

DECEMBER 2025

STRATFORD & DURALIE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

30 YEARS OF STRATFORD COAL

2025 marks 30 years of operation for Stratford Coal. For over three decades, we've proudly worked alongside the Gloucester, Stroud and surrounding communities, building lasting relationships with our employees, local suppliers, and their families. Their dedication and support have been central to our success.

We're grateful of our long-standing connection to the region and remain committed to engaging openly as we move through the transition from an active coal mine into closure. Final rehabilitation works at our Stratford and Duralie sites will see them returned to a Government approved final landform. We will be seeding pastures and revegetating native ecosystems in rehabilitated land to benefit farming, the local environment and native fauna and flora.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STRATFORD?

It's been a busy year across the Stratford Coal site. Our teams have continued with earthworks and land re-shaping across multiple areas as we work towards creating the final landforms. Rehabilitation of the former Bownes Road North mining area has been a key focus, with more than 27 hectares reshaped, topsoiled and seeded with native vegetation communities this year.

Remediation of the former Coal Handling Preparation Plant (CHPP) is progressing steadily, with more than 3,700 tonnes of steel already removed and recycled. Demolition works are expected to be completed in early 2026.

Removal of the rail loop has commenced, with rail lines and sleepers now removed for recycling and reuse. Earthworks to shape the final landform are scheduled for 2026.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DURALIE?

On-site activity at Duralie has continued to progress throughout the year, with earthworks and rehabilitation now well underway. We're pleased to welcome new team members who have joined the site to support these projects. Ongoing monitoring and maintenance remain a priority across key areas, and the planting program has recommenced with further native trees being established in the Duralie biodiversity offset areas to support long-term ecological restoration.

UPDATE ON THE STRATFORD RENEWABLE ENERGY HUB

The Stratford Renewable Energy Hub (SREH) has continued to progress through the required stages of planning this year, and we are now looking forward to receiving the Government's final determination. Throughout 2025, we have complied with all assessment processes, responded to requests for further information, and worked closely with relevant agencies. We understand the NSW Government is now finalising its assessment of the SREH project, and we expect a determination in Quarter 1 next year. We will keep the community and key stakeholders updated as soon as further information becomes available.

YEAR IN REVIEW

As we look back on 2025, it has been a year of strong and steady progress across both the Stratford and Duralie sites.

- At Stratford, rehabilitation has advanced across several key areas, with major earthworks, topsoiling and landform shaping helping move the site toward the approved final landform. CHPP demolition has also continued as planned, with recycling and material recovery to carry through into 2026.
- The Gloucester region experienced extremely heavy rainfall over winter, creating challenging conditions for both operations. Significant effort went into safely managing water during these severe weather events to minimise downstream impacts and avoid disruption to closure activities. Both sites have worked closely with regulators throughout the year to ensure flood mitigation measures remain appropriate and responsive to changing conditions.
- The Stratford Renewable Energy Hub reached an important milestone with the submission of the Response to Submissions Report following the EIS exhibition. The project is now under assessment by the NSW Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure.
- At Duralie, mine closure works and monitoring have continued consistently, alongside preparations for the next phase of earthworks.
- Importantly, our commitment to the community has remained a priority throughout the year. Through the Community Support Program and Education Support Fund, Stratford Coal has continued to provide meaningful support to local schools, community groups and service providers across Gloucester and Stroud.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

We are pleased to share that 33 local community groups and organisations have been awarded funding through the 2026 Community Support Program, with more than \$92,000 to be distributed across the region.

This year's recipients span a diverse mix of local organisations across Gloucester and Stroud. Including;



Primary and high schools



Rural fire services



Creative and cultural associations



Historical societies



Sporting clubs such as cricket, hockey, tennis and swimming



As well as community halls, country clubs, preschool services and support groups.

These grants continue to strengthen vital community programs, services and facilities throughout our region.



EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND

Applications now open

Stratford Coal proudly supports the Stratford Coal Education Support Fund, providing financial assistance to students undertaking tertiary study, TAFE courses, and apprenticeships, with grants awarded annually. Over the past 28 years, almost \$1 million has been invested in local education and training, making a meaningful difference to more than 250 tertiary students, 160 apprentices and TAFE students, and 90 local businesses.

Applications can be accessed via the Stratford Coal website: yancoal.com.au/our-sites/stratford or by scanning the QR code below.

Applications close Monday, 26 January 2026.



Scan the QR code to help fund education opportunities
or visit yancoal.com.au/our-sites/stratford/education-support-fund

BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE FESTIVE SEASON

Thank you to our community members, partners and supporters for your engagement throughout the year. We wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable festive season and a positive start to the year ahead. **Stay safe and take care.**