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STRATFORD & DURALIE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STRATFORD?

Mine closure activities continue across the Stratford site, with several important milestones achieved during 2026.

Rehabilitation has been completed within the former Bowens Road North mining area. Around 45 hectares have now been reshaped, topsoiled and seeded as part of the approved final landform. The Bowens Road North area will now enter a period of ongoing monitoring and maintenance to assess vegetation establishment, landform performance and long-term success.

Over the course of the demolition program, more than 3,700 tonnes of steel were removed for recycling, while suitable equipment and materials were salvaged for reuse at other Yancoal operations. The completion of this work marks a significant step in the site's transition from mining operations to long-term rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation activities have now commenced within the former CHPP area, including earthworks and landform preparation ahead of topsoiling, seeding and revegetation.



Before
 Bowens Road North Open Cut Pit



After
 Bowens Road North Open Cut Pit

One of the most visible changes has been the completion of the former Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP) demolition program. Constructed in 1995, the CHPP played a central role in Stratford's operations for almost 30 years, supporting coal processing throughout the life of the mine.



Before
 Coal Handling and Preparation Plant



After
 Coal Handling and Preparation Plant

Rehabilitation progress within the former rail loop area continues, with earthworks and landform shaping nearing completion with areas ready for topsoiling ahead of future seeding and revegetation activities.

Bulk earthworks and landform shaping continue across other areas of the Stratford site.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DURALIE?

Closure activities, including Bulk earthworks and landform shaping continues across the Duralie site.



The removal of major processing infrastructure has been completed, including the dismantling of the former crusher plant and associated facilities. These activities are helping prepare the site for final landform construction and future revegetation.

Environmental monitoring and maintenance programs continue across previously rehabilitated areas to ensure vegetation establishment and landform stability meet long-term performance objectives.

Bulk earthworks are also continuing in selected areas as part of the final landform formation.

As closure activities progress, both Stratford and Duralie continue to work closely with regulators to ensure rehabilitation outcomes meet Government requirements and support future land uses.

UPDATE ON THE STRATFORD RENEWABLE ENERGY HUB

The New South Wales Government has approved the potential development of the Stratford Renewable Energy Hub (SREH).

This approval represents an important milestone for the project and follows several years of technical studies, environmental assessments, community consultation and engagement with Government agencies.

The proposed SREH includes a pumped hydro energy storage facility and potential solar generation infrastructure located mostly on previously disturbed land within the Stratford Mining Complex.

The project has been designed to repurpose existing mine infrastructure and use disturbed areas, helping minimise new environmental disturbance while supporting long-term land use opportunities for the site.

However, it should be noted that NSW Government approval does not mean the project will necessarily proceed.

Yancoal will now progress with assessing the commercial viability of the SREH, and is also considering preferred ownership, funding and operating models for the project, which would be subject to Yancoal Board approval. Any decision to proceed would also be subject to further government approvals and assessments.

Regardless of the future of the SREH, Stratford Coal remains committed to meeting all mine closure and rehabilitation obligations. Mine rehabilitation requirements remain unchanged and are not dependent on the renewable energy project proceeding.

The company will continue to keep the community informed as further information becomes available.

For more information visit:

www.stratfordrenewableenergyhub.com.au

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Funding has been awarded to 33 local community groups and organisations through the 2026 Community Support Program (CSP), with more than \$92,000 to be distributed across the Gloucester and Stroud regions.

This year's recipients represent a diverse mix of local organisations, including:

-  Primary and high schools
-  Rural fire services
-  Creative and cultural associations
-  Historical societies
-  Sporting clubs such as cricket, hockey, tennis and swimming
-  Community halls, country clubs, preschool services and support groups.

Rod Williams of the Stroud Road Community Hall and Progress Association said, "We would like to thank Stratford Coal for their ongoing support in the local community. Most of the organisations receiving funding are run by volunteers, and continued financial investment is needed for the organisations to continue to operate. All yearly running costs for the Stroud Road Community Hall and Progress Association are raised through either donations or fund-raising events."

These grants continue to strengthen vital community programs, services and facilities across the region. Stratford Coal has also committed to continuing the CSP voluntarily until 2028, with scope to support capacity-building and economic transition projects.



EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND

Supporting local students, apprentices and businesses

Stratford Coal proudly supports the Stratford Coal Education Support Fund, which provides financial assistance to students undertaking tertiary study, TAFE courses and apprenticeships. Over the past 28 years, the fund has invested more than \$1 million in local education and training, supporting over 250 tertiary students, 160 apprentices and TAFE students, and 90 local businesses.

For 2026, the fund has awarded \$28,000 to support local students and employers. This includes funding for four apprenticeships, one TAFE course, and eight tertiary education scholarships.



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yancoal.com.au/our-sites/stratford

yancoal.com.au/our-sites/duralie

stratfordrenewableenergyhub.com.au



From 2027, all Community Support Program applications will need to be submitted via an online link to the Good Grants platform.

For further information, visit the Stratford Coal website and follow the link, or scan the QR code