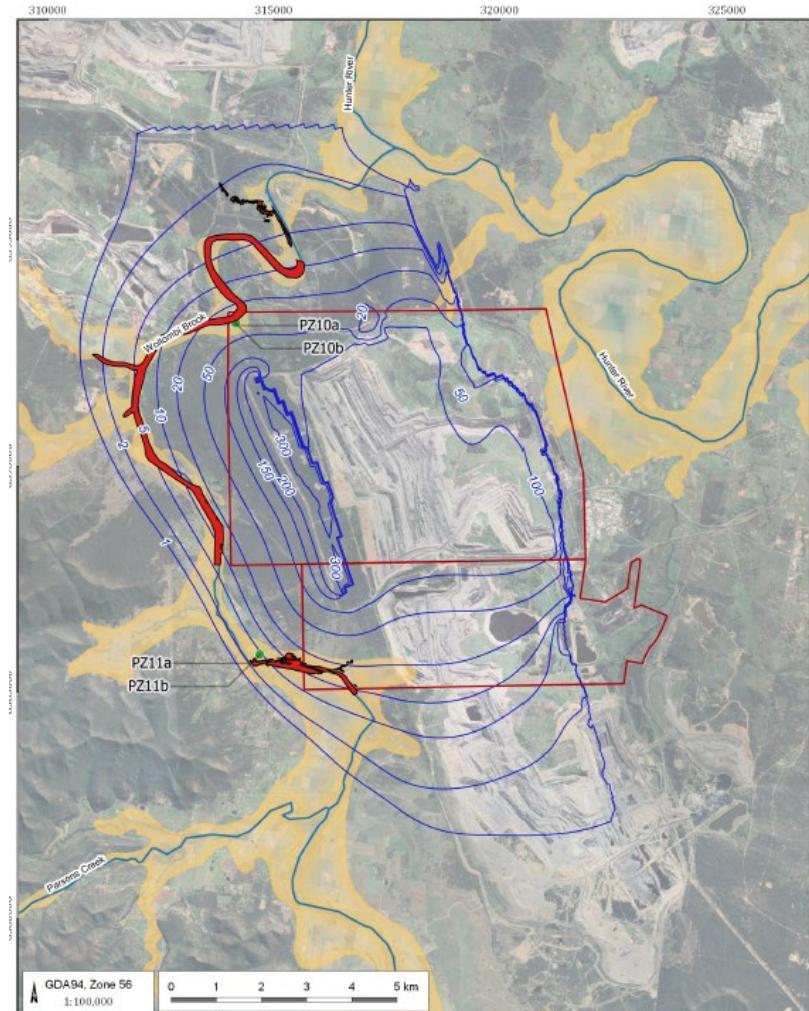
Exploration – Proposed 2026

- Exploration planning for 2026 is currently in progress.
- All exploration sites will be on Yancoal owned land and mining tenements.
- Exploration will be within the yellow polygon and no drilling activities are taking place outside the disturbance limit.
- Exploration drilling for 2026 is expected to start in February and continue until October (TBC).



Groundwater Monitoring Bores Installation

- MTW plan to install ground water monitoring installations along the Wollombi Brook at two locations based on groundwater consultant recommendations.
- The groundwater monitoring installations will complement existing monitoring network to monitor potential mining related impacts to surface water or groundwater aquifers nearby MTW.
- A normal exploration style drill rig will be used to complete the drilling and one location will be visible from Putty Road on the north side of the Bulga Bridge.
- **MTW does not hold exploration licence / mining lease in the area near Putty Road** – the drilling is purely for groundwater monitoring. Signage is intended to be placed near the drill rig explaining this.
- Works have been rescheduled to be completed during 2026.



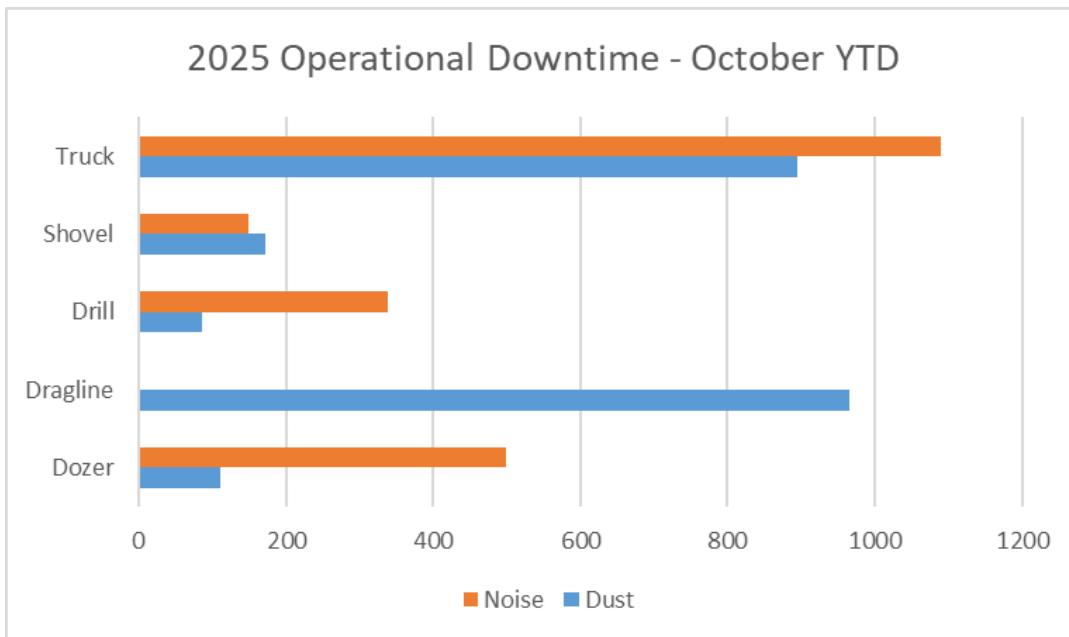
LEGEND

- Proposed bore locations
- Major water courses
- Groundwater drawdown contour (m)
- MTW Leases
- Quaternary Alluvium
- Hunter Valley River Oak Forest

MTW Wollombi Brook monitoring bores
(MTW5001.001)

Proposed monitoring locations and
predicted drawdown (Mt Arthur Seam)

MTW Operations



MTW CRO Noise Monitoring YTD			
	# CRO Assessments	# Individual assessment above trigger	# Nights above with assessment above trigger
2025 (YTD)	7356	154	62
2024	7599	161	81
2023	7293	143	66
2022	7226	106	59

MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Rehabilitation planned for 2025 – 89Ha seeded (shown in red).

Progress to end Sep 2025:

- 114.7Ha of dump released for rehab; and 77.1ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped.
- 54.9Ha of area seeded / claimed rehabilitation (shown in yellow).



MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Disturbance forecast for 2025 – 53.7Ha

Progress to end of Sep 2025:

- Disturbed = 47.4 Ha



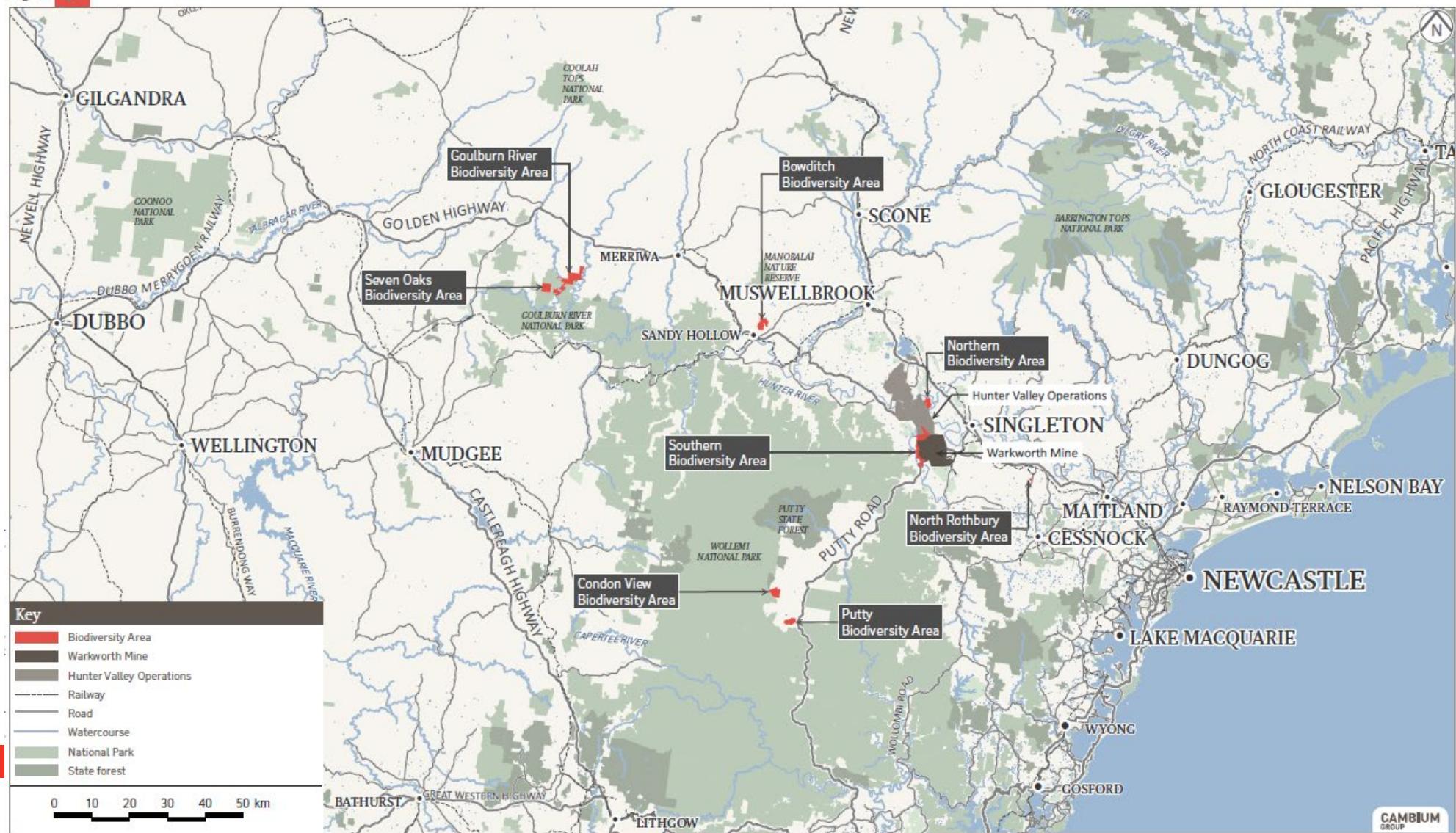
MTW Biodiversity Areas - Location

Location of the Warkworth Mine Biodiversity Areas

Management Plan 2022



Figure 1



MTW Vertebrate Pest Management

2025 programs undertaken YTD:

- Vertebrate pest thermal ground shoot at Goulburn River Biodiversity Area in Autumn; Five feral pigs and one fox were controlled.
- Wild deer ground shoot at Bowditch Biodiversity Area in Autumn; Nine feral deer and one fox were controlled.
- Hoggone ground baiting program targeting feral pigs at the North CHPP in January and February; up to 11 pigs controlled.
- Cage trapping program at MTW (onsite) and SBA in January and February controlled 37 pigs and 19 pigs respectively
- Cage trapping and baiting program at MTW (onsite) and local SBA and NBA in July and August controlled 41 pigs.
- Aerial shoots (NPWS) including the Goulburn River and Seven Oaks Biodiversity Areas, controlled 29 pigs in June and 14 pigs in August.
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Autumn; 59 dog takes and 50 fox takes at MTW and Local BA's and 36 dog takes and 79 fox takes at MTW's regional BA's.
- Noisy Miner program at the Goulburn River Biodiversity Area in August; 252 Noisy Miner birds controlled.
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Spring; final numbers pending reports

Note: Additional programs will be scheduled where required

The 2025 vertebrate pest programs were coordinated with LLS and other large landholders in the area so that undertaken at the same time across the broader Hunter Valley area.



Regent Honeyeater at Thompsons Flat, GRBA



Regent Honeyeater at Thompsons Flat, GRBA

Note: Both pairs were nest building in Spring.

MTW and Local BA Weed Management

Weeds targeted in MTW operational and local Biodiversity Areas in Q3 2025 included:

- African Box Thorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*)
- African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*)
- Balloon Vine (*Cardiospermum grandiflorum*)
- Blue Heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*)
- Brazilian Nightshade (*Solanum seaforthianum*)
- Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)
- Carrion Flower (*Orbea variegata*)
- Common Pear (*Opuntia stricta*)
- Farmers Friend (*Bidens Pilosa*)
- Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*)
- Fleabane (*Conyza sp.*)
- Galenia (*Aizoon pubescens*)
- Green Cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*)
- Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- Mother of Millions (*Bryophyllum delagoense*)
- Moth Vine (*Araujia sericifera*)
- Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*)
- Peppercorn Tree (*Schinus molle*)
- Potato Vine (*Solanum laxum*)
- Prickly Pear (*Opuntia sp.*)
- Tiger Pear (*Opuntia aurantiaca*)
- Stinking Roger (*Tagetes minuta*)
- Thistle species
- Toadflax (*Linaria sp.*)



Lantana control, North Warkworth



Mother of Millions control, Charlton Ridge



Galenia control, Charlton Ridge



African Boxthorn control, SBA3

MTW and Local BA Weed Management Cont.



Lantana low volume splattering, SBA2



Mother of Millions treated, North Warkworth
(adjacent to main gate)



Mother of Millions treated, SBA3



Balloon and Moth Vine treated, SBA5

Regional BA Weed Management

Weeds targeted in MTW Regional Biodiversity Areas in Q3 2025:

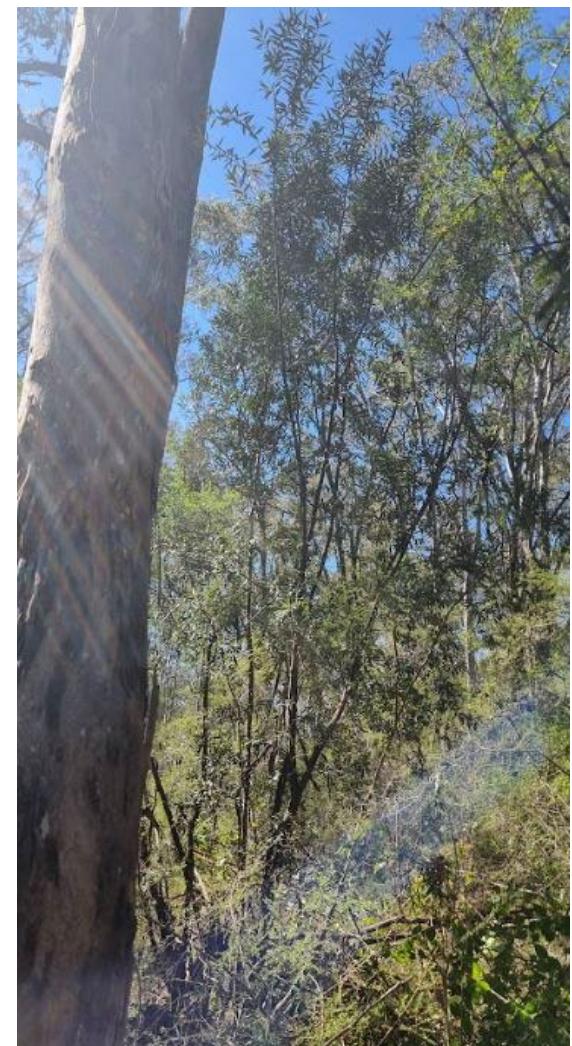
- African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*)
- African Olive (*Olea europaea*)
- Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*)
- Blue Heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*)
- Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)
- Cats Claw Creeper (*Dolichandra unguis-cati*)
- Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*)
- Green Cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*)
- Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*)
- Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- Moth Vine (*Araujia sericifera*)
- Mullein (*Verbascum sp.*)
- Narrow-Leaf Cotton Bush (*Gomphocarpus fruticosus*)
- Blue Passion Flower (*Passiflora caerulea*)
- Prickly Pear (*Opuntia humifusa*)
- Queensland Wattle (*Acacia podalyriifolia*)
- Robinia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- Sticky Nightshade (*Solanum sisymbifolium*)
- Thistle (various)
- Trad (*Tradescantia fluminensis*)
- Tree of Heaven (*Alianthus altissima*)
- Whiskey Grass (*Andropogon virginicus*)
- Wild Tobacco (*Solanum mauritianum*)
- Willow (*Salix sp.*)



African Lovegrass control, Putty BA



Green Cestrum dead after basal barking,
GRBA



African Olive controlled, North Rothbury BA

Northern Biodiversity Area Planting Works



2025 NBA plantings
~10,000

MTW Operations - Business Papers

- Business papers provided to CCC prior to meeting
- Includes summary of:
 - Complaints, Incidents, Environmental Monitoring, Rehabilitation, Website Uploads, Community Investment Update
- Appendix A, B, C - MEMR for June 2025, July 2025, August 2025
- Appendix D – September 2025 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

Annual Reporting

Reporting

- **Annual Return for MTCL** submitted to EPA 22/09/2025 required by Environment Protection Licence 24.

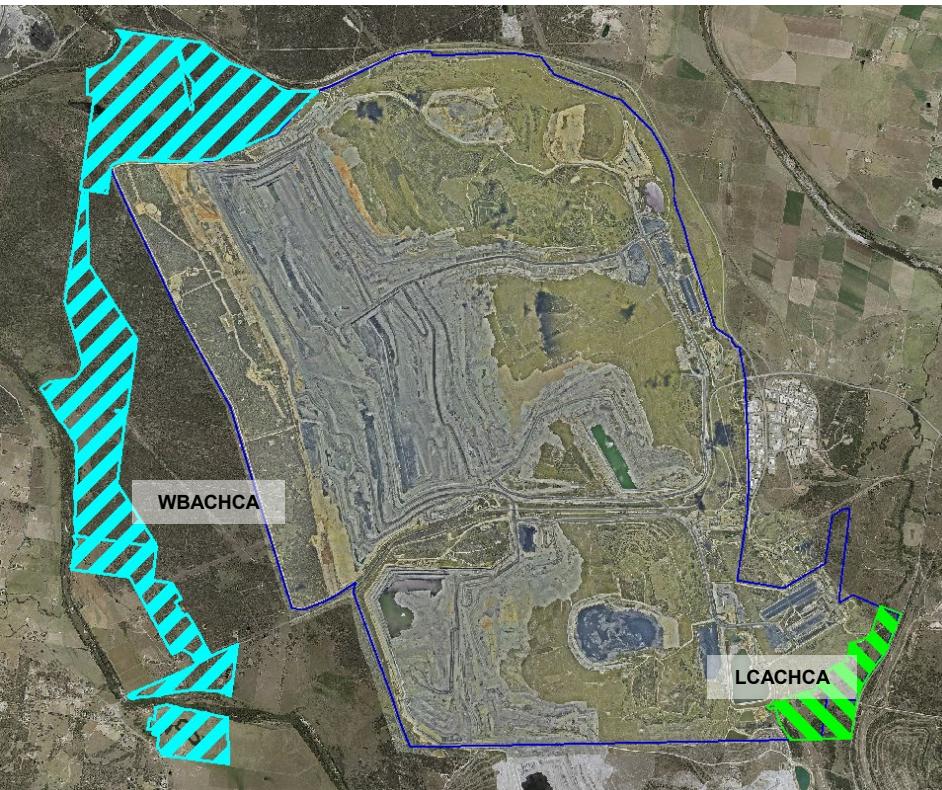
Management Plans

Management Plans

- MTW submitted several management plans to DPHI:
 - Noise Management Plan (submitted 25/07/2025, approved by DPHI 25/08/2025).
 - Blast Management Plan (submitted 28/07/2025, approved by DPHI 13/10/2025)
 - Air Quality Management Plan (25/07/2025, resubmitted to address DPHI comments 21/10/25).
- MTW will progress Management Plan updates for several management plans in:
 - Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP), consultation with CCC is a requirement of development consent. RMP was provided to CCC for consultation 22 February 2024. Feedback on the content of the RMP is again invited from CCC ahead of a submission to Resources Regulator by end 2025. RMP is available on MTW website:
<https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-documents/#mgt-docs>
 - Site Water Management Plan, Environmental Management Strategy, Cultural Heritage Management Plans.

Heritage Update

- Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas
 - NPWS Land Acquisitions and Dealings Team advised 20 Nov 2024 the documents for the registration of conservation agreements were signed by Deputy Secretary NPWS, after which the documents were forwarded to NPWS legal team for lodgement with Land Registry Service (LRS) for registration.
 - Follow up has occurred Feb, Mar, May, June, Oct, and Nov 2025 – awaiting confirmation from NPWS of status with LRS.
- Cultural Heritage Working Group (CHWG) meeting held on 9 May
- Plan of Management Implementation Group (PMIG) for the Conservation Areas formed for 2025/26.
- PMIG meeting held 28 May



MTW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas

Historic Heritage

- **Springwood** access upgrade ready to commence
 - Scope finalised and work order issued
 - GDP Process finalised
 - Materials delivered to site
 - Site mark out and sediment erosion control scheduled early November



Historic Heritage

- **Red Brick House**
- Detailed inspection to scope roof and gutter works to occur.
- Installation of curtilage date delayed due to contractor availability.
- After being repeatedly vandalised, door boarding has been reinstalled with security hardware.



Historic Heritage

- **RAAF Cook House**
 - Access track works delayed following elevated initial quote. Scope of Works in review to bring within budget.
 - Asbestos inspection postponed due to weather. To be rescheduled.
- Routine area maintenance and termite management has continued at each site
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting held 9 April 2025

Heritage Houses schedule tracking

UPDATED: 4/11/25

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General Business - Community update

Community Support Program 2025

The Community Support Program has continued. The 2025 round of applications were advertised in Aug-Sep 2024. There were 33 applications received, and two existing partnerships. The following organisations are being supported in 2025 through the CSP.

Organisation	Project	Sponsorship Amount 2025
Business Singleton	2025 Events Program – Business Awards / International Women's Day / 1 x Chamber Breakfast / October Business Luncheon	\$10,000
Family History Society Singleton Inc	The Beginning of Singleton Fire Station 444 (1878) – Book printing	\$4,000
Hunter Valley Amateur Bee Keeping Association	Varroa Controller Biosecurity Protection Equipment	\$6,330
Maitland Saints AFL Club	Boundary Protection Netting	\$13,791.50
Northern Agriculture Association	Singleton Show and Campdraft 2025	\$6,000
Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter	Singleton Art Prize 2025	\$10,000
Rural Fire Service Bowthorne/Hinton	Portable Lighting and tools	\$3,374
Samaritans Foundation	Christmas Lunch in Singleton 2025	\$4,000
Singleton Clay Target Club Inc	2025 Champion Season – Trophies /prizes	\$4,000
Singleton Council	Christmas on John Street 2025	\$8,880
Singleton Council - Library	Digital Support for Library Outreach	\$1,150
Singleton Council	Seniors High Tea & Expo	\$5,500
Singleton Dressage Club	Dressage Championship Prizes	\$4,000
Singleton Fire Brigade Social Club	Santa Lolly Run 2025	\$500
Singleton Golf Club – Lady Members	Ladies Golf Club Open Day 2025	\$500
Singleton Heights Pre School	Weatherproofing the Soft Fall Area	\$12,000
Singleton Mountain Bike Club	Picnic Tables and Shade Shelters	\$13,239.



General Business - Community update

Community Support Program 2025 (cont.)

Organisation	Project	Sponsorship Amount 2025
Singleton Neighbourhood Centre	Volunteer Training – Senior First Aid	\$3,250
Singleton Rugby Club Ltd	Improve Car Park at the Club	\$1,120.59
Singleton Strikers Football Club	Senior Goals	\$6,600
Singleton Theatrical Society	2025 Productions	\$2,500
Towns With Heart Inc	Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival 2025	\$5,000
United Hospital Auxiliary - Singleton	Hospital Bed Upgrade	\$25,075.20
YWCA Hunter Region Inc	YWCA Encore	\$10,000
Singleton Roosters AFL Club	IT equipment (laptop and printer)	\$2,597.00
Westpac Rescue Helicopter	Charity Golf Day 2025 Sponsorship	\$2,300.00
University of Newcastle	Science & Engineering Challenge (Year 3 of 3 year agreement)	\$ 13,619.00
University of Newcastle	SMART Science School Tour (Year 3 of 3 year agreement)	\$ 20,460 .00
TOTAL		\$194,286.29



General Business - Community update

Community Support Program 2026

The Community Support Program for 2026 was advertised in local media in Aug-Sep 2025, and closed 26 September 2025. 36 applications received, currently being assessed by MTW's CSP committee.

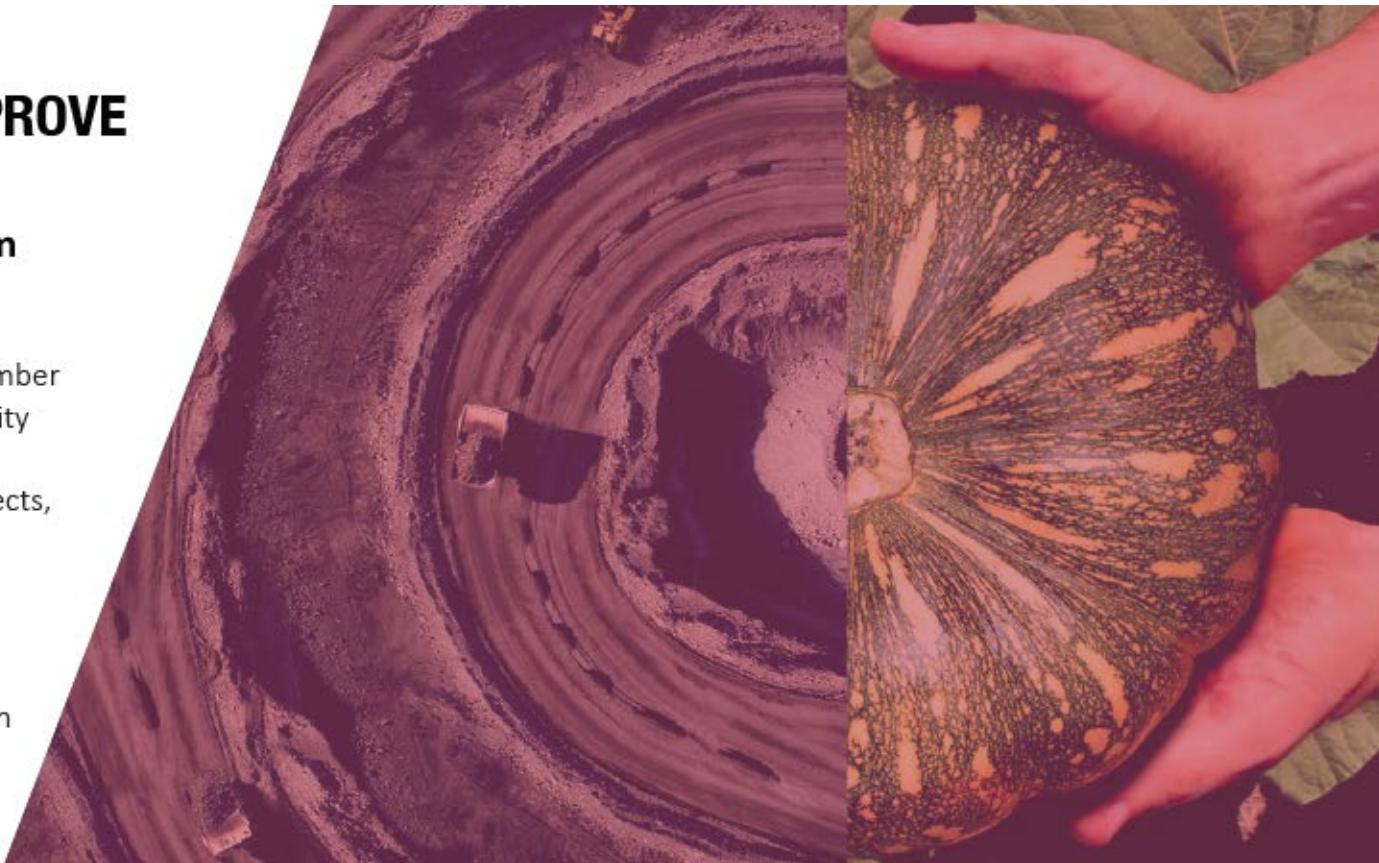
NEED FUNDING TO HELP IMPROVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

Yancoal Community Support Program call for applications

Mt Thorley Warkworth is a proud and active member of the local community. Yancoal's 2026 Community Support Program offers community groups the opportunity to apply for funding to support projects, events and initiatives that help make a genuine positive difference to the Singleton Region.

If you have a project or idea with the potential to benefit others across the areas of health, community, environment, arts, culture, education or training, please visit: www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-warkworth/

Applications close 26th September 2025.



General Business - Community update

MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement - Update

- After the January 2025 payment, MTW has contributed \$9.05M (of \$11M total).
- Current MTW VPA Community Committee as endorsed by Council for current Singleton Council period.
 - Community Representatives: Ian Hedley, Pauline Rayner, Neale McCallum, Stirling Keayes, Sarah Purser.
 - MTW representative: Gary Mulhearn
- Meetings held 11 Sep 2025, 30 October 2025.
- Projects now approved by Singleton Council after recommendations of CSP committee:
 - \$20,000 (over 4 years) for the Bulga and Milbrodale Community Event Fund
 - \$28,000 for Equipping Bulga Hall for Emergencies
 - \$56,047.90 for the Bulga War Memorial Gates Refurbishment
 - \$176,004.76 additional funds for the existing Bulga Tennis Court Refurbishment Project (Tennis and Soccer Practice Wall, lighting and power pole upgrades);
 - A cricket pitch resurfacing application is in progress, seeking more information.
 - Recommendations from VPA Community Committee recorded in minutes and put forward to Council for decisions.
- All VPA Community Committee agendas and minutes, and application processes are available on Singleton Council website.
- Applications for next VPA round – **Closes March 2026.**
- <https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/Council/Community-Funding-Programs/VPA-Community-Committees/Mount-Thorley-Warkworth-VPA-Community-Committee>

General Business - Community update

Bulga Tavern update

- In February 2025, the Tavern licensee provided notice they will not continue as licensee. The Bulga Tavern has temporarily closed.
- MTW engaged a Hotel broker and a local Agent to run the process of finding a new long term Lessee.
- Of those parties who had prerecorded an interest, none have progressed further.
- The initial advertising program did not result in any interested parties.
- The search for a new Lessee is ongoing.
- Having the Tavern Operational is a key outcome for MTW and its importance to the local community is well understood.



General Business - Community update

Bulga Service Station/Shop update

- DA for demolition, remediation and new construction has been lodged with Singleton Council
- Tenders have been received back to our project managers.
- Our project managers have finalised their tender review against the tender scope and we have their recommendations which meet our budget expectations.
- MTW is currently working through its budgetary process and allocation of capital for 2026 and 2027.
- The project timeframe is approximately a year. This will involve a period when fuel services will not be available. We will be looking at options to continue the 'general store' services for the community.



Community Amenity – Tank Cleaning

- Amenity works recognising air quality contribution by MTW
 - Invitation to participate remains open
- Year to date works in 2025 have included:
 - 14 tanks cleaned
 - 2 new filtered water taps installed
 - Water deliveries offsetting usage in cleaning
 - 35 spare & replacement filters supplied
 - Works undertaken across 8 residences
 - YTD expenditure of \$20,015
 - 1 new tank cleaning and filter supply request in progress.
- Program remains ongoing. Please direct enquiries to site.

2025 Yancoal MTW First Aid Courses



Location: North Admin Training Room

Time: 9:00am – 1.00pm (**Arrive at 8:45am**)

All participants in 2025 will receive a Yeti cup.

Month	Day / Date
Nov	Thursday 6 th
Dec	Tuesday 2 nd



MTW Community
First Aid

Open to Yancoal Personnel, Contractors, family members and local community.
To make a booking, please contact the Training Department via email: MTWTraining@yancoal.com.au
Please include your name, email and mobile phone number.

There is pre-course training required prior to attending which will be provided from the MTW Training Department, upon booking.

****This is a Nationally Accredited Course****

Units attained: *HLTAID011 Provide First Aid, HLTAID009 Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, HLTAID010 Provide Basic Emergency Life Support*

General Business

General Business – other?

Agenda

1. Welcome (Col)
2. Apologies (Col)
3. Declaration of pecuniary interests / conflicts of interest / Conflict of Interest Forms (Col)
4. Business Arising (Col)
5. Correspondence (Col)
6. Confirmation of the previous meeting's minutes (Col)
7. Community Members – New enquiries
8. Proponent reports and overview of activities
 - Progress of the project, environmental monitoring and performance, community complaints
9. Other agenda items
 - EPA Representatives invited to meeting regarding Enforceable Undertaking
10. General business
11. Next meeting

Future Dates

Next Meeting Date

Date: Wednesday – 4 March 2025

Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

Location: Boardroom, North Warkworth Building



Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

BUSINESS PAPERS November 2025

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Appendix A – Environmental Monitoring Report June 2025

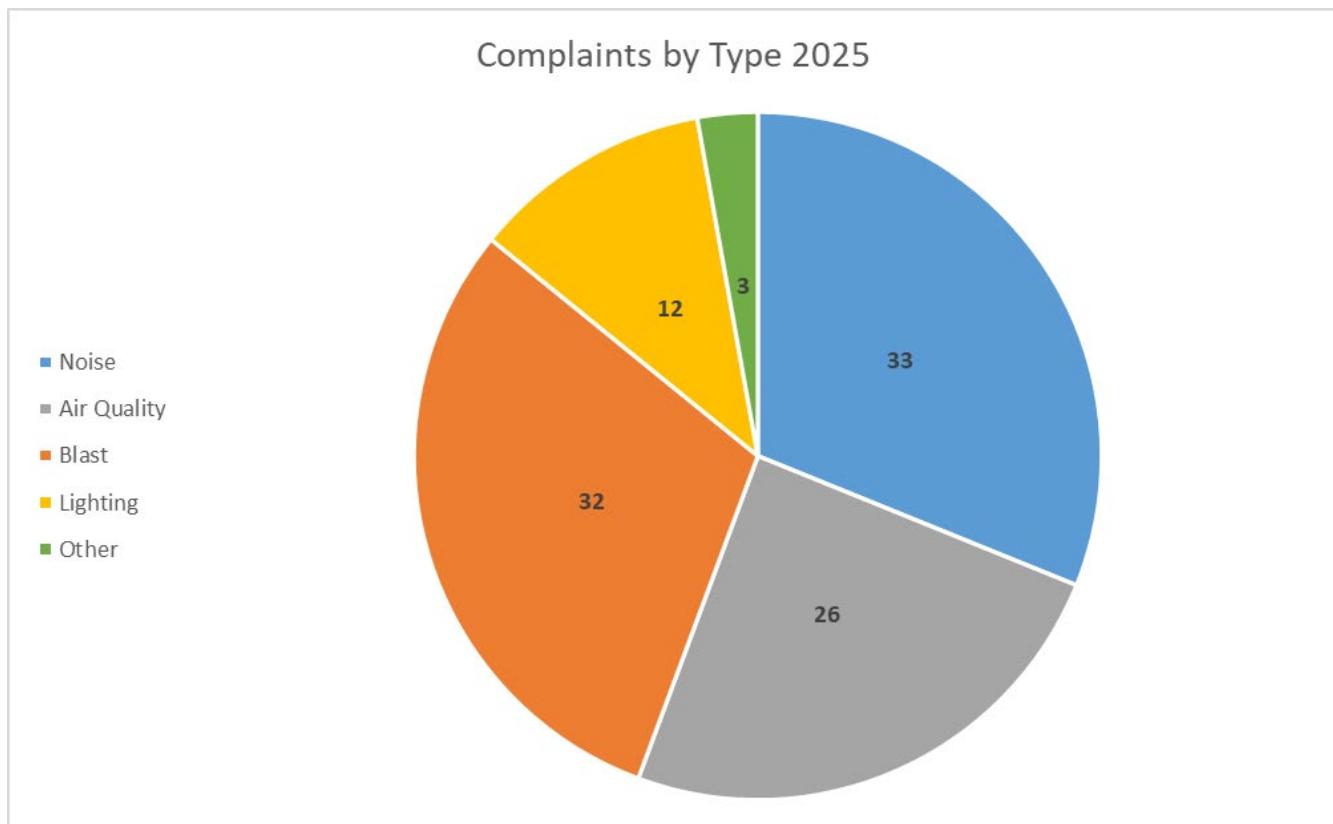
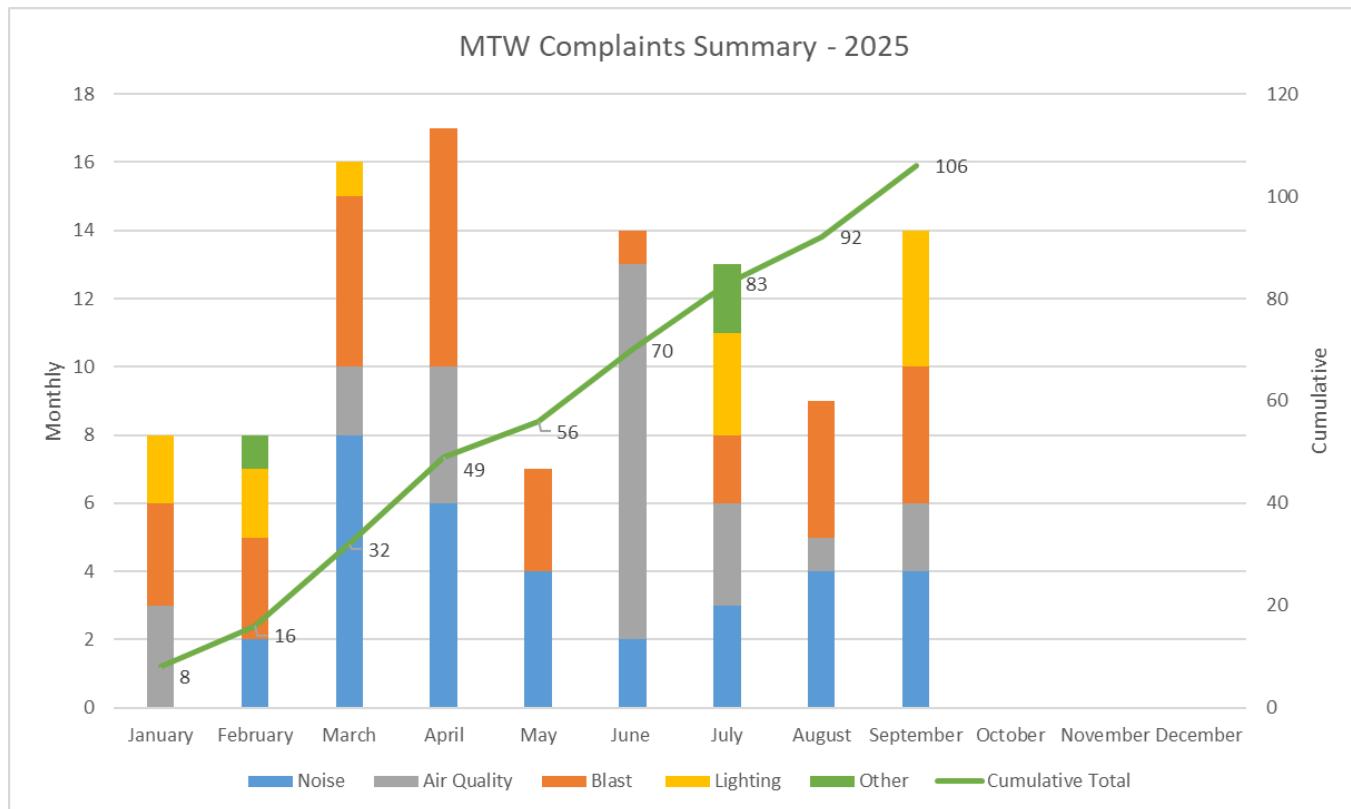
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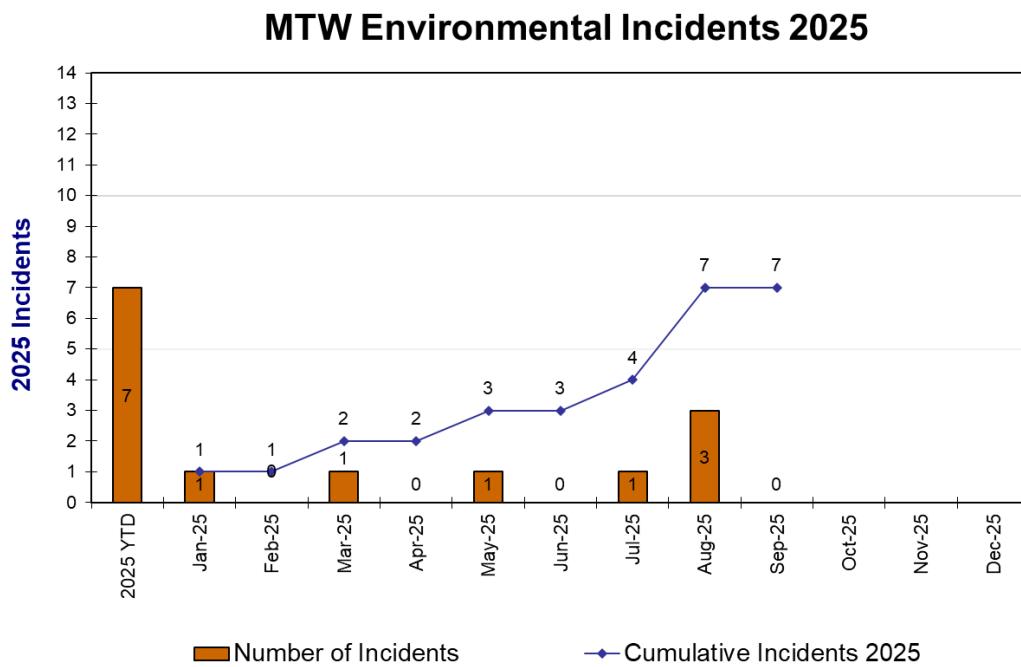
1 COMPLAINTS

Complaints overview for period – 1 January 2025 to 30 September 2025



2 INCIDENTS

Environmental incidents overview for period – 1 January 2025 to 30 September 2025



Incident Summary for the period 1 August 2025 to 30 September 2025

Date	Details	Key Actions	Aspect
3/08/2025	Sediment dam 56N and 57N overtopped due to rainfall events.	Pollution Incident Response Management Plan triggered, and agencies notified including EPA, DPE and RR. Sediment dams dewatered post the rainfall event. Written report provided to EPA, DPHI, RR on 11/8/25.	Water Discharge
05/08/2025	Unauthorised tree felling at the North Rothbury Biodiversity Area	Investigation completed identifying unauthorised trees felled. A report was provided to DPHI and DCCEEW 29/8/25. A number of actions were completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Access gates have had higher strength chain installed to make cutting the chain more difficult.- Additional signage has been installed on all access gates from public land warning of camera surveillance.- Installed monitoring camera(s) with motion sensor and SMS capability, to allow notification and photos to be sent back to MTW personnel.- Provided letters to neighbours of properties which back on to the offset, to advise of observed unauthorised disturbance activity and to request notification if any suspicious activities occur in future.	Biodiversity
12/08/2025	During attended noise monitoring there was an exceedance measured at Inlet Road monitoring location due to applicability of a 2dB low frequency modifying factor.	DPHI and residents notified of noise exceedance. Follow up monitoring on 18/8/25 was within noise limits. DPHI and residents notified of return to limits. Written report submitted to DPHI on 20/8/25, and an amended report was submitted 5/9/25 in response to a DPHI request for information.	Noise

3 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Monthly summaries of environmental monitoring:

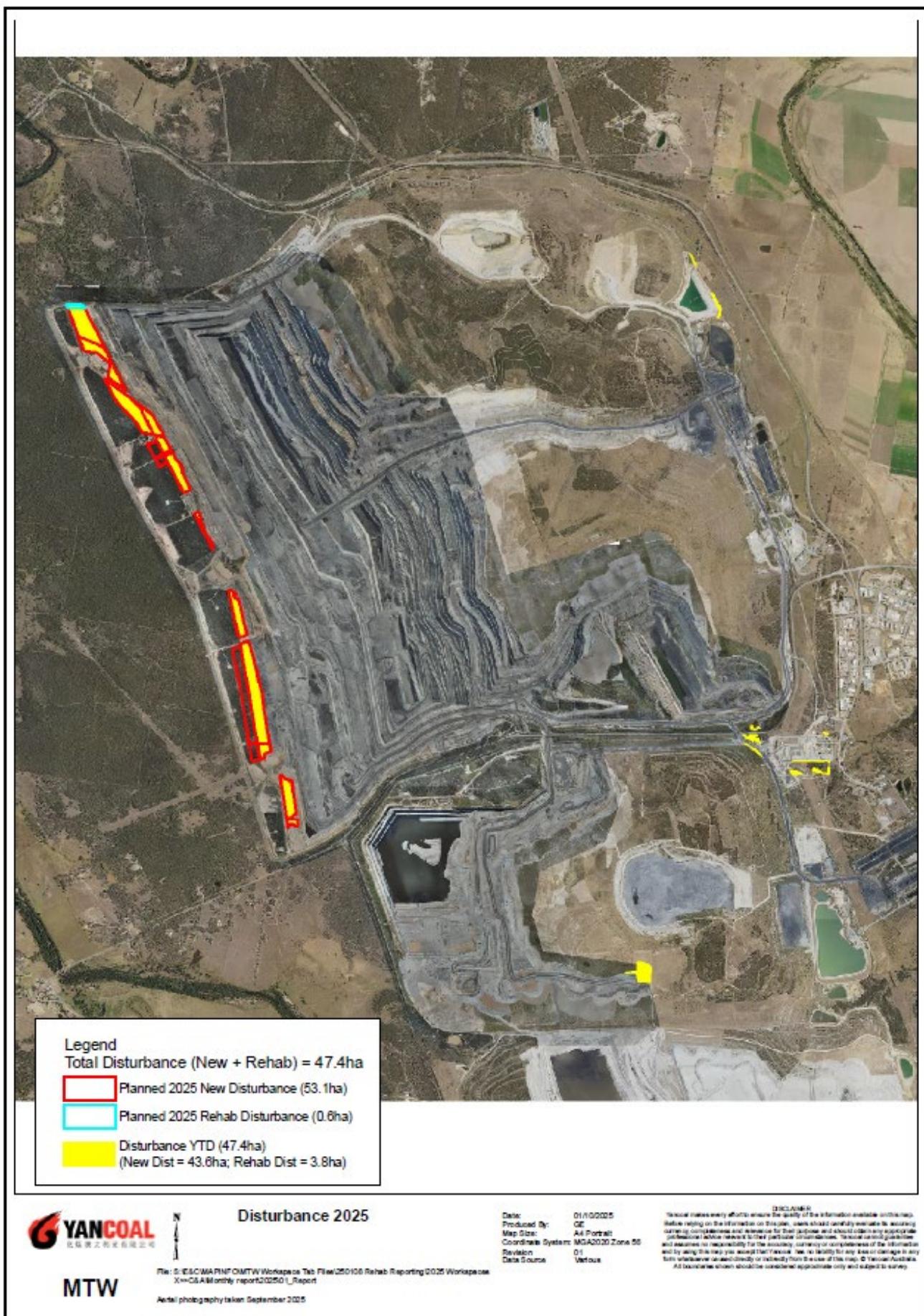
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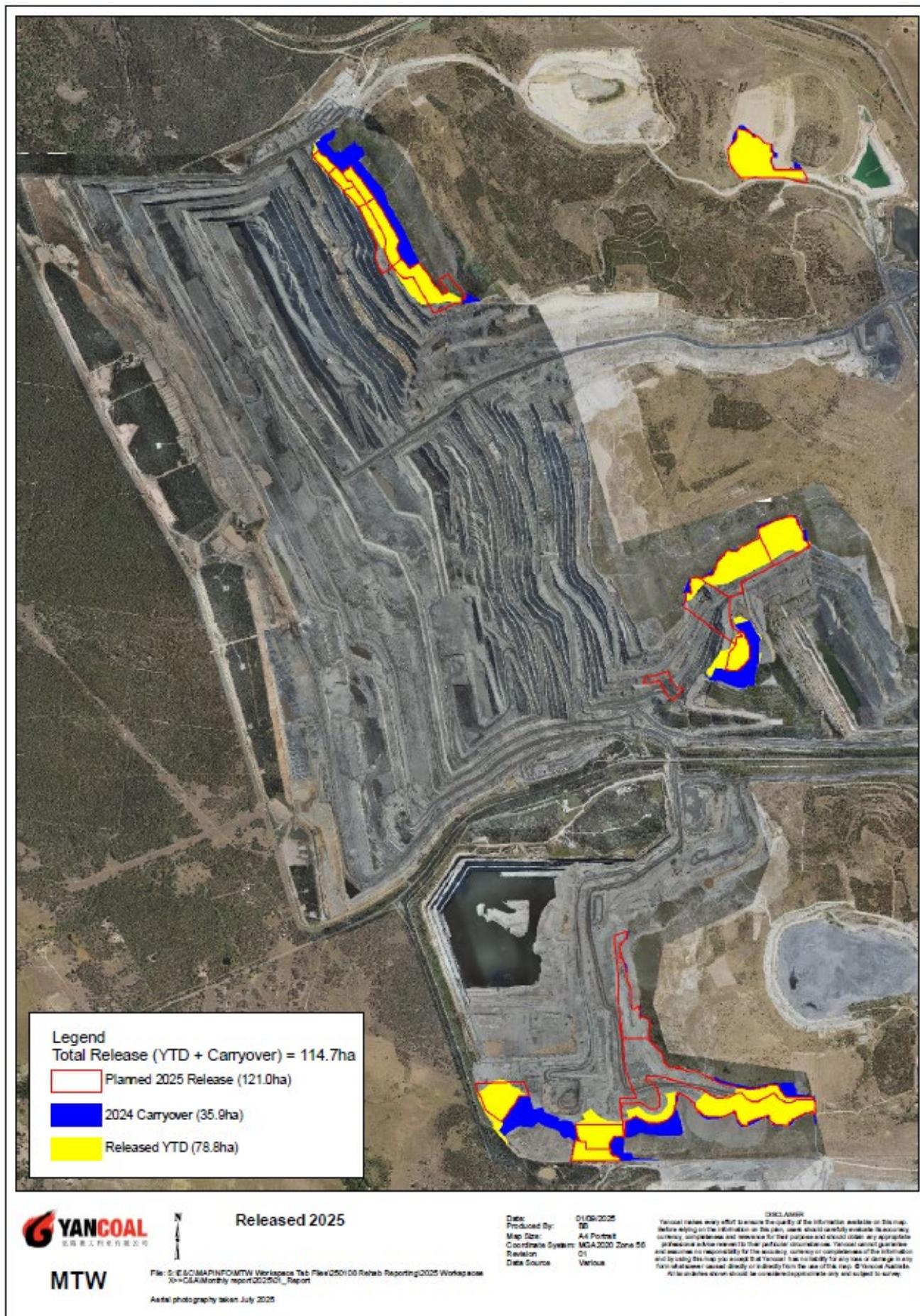
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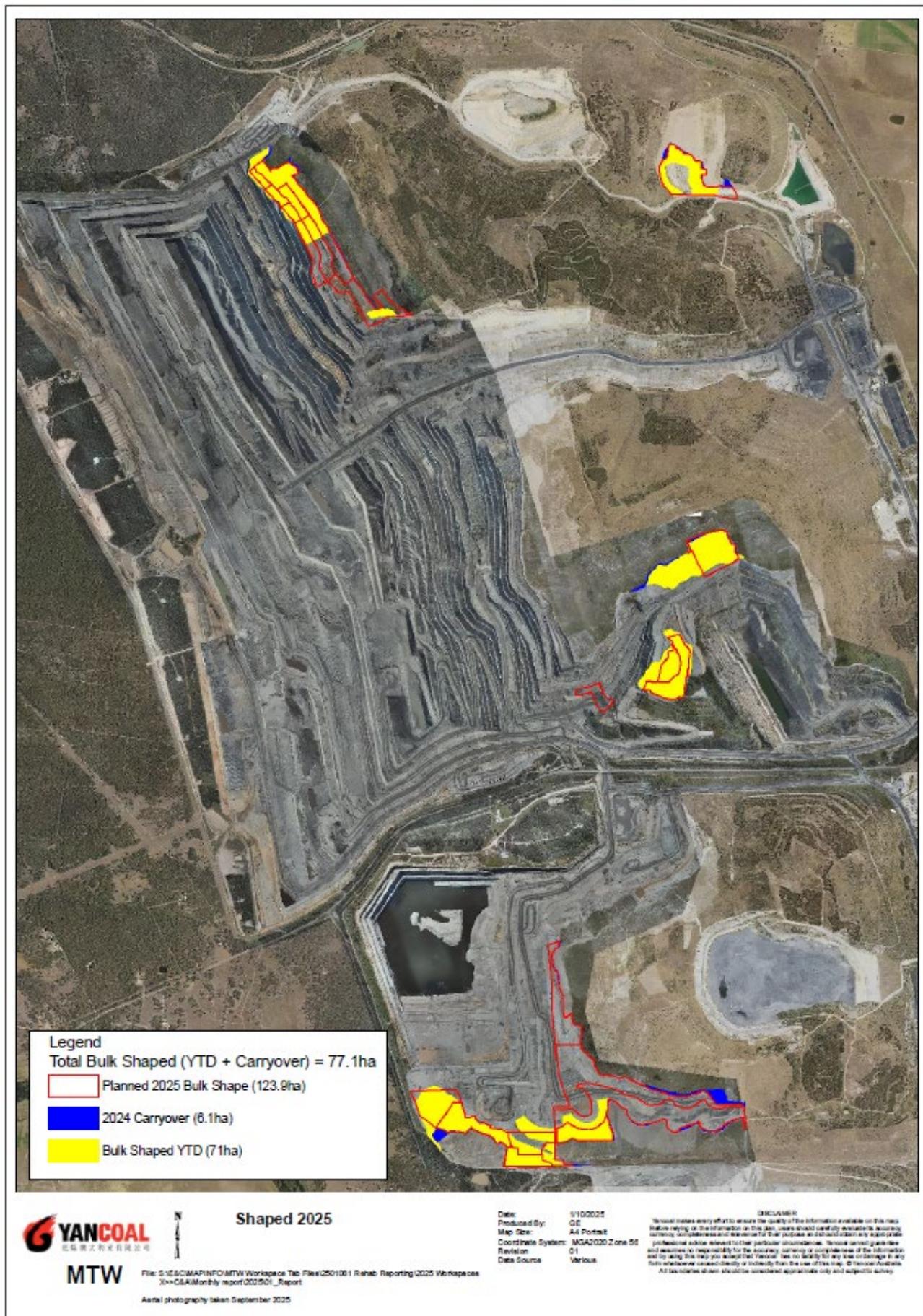
The rehabilitation planned for 2025 is 89ha which is consistent with the Rehabilitation Management Plan target for 2025 (89ha). The planned total disturbance is 53.7ha.

The rehabilitation and disturbance progress to the end of September 2025 are presented in the maps below. There is currently 114.7 ha of dump released for rehab; and 71ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped. There has been 54.9ha of rehab seeded to the end of September and a further 55.5ha is ready to seed.

To the end of September 2025, 47.4ha of land has been disturbed to allow for mine progression in North and West Pits in Warkworth.













5 WEBSITE UPLOADS

The table below is a list of all new documents uploaded to the MTW's website from 1 August 2025 to 30 September 2025. Please refer to MTW's new website: <https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-warkworth/>

Document Title	Upload
MTW Annual Review 2024	14/08/2025
MTW Complaints Register 2025	14/08/2025
Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report March 2025	1/08/2025
Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report April 2025	21/08/2025
Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report May 2025	21/08/2025
MTW Noise Management Plan (NMP)	26/08/2025
EPL Monitoring Reports July 2025	28/08/2025
EPL 1976: Mount Thorley Operations Pty Limited	23/09/2025
MTW Complaints Register 2025	23/09/2025
MTW Community Consultative Committee - 2025 - May	24/09/2025

6 YANCOAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The CSP invests in community groups working in the areas of health, social and community, environment, education and training. The following organisations are being supported in 2025 through the CSP.

Organisation	Project
Business Singleton	2025 Events Program – Business Awards / International Women's Day / 1 x Chamber Breakfast / October Business Luncheon
Family History Society Singleton Inc	The Beginning of Singleton Fire Station 444 (1878) – Book printing
Hunter Valley Amateur Bee Keeping Association	Varroa Controller Biosecurity Protection Equipment
Maitland Saints AFL Club	Boundary Protection Netting
Northern Agriculture Association	Singleton Show and Campdraft 2025
Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter	Singleton Art Prize 2025
Rural Fire Service Bowthorne/Hinton	Portable Lighting and tools
Samaritans Foundation	Christmas Lunch in Singleton 2025
Singleton Clay Target Club Inc	2025 Champion Season – Trophies /prizes
Singleton Council	Christmas on John Street 2025
Singleton Council - Library	Digital Support for Library Outreach
Singleton Council	Seniors High Tea & Expo
Singleton Dressage Club	Dressage Championship Prizes
Singleton Fire Brigade Social Club	Santa Lolly Run 2025
Singleton Golf Club – Lady Members	Ladies Golf Club Open Day 2025
Singleton Heights Pre School	Weatherproofing the Soft Fall Area
Singleton Mountain Bike Club	Picnic Tables and Shade Shelters
Singleton Neighbourhood Centre	Volunteer Training – Senior First Aid
Singleton Rugby Club Ltd	Improve Car Park at the Club
Singleton Strikers Football Club	Senior Goals
Singleton Theatrical Society	2025 Productions
Towns With Heart Inc	Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival 2025
United Hospital Auxiliary - Singleton	Hospital Bed Upgrade
YWCA Hunter Region Inc	YWCA Encore
University of Newcastle	Science & Engineering Challenge (Year 3 of 3 year agreement)
University of Newcastle	SMART Science School Tour (Year 3 of 3 year agreement)
Singleton Roosters AFL Club	IT equipment (laptop and printer)
Westpac Rescue Helicopter	Charity Golf Day 2025 Sponsorship

For information please visit our website at <https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-documents/> under Community Documents, Community Support Program or email mtw.csp@yancoal.com.au

Appendix A: June 2025 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

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Appendix D: September 2025 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

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