



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE JUNE 2026

Moolarben Coal Complex

Project updates

Project strengthened in second amendment

Yancoal has submitted a second amendment to the Moolarben Coal OC3 Extension Project application to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI), further strengthening the Project’s environmental commitments and outcomes.

The Project has been amended to include the following additional environmental management commitments:

An approximate

625

HECTARE EXTENSION

of the **Habitat Enhancement Area** (an increase from approximately 188 ha to 813 ha)

Downward revision of the project life by two years, from

10 to 8

YEARS

(with the same mining cessation date of 2034) to reflect the delayed mining commencement date of 2027

The proposed additional amendments would:

- further improve the environmental outcomes of the Project;
- represent a substantial commitment by Moolarben to biodiversity conservation outcomes;
- significantly exceed the original biodiversity conservation outcomes proposed, and the recommendations of the Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Mining;
- be additional to biodiversity offsets required for the Project; and
- allow for collection of additional baseline groundwater monitoring data prior to commencement of mining.

These changes represent a substantial, voluntary commitment to biodiversity conservation that goes beyond the original proposal and exceeds recommendations from the Independent Expert Advisory Panel.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is now evaluating the amendment. It is expected to be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) soon. The IPC will undertake public consultation on the project, and give the public an opportunity to make a written submission, or address Commissioners at a public hearing.

Moolarben General Manager Tim Slater said it was usually the case that people who opposed projects were more active and vocal than supporters, who didn’t always take the opportunity to show their support.

“When the IPC consults the community about this project again soon, it is incredibly important that people who support this project make their position known,” Mr Slater said.

“Community feedback is an important part of the IPC’s assessment and if people want mining to continue in the region, it is important they show their support.

“We will keep the community updated on how they can have their say as we move through the approvals process.”

Extraction Plan approved

Moolarben has received approval of its Extraction Plan for Longwalls 409 to 414, which will enable the continuation of mining in the previously approved underground mining area.

The Extraction Plan is a requirement of the Moolarben Stage 1 development consent and sets out the measures to monitor and manage the approved impacts of the underground mine. The continuation of longwall mining will support jobs and economic benefits for people and families in the Mudgee region.

Economic contribution

Mining contributes billions to region... again

Mining contributed billions to the prosperity of the Mid-Western region again last year, and figures released by Council recently show that its economic impact is up to 18 times greater than other industries on some measures.

At a recent Mid-Western Regional Council Economic Think Tank, figures revealed that the 2025 economic output from mining was \$6.4 billion, almost ten times more than the next closest contributor — the construction industry at \$656 million.

The value of goods and services production by mining in the region in 2025 was \$4.7 billion, almost 18 times greater than the next closest, being real estate at \$260 million. Mining’s contribution has increased 352% since 2015.

These figures demonstrate that mining continues to be the anchor for economic prosperity in the region.

Business Mudgee president Grant Gjessing said mining provided the region with security and confidence in the local economy.

“Mining provides for our community through direct employment and support for local business. Our community groups and charities benefit from donations and sponsorships, and importantly, local infrastructure is enhanced through contributions to Council,” Mr Gjessing said.

“We are able to attract talent to our region, and keep young people employed, thanks to mining. There aren’t too many regional centres that have that luxury.

“Generations of people have reaped the benefits mining brings to our town, and the business community is very grateful for the support.”

In 2025, the direct economic contribution of Moolarben Coal Operations to the Mid-Western region alone reached \$203 million.

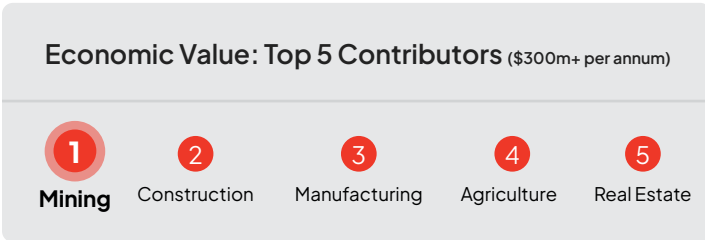
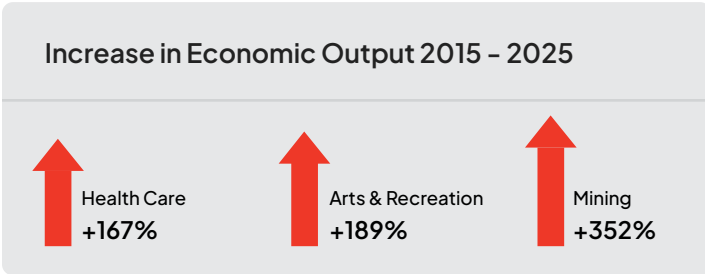
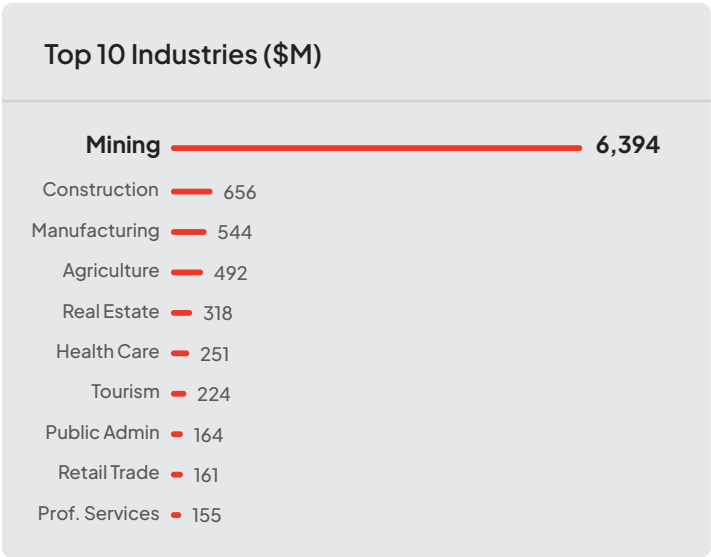
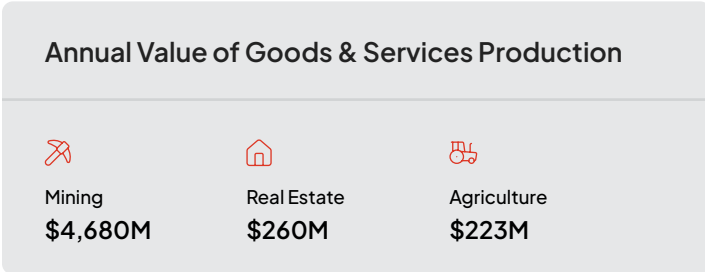
Last year, the mine employed over 700 mostly local people paying \$135 million in wages and salaries. Moolarben also engaged 120 local suppliers which generated \$58 million in revenue for these businesses.

In 2025, Moolarben’s direct economic contribution to local and state governments in NSW was \$242 million, including taxes and royalty payments.

Mr Gjessing said people travelled to Mudgee from far and wide because it was culturally rich and economically diverse.

“People come here because our region is beautiful, our sporting and cultural facilities are excellent and our tourism industry is alive and thriving. Mining contributes in many ways to these features, and to what makes our region great.

“The partnerships between mining and our community are strong and greatly beneficial.”



Source: Economic and Business Profile for the Mid-Western Region, May 2026



Biodiversity offset progress

18,000 trees planted

Moolarben has recently completed our annual tree planting project across two of our biodiversity offset properties. Each year we undertake plantings to restore box gum grassy woodland that has been historically cleared for agricultural purposes. Box gum grassy woodlands usually have an understorey of native grasses, herbs and scattered shrubs, with White Box and/or Yellow Box and/or Blakely's Red Gum trees.

For our planting programs, all plants are nursery grown from local seed collected across our offset properties by local contractors. The ground preparation process includes slashing, weeding, spraying, ripping and soil mounding, which is then followed by planting, tree guard installation, and watering.

This year approximately 18,000 trees and shrubs were planted, which included 20 different species of local box gum woodland plants, to significantly increase the biodiversity of these previously cleared areas. All planting areas are monitored and maintained over time until the plants are well established. Initial planting density is much higher than surrounding remnant woodland, however this allows for losses due to natural herbivory, weather conditions and competition. After several years our monitoring shows comparable plant density and composition with natural reference sites. The recent rain arrived at just the right time to increase soil moisture levels and ensure that these latest plantings will establish well over the coming cooler months.



Community support

Moolarben team heading to Mudgee Small Farm Field Days

The Moolarben team will be at the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days this year, on July 10 and 11. We always enjoy being out and about in the community, sharing information about our operation and our contributions to the community. It is a great opportunity for people to come and visit our stand and ask any questions they may have about Moolarben.

There will be fantastic merchandise on offer, and the chance to enter competitions and win great prizes. If you are at the field days, please stop by for a chat.



Doctors 4 Mudgee Region recognised

The program that has attracted four GPs and six registrars to the Mudgee region has been named a finalist in the NSW Mining Excellence in Community Awards.

Doctors 4 Mudgee is an initiative supported by Moolarben, Wilpinjong and Ulan mines.

The award recognises outstanding initiatives that deliver meaningful and lasting benefits to communities connected to mining operations. It highlights best practice in community engagement, partnerships, social investment and regional development.

Doctors 4 Mudgee Region Program Coordinator Kate Day said the recognition was a powerful endorsement of what can be achieved when organisations unite behind a common community goal.

“This recognition is first and foremost a reflection of the vision and commitment shown by our three mining partners, who recognised that access to healthcare is one of the most significant challenges facing our region and were prepared to invest in a community-led solution.

“By working together, we have been able to achieve real and measurable outcomes for our local community.”

Since launching, Doctors 4 Mudgee Region has helped recruit four new fellowed GPs, retain another who completed their fellowship while practising locally, and attract six GP registrars to the region.

The initiative has also supported the return of GP services to Gulgong and helped Mudgee Medical Centre reopen its books to new patients after both were closed for over 18 months.

The program demonstrates Moolarben's commitment to supporting and improving our community.



Doctors 4 Mudgee Program Coordinator Kate Day



Proud to support arts and heritage

A celebration of storytelling and community from gold rush days was the focus of the Henry Lawson Heritage Festival in Gulgong this month. Moolarben was proud to support the 50th community event.

“The festival offers a memorable atmosphere to celebrate Australia’s favourite poet, Henry Lawson,” Moolarben general manager Tim Slater said.

“We are proud that our \$4,000 in funding can help support an arts event that brings the community together and celebrates Henry Lawson’s work and inspires people in their artistic endeavours.”



Moolarben Coal helps school garden bloom

Cudgegong Valley Public School in Mudgee is set for a garden transformation, with Moolarben Coal playing a key role in getting phase one of the refurbishment project off the ground. The project involved clearing the existing garden area, removing debris and overgrown bushes, and levelling the site to prepare for the installation of new water-efficient wicking beds.

Moolarben helped fund the project and provided hands-on support, including the loan of a tipper truck and skid steer to help clear old timber, soil and rocks. Parents and Citizens’ Association president Amy-Kate Lee praised the team’s efforts.

“The Moolarben team got to work quickly and made a big difference. We are thankful to Moolarben for investing in our school community and helping bring this project to life.”

Moolarben Acting General Manager Tim Slater said the team was proud to support the initiative.

“Our team was happy to get their hands dirty. Research shows that creating and maintaining gardens helps students to develop knowledge and skills for sustainable living, so we are pleased to provide some funding and lend a hand to this initiative. We can’t wait to see the new wicking beds installed and the garden come to life in phase two.”



Staff focus

Sandy swapped the bustle for the bush

After swapping the bustle of Bondi for the wide-open spaces of Mudgee, Sandy Morgan has found exactly the lifestyle her family was searching for — and a role that keeps her connected to the heart of our operation.

Sandy joined Moolarben in 2022 and now plays a key part in ensuring we meet our environmental obligations every single day. As our Mining Production and Environmental Assistant, she monitors dust and noise compliance, completing daily runs around the outskirts of site to make sure we're meeting our commitments. She also supports dispatch, helps with data and reporting, and looks after the needs of a 70-person crew. As Sandy puts it, no two days are ever the same — and that's exactly what she loves about the job.

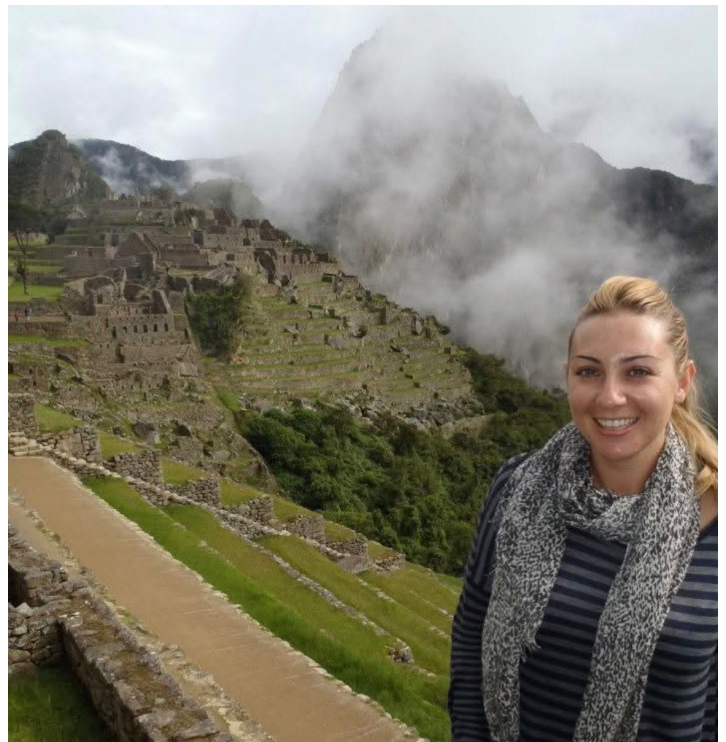
Moving to Mudgee has been life-changing for Sandy and her husband. Living on 25 acres in the middle of wine country has given them the space, calm and community they were craving after years of crowded city living. "It's exactly what the doctor ordered," she said.

But it's the people who have made the biggest impact. Sandy said the most rewarding part of working at Moolarben was meeting such a diverse mix of colleagues and being part of a team that genuinely cares.

"I'm also proud to work for a company that contributes so much to the wider Mudgee community. This means a lot to me as a local resident," she said.

Outside of work, Sandy enjoys spending time with family and friends, sampling the region's famous cheese and wine. And when she's not exploring Mudgee, she's dreaming about her next adventure. A few years ago, she trekked the Inca Trail — four intense, unforgettable days she describes as the most difficult and wonderful experience of her life.

Her advice for anyone thinking about a career in mining? Be ready for anything. Every day brings something new — and that's what makes it so rewarding.



Sandy in Machu Picchu on day four of her Inca Trail trek

Community feedback

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

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

We welcome further input via:

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