

**Minutes of the Mount Thorley Warkworth
Community Consultative Committee Meeting Q3 2026**

Date: Thursday 3 September 2026

Location: MTW

Time: 12:30 – 2:39pm

Attendees

Colin Gellatly (CG - Chair)
Gary Mulhearn (GM)
Tim Veness (TV)
Joshua van Bezouwen (JVB)
Ian Hedley (IH)
Myree Russell (MR)
Barb Brown (BB)
Kevin Waldock (KW)
Hollie Jenkins (HJ)
Nerida Manley (NM)
Stewart Mitchell (SM)

Role

Independent Chairperson MTW CCC
MTW Environment & Community Manager
MTW Manager Statutory Functions
MTW Environment and Community Advisor
Community Representative
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Singleton Council Representative (via teleconference)
Independent Minute Taker (Atlantech)
Community Representative

1. WELCOME

- CG opened the meeting and welcomed CCC members.

2. APOLOGIES

- Neville Hodgkinson (NH) Community Representative
- Cris Shadbolt (CS) MTW General Manager

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- **Standing Declarations:** CG is engaged by MTW to provide the services of Independent Chairperson.
- CG asked the CCC members if there were any new interests to declare.
- MR stated they are leasing an adjoining property that is Yancoal owned. GM mentioned to update the declaration form.
- KW asked if he owned shares if he should declare them. GM said he probably should.
- GM advised that the CCC guidelines require all members to confirm acceptance to the code of conduct annually. GM stated that most members confirmed at the last meeting except for NH and SM who were not at the previous meeting. CG asked the committee whether they will confirm, and the committee agreed the confirmed acceptance. SM confirmed he agreed.
- Terms of reference have been updated due to alternate CCC member recently passing away. GM discussed that local members would be aware that Graham O'Brien passed away earlier this year and that he was an alternate community member for the CCC. GM advised that JVB has updated this and they will now provide an updated document with the updated names on it. SM asked that since Graham O'Brien has passed away if an alternate had been appointed. GM said no there is currently not an alternate committee member and within that the next advertising process that an alternate could be appointed. SM asked if the committee could have a say in the alternate. GM said it follows the guidelines and it is based on who applies and is

approved and appointed by the Department, and it is then up to the Chairperson to invite the alternate if a CCC member cannot attend. GM mentioned that there is currently no alternate member. SM asked if the committee has a say in who could be an alternate. GM said it is per the CCC guidelines. GM suggested that MTW can consult with CG and work through guideline for the process regarding an alternate member for the CCC.

Action 1 – MTW to consult with Chairperson on process for alternate member to CCC

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Action Items arising from the 27th May 2026 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.

Previous Action 1 - GM to provide a list of what VPA funded activities to BB.

Provided to BB, and all CCC on 3 July 2026.

Singleton Council publishes information about the MTW VPA Community Committee, eligibility, application processes, and agenda/minutes of meetings, listing of projects on their website:

<https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/Council/Community-Funding-Programs/VPA-Community-Committees/Mount-Thorley-Warkworth-VPA-Community-Committee>

Previous Action 2 - Next CCC invite to be sent out as an Outlook invite. MTW sent a meeting invite to all CCC members.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 11/06/2026 - MTW Community Information Session - Bulga Community Centre
- 16/06/2026 - MTW CCC Q2 2026 - Draft Minutes
- 1/07/2026 - MTW CCC Q2 2026 -Final Minutes
- 19/08/2026 - MTW CCC Q3 2026 - Thurs 3 September 2026 - Draft Agenda
- 21/08/2026 - MTW Community Support Program 2027 - Applications Open!!
- 21/08/2026 - MTW CCC Q3 2026 - Thurs 3 September 2026 - Business Papers
- 31/08/2026 - Registrations open - 2026 Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Community Forum

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

- Confirmed at the meeting by CG.
- SM said he missed the last meeting due to a medical appointment. SM asked if a similar situation arose in the future could he request that the date be altered. GM added that it is normal for committees to amend the date. SM said it seems to be easy if something from the company or Chair the date can be amended but is that the case for a members? CG confirmed yes it could be amended.

7. COMMUNITY MEMBERS – New Enquiries

- BB said she had a whole list but hasn't had a chance to discuss but there is a reoccurring issue of dust. BB is wondering what site is proposing as solutions other than spending millions on equipment we need to look at what else we can do. There is a lot of concern in the community and more people in the community getting cancer and there is a lot of health impacts and she wants to make sure we don't miss that.
- CG said he understands that there has been a submission made to the regulators by IH that will be discussed later in the meeting. CG asked what else BB suggests. BB said she thinks we need to look at how the information is provided to the community because there is a lot of members of the community is concerned, are we doing anything for the mines that are closing and the jobs for the people and is this something the company is going to do. BB doesn't want MTW to wait until the end. GM said they do early planning for mine closure in term of the technical projects that need to be done prior to closure to ensure closure is completely safely, efficiently and environmentally responsibly, which includes a changing workforce as part of the discussion. GM continued that there are other industry peers including in the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue that discusses these issues and local and state government and community is involved. BB said there is a lot of people at those meeting and that she thinks MTW should take that opportunity on and there are a lot of people wanting to prepare for closure and thinks it is an opportunity for MTW to be prepared and show some leadership in the area. GM said the industry is watching is what is happening in the valley in relation to closure.
- IH said the HVO extension is on hold in relation to this. CG said the date of the decision has been extended by one month due to some extra information received.
- TV mentioned that the immediate work MTW is doing is a lot of workers from Ashton have now come across to MTW due to Ashton's impending closure.
- KW added that exiting mining environmentally that there is more and more information coming out every day about dust flows and this committee should discuss it for a split second. KW said the termination of the mines, he has been in the mines for 56 years and that what he is worried about is the now, that the dust situation the Hunter Valley is experiencing is out of control irrespective of what the dust monitors are saying good except for Camberwell Common and Stockton. KW believes that there is a reason for this. KW continued the height of MTW's dumps is the biggest problem that Singleton have and they have proven that due to physics but it is too technical for this committee to understand. One of KW's neighbours would like to get on this committee. KW continued that dust is all wind related and mining operations and IH took photos this morning and you can physically see the physics in the air. KW continued imagine seeing a bund that's 190m tall and the length at 5kms and it has 3 distinct vents in it in an access ramp (TV said it is called the Flyover Road) and he can see jetting where the wind is exeling 50-70% x the height of the bund and diffuses 7-20km downstream. KW can see this every day at his place and he can physically see it and photograph it at 4pm. KW continued that the air bleeds around the ends of the bunds and they are the areas where he believes that see the highest readings. KW continued we can do a couple of things, 1 we can do a study to see if those jets are actually working , "it's not Mount Thorley's sole problem". Singleton and the Hunter Valley will have this problem all of the time, and he's asking MTW to commit to a desk top study to show there is an issue here and those results can be taken back to the planners. He believes these studies were undertaken but believes they are nefarious and he gets that dust at his place every single day and it goes to Singleton. IH took a photo of it this morning and you can see the dust bleeding around the dump. IH added he will share it with the committee.

- GM added that wind speeds have been very high today and depending on the direction, what we see and what every coal mine sees, is when winds are passing through the void and coming out at the end wall there is mobilised dust that comes up at the end wall, if that is what is being seen, we see that too.
- IH said he has been working out at Milbrodale today and that the wind through the haul road blows your car around at the Putty Road bridge because of the big wall the mine has along the road and he thinks that is a problem.
- KW said he's digging down to find the reason why because he's educated in physics and it is due to lateral jetting which causes eddies and microbursts. The lateral acceleration around the jetting is measurable. KW said if site doesn't want to do the study, he will personally pay to do it and will get three independent people to do it.
- GM said KW has spoken to him before about this and that wind changes around the landform that we have from the mine excavation and dumps has certainly changed from what was previously there, it is a matter of geometry and that what MTW is required to do as part of the environmental assessment aspect is to have a dust experts looking at the wind data over a long time to develop a dust model and that what is presented and assessed as part of what gets put to the Development of Planning and what people can comment on which is then endorsed and approved which is how the limits are set as part of the consent process. MTW does monitor and the Upper Hunter Monitoring Network also monitors and they show what the trends are over time on any given year and any given season.
- KW said all that modelling was done before there were mines here. He said that it's the mines that create the geometry and geography. KW said that in the last meeting GM said he has a licence to pollute. GM said if we are talking about environmental protection licences then that is what they are, they are a licence to pollute typically in relation to either air, noise or trade waste or other things of that nature. GM said the site has impacts in the development consent and they are modelled and then the site has limits they need to keep to. GM continued they are impacts environmentally that are approved for MTW to mine the coal and operate the development.
- IH said he has had considerable talks with the EPA and that's not what the EPA says. IH asked where it says in the licence it says it is a licence to pollute. GM said that site has limits on what they are permitted to do, water for example has limits on in the EPL, but there are no dust or noise limits in the EPL but there are limits on what site can impact around the mine. GM continued that if there is any incremental change that can be described as a pollution event if the site is not licenced to do it and that's when he talks about a licence to pollute, that is what that means. IH asked if site is licenced to create situations of 260, 280 ppm. GM said there is no limits on dust in the EPL, that the limits they have are a licence to pollute like trade waste, if you are disposing to sewer, you have a limit on things that you can put in there that are above what are the normal waterways levels and that is what the licence to pollute statement is about.
- CG asked KW what he is requesting to be done regarding the study of the wind.
- KW said that site is working with an attitude and saying site doesn't have to do any of this because there is no limits in dust and in noise.
- GM replied that there are limits in the development consent which are based on the assessment that has been done in the EIS and is the model of the air meteorology and the dust emissions from our mine and they are modelled up to a certain level. GM continued that there are limits in the consent for areas around the mine that are surrounding that they must keep to or the site will be in non compliance with the development consent. GM continued that the EPL does not have limits on dust concentrations but it has other conditions which site need to maintain and what the EPA regulates us to and that is what we entered the enforceable undertaking for. Noise is on the development consent, but not on the EPL.

- GM said it is a multiregulated system sites work on in NSW. SM asked if noise is in the EIS. GM said noise is on the development consent but not the EPL. GM added that noise is modelled in a similar way to how dust is modelled and there are limits in the development consent.
- KW said he noticed noise the other night when there was a westerly and that his neighbour had to go into a noise proof room. KW said that CS stated the CCC doesn't communicate with the community about the CCC so he went and spoke to 12 members and that they do not care how much the mine spends and the communications came straight back to dust every time. KW is suggesting and it is a request, that the mine do a study that involve wind meters to tell the wind speeds and it won't cost that much money. KW is suggesting that either the committee do the study or he will do it and if he does he will do it off site. He would suggest at the end of the day as the mine departs the valley that the dumps will come down.
- BB said what are we going to do with the study and what will be the solution. KW said they can't put anything in front of the bund to stop it and they need to know what will stop it. IH said at the end of the day they just want to see better air quality for the community and their kids and anything they can do to get some clearer pictures as unfortunately GM will always say it's not the mine. GM added that that was not true. BB said she doesn't think that's true as site has acknowledged they do create dust and noise. IH said he's not here to bash Yancoal but he has a business that employs about 80 people and that impacts all of their lives and even if it happens at night and it lands on the ground there, as soon as they start moving around, it's like secondary smoking.
- IH proceeded to show a presentation including photos showing dust with time stamps. IH showed an email he sent to GM and CS. IH showed a text message due to high levels of sulphur dioxide. TV and GM said that sulphur dioxide is not a product of coal mining its related to power stations. IH asked if there is no sulphur dioxide in coal. GM replied that when they burn it in power stations that there is sulphur dioxide. IH said that the response from GM is that operational controls were put in place but he believes the photos show that nothing was put in place.
- IH showed what he has provided to the EPA. GM added that you can see that there is all different wind directions in the photo. IH showed photos of dust from the mine and that he called the CRO and asked him what he said and the response he got was "valley wide haze" and he said that the dust was shown to be coming from a source and it was not valley wide haze.
- IH proceeded that Bulga was the only area to receive a health alert of poor air quality. IH showed his daughter used AI to ask what happens if it gets like that 200 micrograms per cubic meter, extremely high hazardous levels of air pollution. GM added that it is a 24 hour average and the 200 results are temporary spikes.
- IH said he was away for all of August but when he got back, he looked at the readings he had received and for the month he thinks there were 26 health alerts for the neighbours of Mount Thorley from neighbouring monitors to this mine. IH said nothing is getting better, nothing is changing.
- IH discussed the Mount Thorley ROM and stated that the controls that are in place are not working, GM and TV said there are controls in place and the spray bar is in there as an interim control until the dust hoods are operational and they are currently being constructed. GM continued that they've done changes to the spray bars, they are doing different operational controls when they see these conditions happening. TV added that they wet down the coal in the face, they wet it down in the ROM's and they are not sitting there saying they are perfect. IH doesn't believe the controls that are being put in place are working and that they need to do something better.
- IH referenced an article saying that people are losing power generation due to dust on their solar panels.

- KW said his neighbour makes their daughters wear masks when playing outside. IH said its time Yancoal realise it may have a licence to mine and a licence to pollute but they need to start thinking about their social responsibility to their neighbours.
- IH is introducing a website where people can go on (Hunter Valley Mine Watch) people can go on and post photos, anonymously if they wish, post stories. He said something needs to be done and it's not improving and they cannot keep breathing this crap air. IH confirmed the information presented is the report he provided to the EPA. There will be a community meeting with Bulga to invite the community along, MTW will be invited and the EPA will be in attendance he believes and Planning NSW. CG asked what the EPA suggested they will do time wise, and IH said that they said they are about to embark on their bust the dust campaign but he doesn't believe it's worth doing once but it needs to be done 24/7 and it's up to Yancoal to take them seriously.
- KW said haze is dust. GM said no one is saying it is it not.
- CG noted IH made it clear what his position is, and that IH has sent his report to the regulators which is the appropriate thing to do. CG asked if the company has a response at this stage.
- GM provided a response despite what IH's presentation is saying is that Yancoal do take it very seriously and site is going quite well at implementing controls to manage the dust. He continued that IH's presentation provided interpreted in a way that is trying to show that it's only MTW that is causing this issue and that it is not a MTW only issue, it is a valley wide issue. GM continued that air quality assessment is done using experts, using data, using weather data, using emissions type data to generate the model impacts, then site monitor those impacts and report them openly which is the NSW planning process. GM added that is what site does and that is what is presented in the CCC, business papers and what is provided everywhere. GM continued that despite there being some peaks and spikes, which are seen, they are not necessarily from how the site activity works but it could be how the atmosphere is reacting at the time which could be inversion conditions over the mine and over the valley. GM stated that what happens over the void, which is a deep void, when air is settling and dew is coming down and that's when things begin to settle. Some of those photos shown when it is looking very heavy over the mine is a cap of a type of moisture of the particulates over the mine and surrounding areas, but it stays over the mine for a bit longer. When the temperature warms up it lifts, so what some of the spikes show for the nearest monitors can be moving up and then moving away and then passing out of the area. GM added the modelled numbers it shows that they would be within the limits and then when you look at the monitoring numbers that they are within the limits. GM continued that the atmospheric material gets caught in the pit through that process and it is not just MTW, that it does happen more broadly across the valley and that's when you see a layering which is much higher and it is wrong to say that all of it is coming from MTW because it is not. GM proceeded that in terms of the controls of the point sources, that the site does look for those things and that when he recommended to IH that he tell the site at the time that you see these things so they can trigger an inspection to go to that particular area as just another way to react to feedback. The mine is very large though so they could be 45 minutes away from a location on their run or doing something else in terms of an external inspection. Outside of this there are internal people monitoring. GM added that in relation to some particular complaints, on the 14th and 15th that conditions were being monitored and that there was very, very low wind speed on that particular day and that they were operating that activity on an intermittent basis to try and let that come up a little bit and then try to drop down. GM continued that at the time they were wetting down the face with the watercart so that they could move through the material in a responsible way that was a dust generating style material. GM said that site is taking operational controls to a very high level. GM said that in 40 years of operation, no one has chosen to invest in ROM dust hoods at Mount Thorley Operations and that the mine is choosing to invest significantly in

dust controls. GM stated what we have is a difference of opinion of what we are achieving and what community members here think we should be achieving. GM said site understands community members they have gone to the regulator and MTW will respond to any enquiries from the regulator. GM noted that IH had advised that he is going to the regulator at last meeting and are doing so again.

- IH said that Bulga Coal has had one dust complaint, United Wambo have had none, compared to MTW's. GM and JVB said 50% of the complaints are from one person. IH and KW indicated they consider the complaints process is a pointless exercise. GM recommended that if community members observe point source that they believe is not being managed the right way, to call the complaints line.
- IH critical of the mine generated dust and the mine needs to own it, or if MTW thinks it is coming from somewhere else to name the polluters. GM said he is not saying there is not dust coming from the mine, the dust is modelled, it is predicted, we are managing operations on a daily basis with our own systems, noted that IH does not agree that we are meeting the standard that he considers is acceptable and that is where we are at.
- MR asked what KW told those 12 community members. KW said exactly what CS told him to say regarding millions of dollars of investments in dust projects. MR asked if he encouraged the community members to make a complaint. IH said if you're a tenant, you're not allowed to complain, MR said she can make a complaint. MR said with the complaints the CRO's are out there to observe and address the complaints. KW said the CRO's can't see the whole mine. GM stated the CRO's can observe the mining operation to do their role from the publicly accessible roads to investigate, feedback to operations and the complainant.
- SM would like to comment on the discussion, he has been on the CCC for 30 years and he's getting the same response that the mine is complying with the consent and EIS and that there have been no amendments. He tends to agree with what NH has said that the issue is bigger than what we can resolve here. This is a decision that has to be made by a government department that is not pro mining and that is his take. SM continued that the original consent agreement was based on the impacts to the village of Bulga and the surrounds and that is why there was 24 houses bought by the mining company as being impacted. GM said that was for noise. SM said there is now 45 houses in total and he understands KW and believes this mining company can fall back on its agreement and say you're not in the impact and to look away and the community needs to prove it should be included. SM said he believes IH has done the right thing by sending off the material to the regulator and hopes they do something positive going forward.
- CG said he doesn't believe anything more can be done on this today. CG noted IH has done the right thing in sending the material to the regulator and hope they do something positive going forward.
- HJ agrees with SM that the people in the room can't solve this but the photo shown by IH of the CRO observing dust but maybe there should be a due diligence on the CRO's. Maybe they should be asking the mine that if dust can be seen that the site mitigates it.
- IH would like to make a point that the pink tree guards are the most disgusting things as they are blowing across the ground into adjoining Crown Land managed by Council. GM asked if IH could send him the location so they can resolve the issue.
- BB would like to ask HJ as part of the Singleton Council what is her responsibility. HJ said it is to report back to Council. BB asked if they could get any helpful suggestions from the Council. HJ said if she can get an email then yes, she can, and provided example done previously with signage issues raised near Wallaby Scrub Road.

KW asked about initiating the dust issue with government. CG indicated that IH had already done that. KW asked about Department of Planning. GM added that IH had invited Department of Planning to a meeting.

Action 2 – IH to provide location of pink tree guards which have been reported to him as an issue on adjoining Crown Land managed by Council

8. PROPONENT REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

MTW Operations

Refer to presentation

- GM provided update on MTW operations and production.
- 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.
- GM noted that capping activities have been progressing on WML Tailings Dam 2. TV explained the process of capping which is done slowly due to geotechnical strength limitations.

Down time statistics

- JVB provided an update on operational downtime statistics and CRO noise assessments YTD up to August show the split between noise and dust. There were 30 nights YTD with noise that have been elevated.
- CRO's completed over 4000 measurements over August.
- GM added that they have heard feedback that nothing happens if people make a complaint or that the mine doesn't register complaints. GM continued that site keep detailed records when they get any complaint, even if there is no callback required, which includes investigations undertaken on cause of complaint, and what actions are taken, or have already been taken regarding the issue. Complaints are published on the MTW website on a monthly basis.

Rehabilitation / Disturbance

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on rehabilitation progress and disturbance YTD.
- Rehabilitation planned for 2026 – 89 Ha seeded.
- Progress to the end of July 2026.
- 84.7 Ha of dump released for rehabilitation and 45.8 Ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped.
- 50.4 Ha of area seeded / claimed rehabilitation as shown in presentation in yellow.
- Disturbance forecast for 2026 – 18.3Ha. Progress to end of July 2026 10.5 Ha.

Dust improvement Sth CHPP ROMs

Refer to presentation

- GM provided a brief update on the dust improvements.
- As part of MTW's commitment to dust reduction, two new dust hoods are planned at the South CHPP with an estimated completion by September 2027.
- During September 2026 ROM 1 will receive edge barrier. New water sprays will be installed on top of the edge barrier to improve dust mitigation. These sprays will be attached onto the upright uni-struts shown on the beam in the diagram.
- At the same time as the new edge barrier is Installed, a new rear platform (coloured Brown in the diagram) will also be installed along with the HOOD rear supporting beam. This is the required prework to be completed prior to the installation of the HOOD walls and roof.

Water Fill Control System

Refer to presentation

- MTW has continued developments of improvements of Water Fill point control systems.
- TV provided an update of how the system worked and how the system is monitored.

3 x New CAT789D Watercarts

Refer to presentation

- Following on from successful delivery & commissioning of three new CAT 789D watercarts at a cost of \$21M in November/December 2024.
- MTW brought forward the purchase of 3 x additional CAT 789D watercarts. Orders were placed in October 2025 (Approx \$8M each).
- Delivery of the 3 x new watercarts from September 2026
- The 789D configuration delivers:
 - A tank capacity of 160kL
 - State of the art digital spray systems
 - High utilisation levels.

Automated Haul Road Watering

- Polypipe crossings complete across main haul road.
- Spray units manufactured, and being fitted out to be ready for install.
- Planned completion Q4 2026.
- GM noted that the automated haul road system will treat the haul road that leads to South Pit. TV provided an overview of overburden dumping progression in South Pit, both at upper parts of South Pit, and also in the bottom of the void. IH asked about the route for material to the void, TV advised it would mainly be from West Pit.

Exploration

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on exploration for 2026.
- Exploration drilling started in February 2026 and the current program is completed.
- All exploration sites were on Yancoal owned land and mining tenements.
- GM noted exploration was undertaken as shown in the presentation slides in the ahead of mining area.
- Drilling for the 2026 program was completed earlier than initially planned due to reassessment of the data requirements.
- Planning for the 2027 program is in progress and will take into account the holes deferred from 2026.
- GM noted that MTW is preparing to lodge an application to Resources Regulator for exploration drilling in 2027 in an area west of the approved disturbance area near North Pit and showed the location on map.

Biodiversity Offset Areas

Refer to presentation

- GM presented a slide outlining the MTW offset areas.

Vertebrate Pest Management

Refer to presentation

- GM advised of control programs completed so far and planned for 2026.
- Vertebrate pest thermal ground shoot at Goulburn River Biodiversity Area conducted in Autumn.
- Wild deer ground shoot conducted at Bowditch Biodiversity Area in Autumn.
- Cat and fox trapping program at MTW (onsite)
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Autumn has been undertaken.
- Noisy miner control program at the Goulburn River Biodiversity Areas to assist Regent Honeyeater conservation is continuing.
 - A pair of Regent Honeyeaters were observed at the Putty Biodiversity Area during the 2026 biennial bird monitoring.
- Cage trapping targeting feral pigs at MTW (onsite) and SBA in Winter.
- The following 2026 programs have been scheduled:
 - 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Spring.
 - Additional programs as required.
- MR asked how the baiting and trapping has been going. GM noted provided some numbers from the baiting and trapping and said it has been going well.
- BB asked about the upcoming fire season and if site is prepared. GM said as much as they can be as it is meant to be a lower rainfall season. TV said there is just no way of telling what will be faced in Australia. BB asked if site would be willing to assist the community in these times. GM said site have contributed to a big double tanker that refills the RFS equipment and last year assisted the RFS with different things pretty routinely and they are definitely part of the community.

Weed management

Refer to presentation

- Weeds continued to be targeted.

NBA – WSW Autumn Planting works

- GM provided photos of the planting that has been occurring.
- GM pointed out the green tree guards in the presentation photos that are being used now rather than the pink ones previously spoken about.

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 March 2026, April 2026 and May 2026 were provided. June 2026 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

Heritage Update

Refer to presentation

- NPWS Land Acquisitions and Dealings Team advised Nov 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 with NPWS to progress registration.
- Land management works continued across WBACHCA / LCACHCA / Southern Biodiversity Areas under annual works plans.
Cultural Heritage Working Group (CHWG) meeting held 25 June 2026.
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting held 16 July 2026.

Historic Heritage

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an updated on Historic Heritage activities.
- Routine grounds and termite management has continued.
- Identification and sourcing of specialist resources remains in-process.
- SM said the old RAAF is in ruins now and because MTW has owned it and neglected it that's why it's in its current state. GM said they have discussed it at the last CHAG meeting around other options for what the condition is through Darryl Rigby and his ideas as an archaeologist assisting.
- SM asked if the Springwood homestead is in the Aboriginal Conservation zone. He asked if it is accessible to the public. GM said no it is not publicly accessible, it is private property. SM stated that the site is spending a lot of money but no one can see it. GM said there are lots of heritage items on private land. SM said so the site is doing nothing for the community. GM said it is a historical building that MTW has responsibility over it and people can ask to see it. SM asked about after mining and rehabilitation, GM said most mining companies would look to sell those properties in a responsible way. BB would like to propose they are given to the community.
- MR asked if there was vandalism on the Red Brick house. GM said the vandalism was people taking the ply wood off the outside of the building and termite monitoring stations, and there was cattle coming near the property so they have put up a fence around.
- Annual Compliance Inspections are scheduled for the week commencing 19 October 2026.
- CHWG and CHAG meetings planned during Oct/Nov.
- Date finalisation and Notice of Meetings circulated over coming weeks.

Management Plans / Reporting

Refer to presentation

- Reporting
 - Annual Return Data for MTO submitted to EPA 29/5/2026 required by Environment Protection Licence 1976.
 - HRSTS Annual Reports 2025-2026 submitted to EPA for WML and MTO 11/06/2026.
- Independent Environmental Audit 3 yearly (in progress)
 - Development consent requirement SSD-6464 and SSD6465 – specific audit requirements in consents.
 - Onward Consulting were endorsed by DPHI on 9 April as the audit team.
 - Auditor undertook consultation with government agencies and CCC as required by IEA process.
 - Site visit occurred on the 6-7th May.

- Audit report submitted to DPHI 7 August 2026.
- Awaiting DPHI approval that the IEA meets development consent requirements prior to publishing on MTW website.
- IH said he tried to give them a report as a member of the CCC but was unable to. He said that it was not an independent audit if they have not interviewed members of the community. GM advised the process is that the auditors need to consult with government agencies, Council and the CCC, and that is why CCC received communication about the audit. IH advised he'd need to take the matter up with Department of Planning, and queried why have an independent report if CCC members don't get an opportunity to participate. GM suggested to have a look at audit guidelines and talk to Planning if desired. GM noted that the auditors did focus some of the audit on some items requested by CCC including air quality, social impacts, and health impacts.
- Management Plans
 - MTW will progress Management Plan updates for several management plans in 2026
 - Various other Environmental Management Plans will be updated in 2026 including Site Water Management Plan, Heritage Management Plan and Environmental Management Strategy.

Community Information Session

- MTW hosted a Community Information Session Thursday 18 June 2026, 4-7pm.
- Flyers were sent out to local community and the session was also advertised on Council's electronic sign boards in Bulga, Broke and Singleton and shared on local community social media pages.
- GM said that the session was very well received by both community attendees and MTW staff. Community members appreciated the opportunity to attend and valued MTW's willingness to be open and transparent about its operations. Material prepared prior to the session covered topics including – rehab, environmental management, noise management, community and economic contribution, people and workforce. GM noted we'd be looking to do another event later in the year, and we'd have another newsletter in coming weeks too.
- IH said it was quite a good night. He added that it was a bit disappointing that more people didn't turn up as he expected some people who complain to turn up but they didn't.
- KW said of the 12 families he spoke too, 7 are vendors and won't speak up.
- SM said a lot more people would turn up if they replicated what Bulga does with food. IH said he thinks the more genuine people turned up who weren't there just for a feed.
- BB said it was good and noted the timing didn't work for everyone. GM and TV said maybe the next one they will make it if it's a different time.

MTW Community Support Program 2027

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on the MTW Community Support Program. Urged CCC to share with their community groups.
- Applications are available on the MTW website (<http://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-warkworth/>)
- Applications close 25 September 2026.

MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement - Update

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on VPA projects and recent meeting
- BB added that for one of the proposed projects for the Bulga School House Singleton Council did not approve a restaurant its only approved for a renovation. IH and GM agreed that the approved project is for the renovation of the Bulga School House.
- SM noted that they are currently confirming costs for the renovation project and will keep community informed as this progresses. BB noted she is assisting this project.

Community Amenity Tank Cleaning

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on the Community Amenity Tank Cleaning
- Invitation to participate remains open.
- During 2026 works at 7 residences comprised of:
 - 11 tanks cleaned
 - 6 filtered water tap sets installed
 - 6 primary filters installed
 - Supply of replacement and spare filters
- Program now in 10th year of operation – commenced Q4 2016.
- Program remains ongoing. Please direct enquires to site.
- GM noted that MTW is also required to undertake additional visual mitigation for properties that can view dumps from their house. GM noted we have received one enquiry about this along the Inlet Road and are progressing this one.

Yancoal MTW First Aid Courses

Refer to presentation

- MTW continue to offer first aid courses. All sessions are open to Yancoal personnel, family members, contractors & local community.

9. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- IH asked if it would be possible for the next meeting to have a diagram to show what the final void will look like. GM said there is a Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan which is an approved plan from the Resources Regulator and is in the Rehabilitation Management Plan, noting he will send a link but will also have something for the next meeting.
- KW has a guest coming from Colorado and ask if he could come have a look at the mine. GM said yes to having a chat and for KW to pass on his details.
- SM said he asked GM earlier to inform the meeting as of the utilisation of the existing farm lands that Yancoal own in the Bulga area along the creek. GM showed a map of the Yancoal owned land. BB asked if they could find out the HVO land. GM said the community members will need to contact HVO and ask.

SM and BB asked if they could have a copy of the plan. GM said they could do that with something that is publicly available.

- SM said MTW put an advertisement in the local paper for grazing some of the land. GM said that was correct and that MTW aggregated some of the lots of land together to try to allow a larger grazier to bring more animals in rather than the small lots that are around individual houses as the houses are leased with a fence around them and the remaining rural part of the paddocks have been aggregated into a larger lot that was advertised through Baileys. That process finished and a rural tenant for grazing was successful.
- SM asked if they were able to separate the residential block from the rural paddocks. GM confirmed.
- SM said there has been discussion in parliament about foreign owned land and that China is out in the lead, is it correct of him to assume
- SM said in the reference he gave in the meeting two meetings ago in the minutes of the last meeting it was recorded only that SM read a memo regarding dust and that he had gone to a lot of time to research facts on dust problems in Bulga, but there was two pages of a verbal disagreement between the mine manager and one of the CCC members. SM indicated that he provided a copy of the statement to GM and asked if there was intention to hide that away or was this overlooked. GM said that the minutes were circulated and there was opportunity to comment if there was not enough in the minutes and ask to make changes to it. GM noted that CCC members bring different materials to the meetings e.g. IH dust presentations which are not minuted word for word but the discussion around this does get minuted. GM noted it if anyone has comments on minutes, make the comments and these have always been addressed. SM said he will send it straight to the department then. BB would like to suggest that it is put in as an amendment to the minutes. CG indicated he'd be happy to do that.

Action 3: Diagram to be provided at next meeting to show the final void at MTW.

Action 4: CG to arrange amended minutes to be prepared for March 2026 meeting to address SM comments

11. NEXT MEETING

Next CCC Meeting: Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 12:30pm.

CG thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

MEETING CLOSED 2:39 pm.

Actions Summary

Action 1: MTW to consult with Chairperson on process for alternate member to CCC.

Action 2: IH to provide location of pink tree guards which have been reported to him as an issue on adjoining Crown Land managed by Council.

Action 3: Diagram to be provided at next meeting to show the final void at MTW.

Action 4: CG to arrange amended minutes to be prepared for March 2026 meeting to address SM comments.



Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)

Community Consultative
Committee (CCC)

Wednesday 3 September 2026

Time:

12:30pm

Location:

MTW Boardroom

Independent Chairperson:

Col Gellatly

Minutes:

Atlantech (on behalf of Chair)

Reaching new horizons together



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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 have signed CoC form – and need to annually confirm acceptance of the code of conduct.

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 – Committee must discuss terms of reference and all members must confirm the terms of reference annually.



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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 Mulhearn - 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	GM to provide a list of what VPA funded activities to BB.	Provided to BB, and all CCC on 3 July 2026. Singleton Council publishes information about the MTW VPA Community Committee, eligibility, application processes, and agenda/minutes of meetings, listing of projects on their website: https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/Council/Community-Funding-Programs/VPA-Community-Committees/Mount-Thorley-Warkworth-VPA-Community-Committee
2.	Next CCC invite to be sent out as an Outlook invite.	Meeting invite was sent to all CCC members.

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5. Correspondence

- 11/06/2026 - MTW Community Information Session - Bulga Community Centre
- 16/06/2026 - MTW CCC Q2 2026 - Draft Minutes
- 1/07/2026 - MTW CCC Q2 2026 - Final Minutes
- 19/08/2026 - MTW CCC Q3 2026 - Thurs 3 September 2026 - Draft Agenda
- 21/08/2026 - MTW Community Support Program 2027 - Applications Open!!
- 21/08/2026 - MTW CCC Q3 2026 - Thurs 3 September 2026 - Business Papers
- 31/08/2026 - Registrations open - 2026 Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Community Forum

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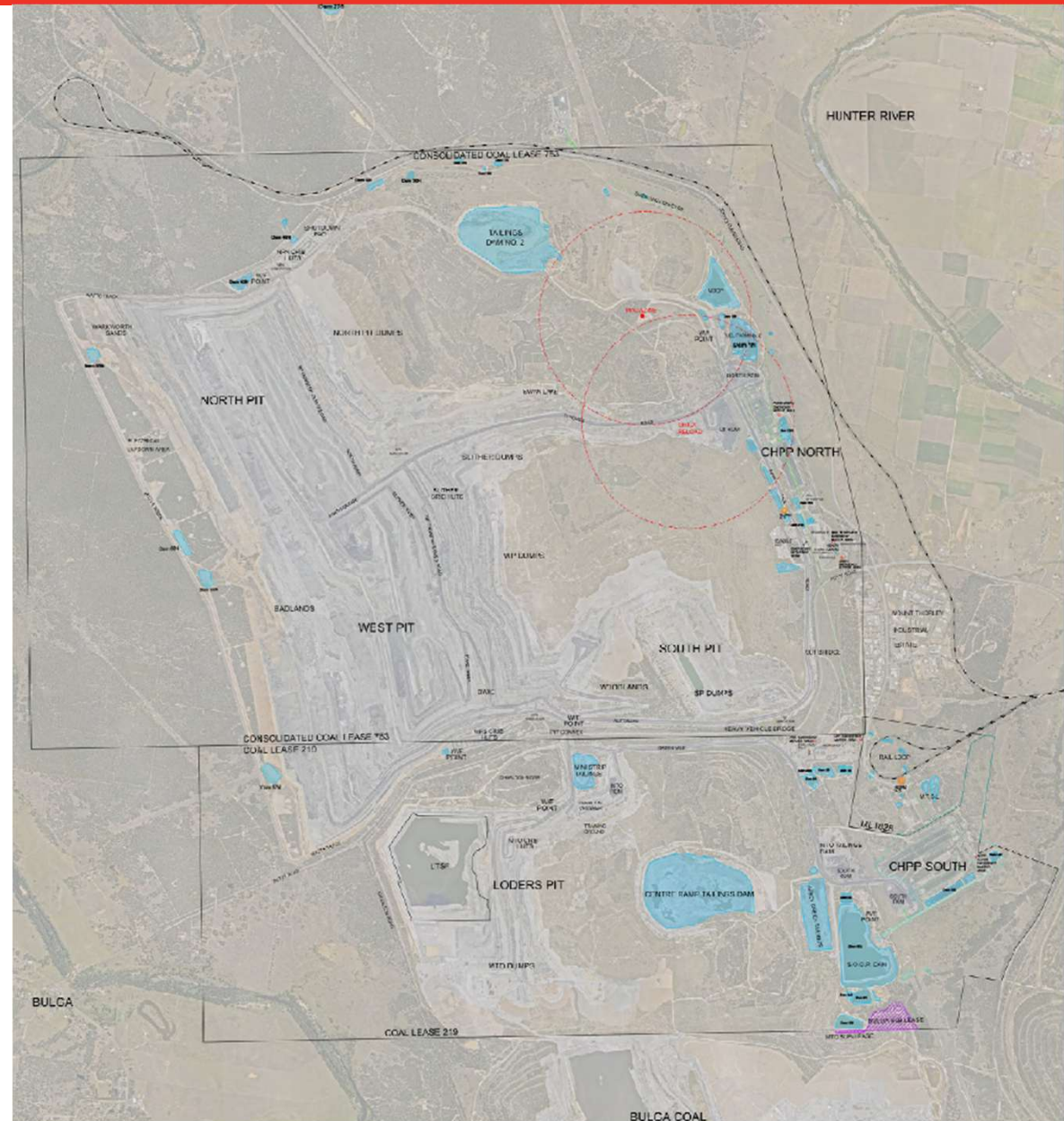
- Opportunity for community members to raise new enquiries earlier in the meeting.

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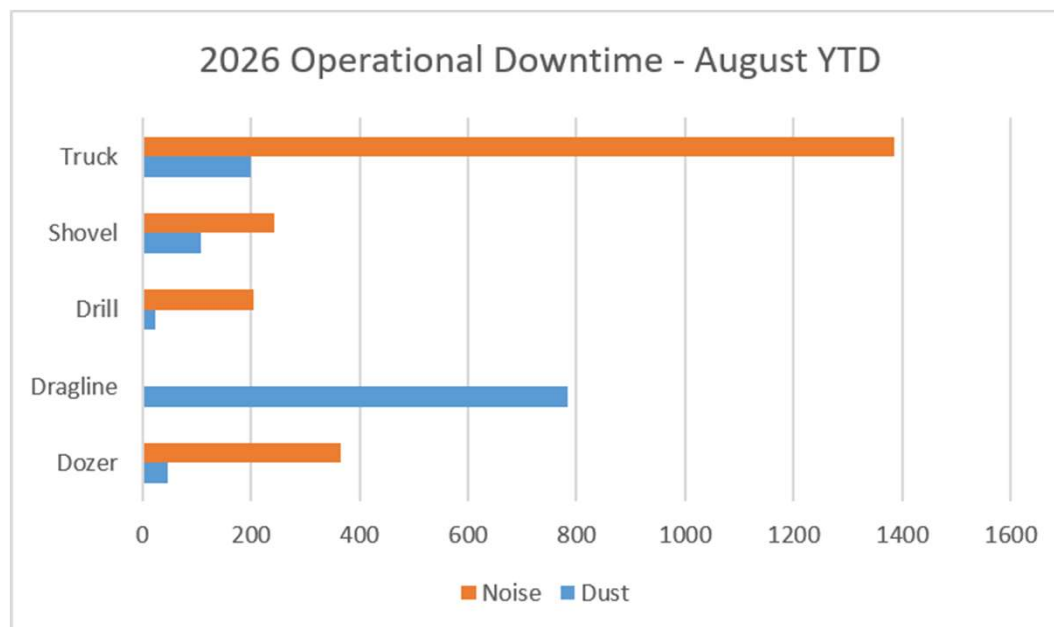
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MTW Operations

- 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.



MTW Operations



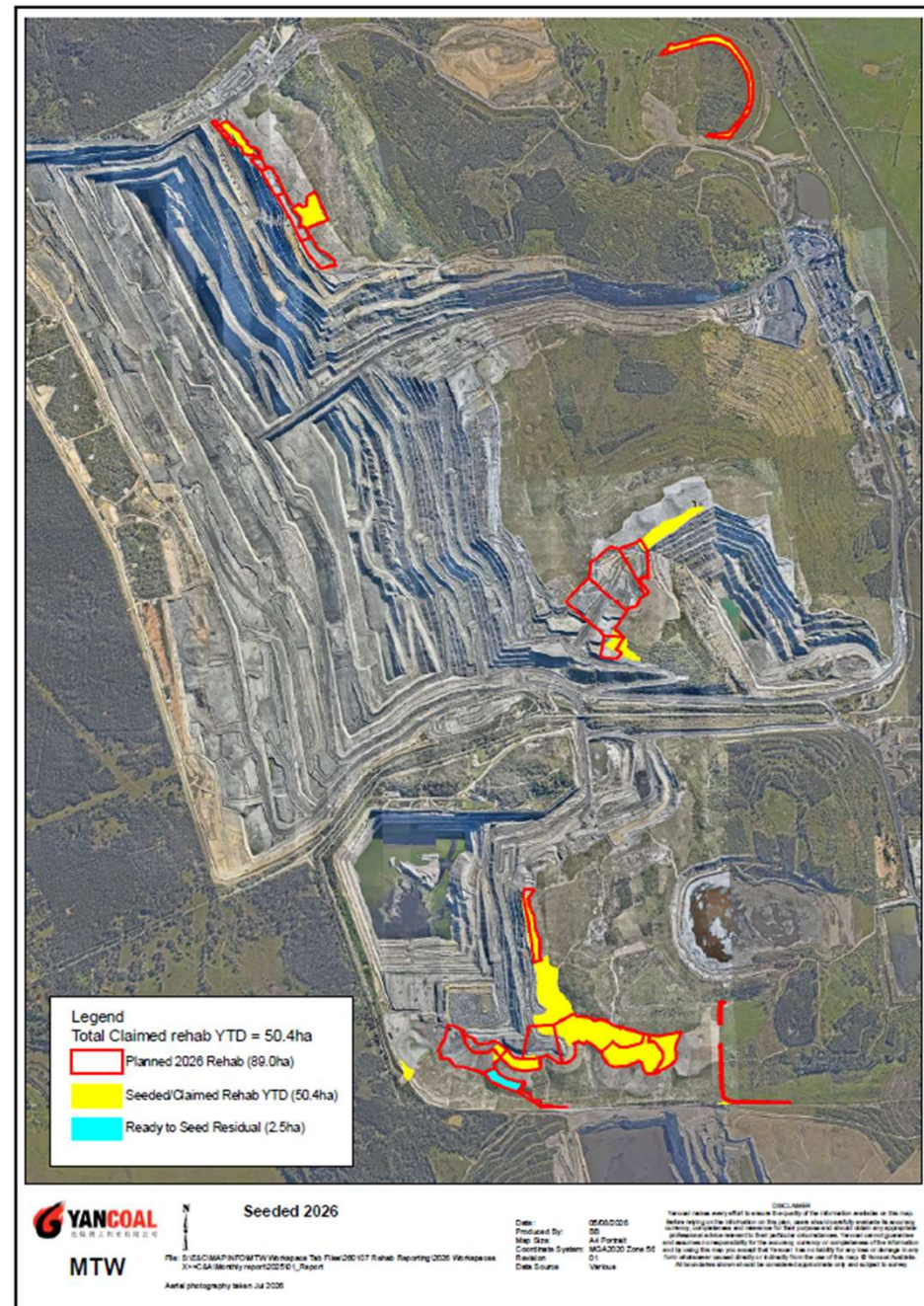
MTW CRO Noise Monitoring YTD			
	# CRO Assessments	# Individual assessment above trigger	# Nights above with assessment above trigger
2026 (YTD)	4535	65	30
2025	8557	157	66
2024	7599	161	81
2023	7293	143	66

MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Rehabilitation planned for 2026 – 89Ha seeded (shown in red).

Progress to end July 2026:

- 84.7Ha of dump released for rehab; and 45.8ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped.
- 50.4Ha of area seeded / claimed rehabilitation (shown in yellow).



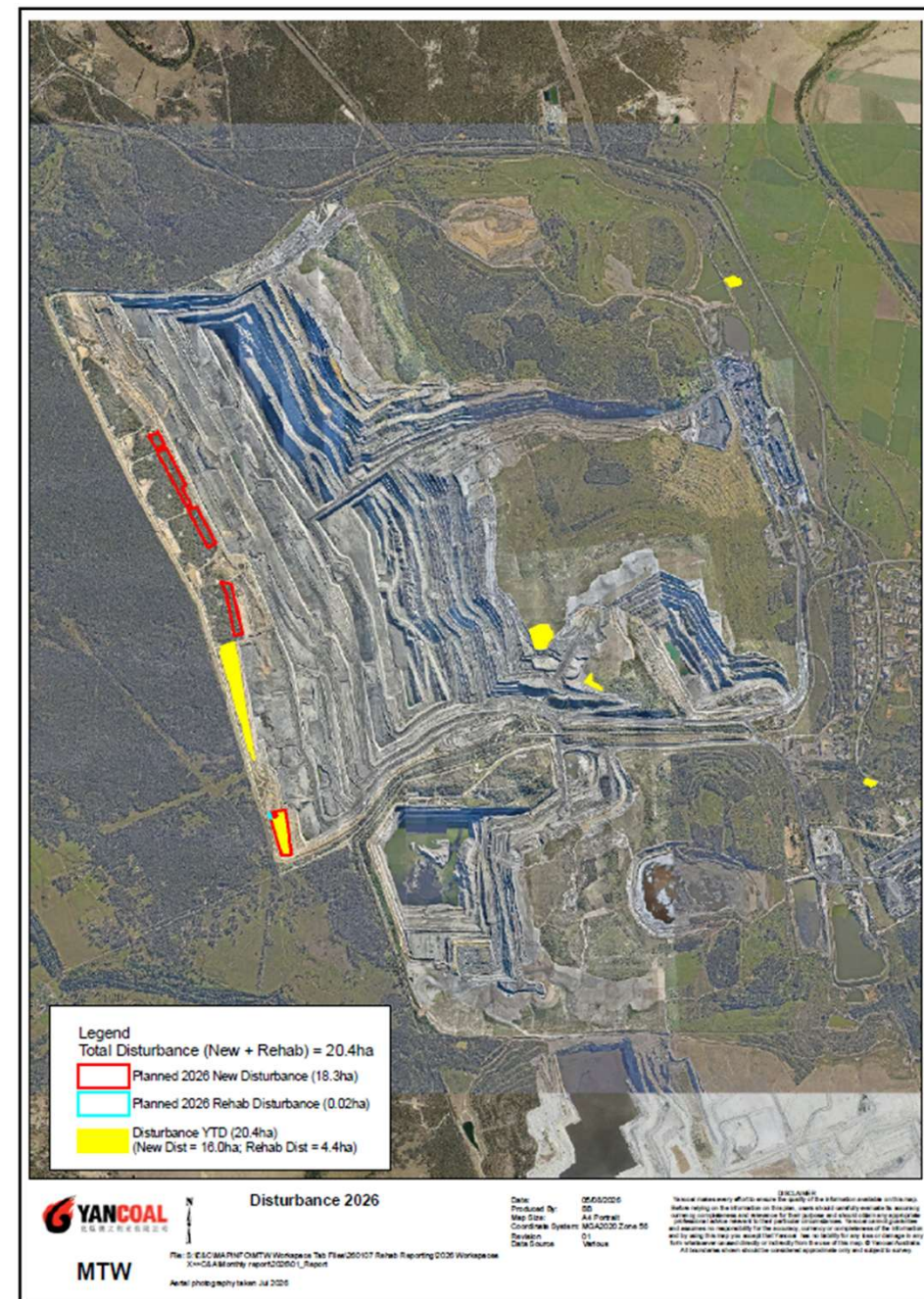
MTW Operations – Rehabilitation/ Disturbance

Disturbance forecast for 2026 –
18.3Ha

Progress to end of July 2026:

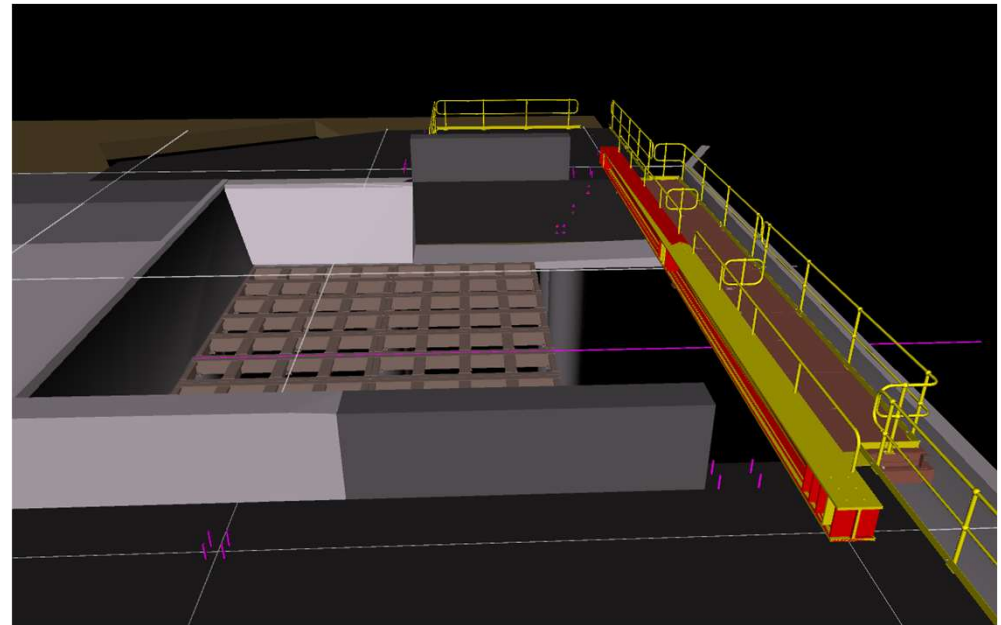
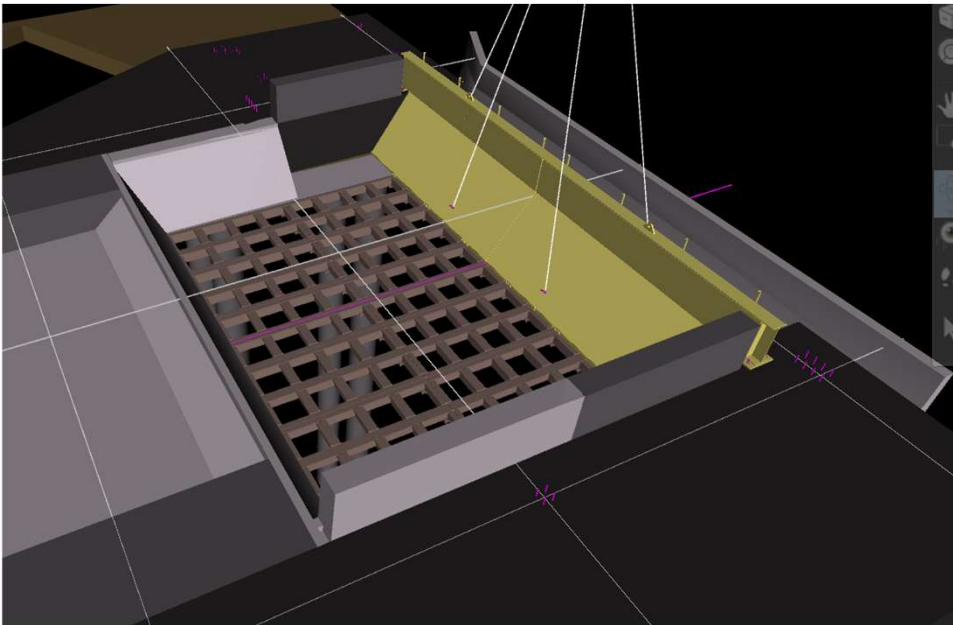
- Disturbed = 16.1 Ha

Visual bund hydromulch completed
July.



MTW Dust Improvement - South CHPP ROMs

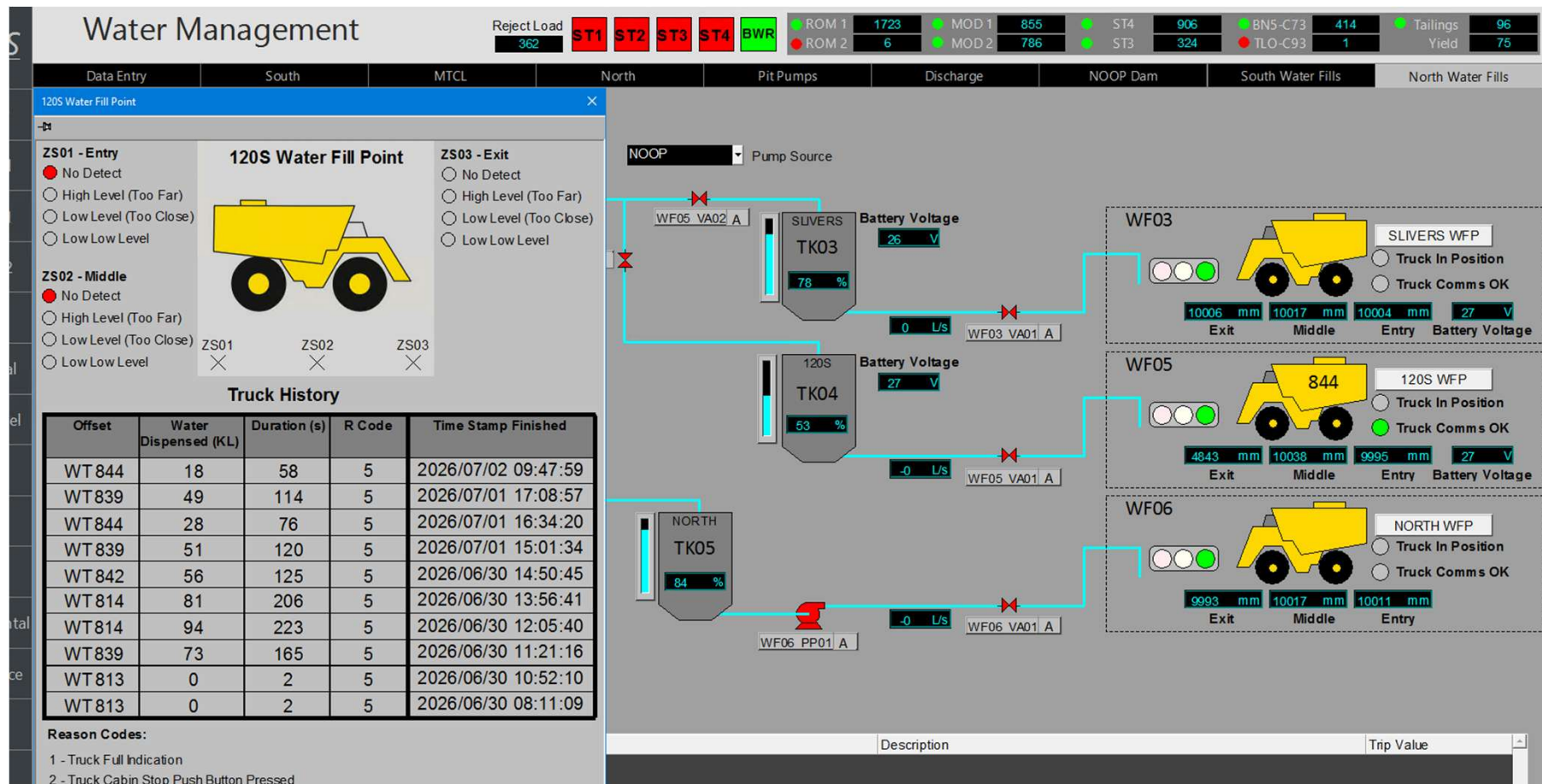
- As part of MTW's commitment to dust reduction, two new dust hoods are planned at the South CHPP ROMs, with an estimated completion by **September 2027**.
- During September 2026 ROM 1 will receive edge barrier. New water sprays will be installed on top of the edge barrier to improve dust mitigation. These sprays will be attached onto the upright uni-struts shown on the beam in the diagram.
- At the same time as the new edge barrier is Installed, a new rear platform (coloured Brown in the diagram) will also be installed along with the HOOD rear supporting beam. This is the required prework to be completed prior to the installation of the HOOD walls and roof.



MTW Dust Improvement Waterfill Control System

- MTW has continued developments of improvements of Water Fill point control system.

Water Fill Points				Tanks						Pumps	
Location	Status	Location	Status	Location	Level	Status	Location	Level	Status	Location	Status
WF01 - South	FAULT	WF05 - 120s	HEALTHY	TK01 - South	29%	HEALTHY	TK04 - 120s	42%	FAULT	PS01 - South	RUNNING
WF02 - Loders	FAULT	WF06 - North	HEALTHY	TK02 - Charlton	80%	HEALTHY	TK05 - North	65%	FAULT	PS01 - Charlton	RUNNING
WF03 - Slithers	HEALTHY	WF07 - West Pit	HEALTHY	TK03 - Slithers	73%	HEALTHY				PP743 - 120s/Slithers	STOPPED
WF04 - Authobahn	HEALTHY									PP2720 - North	FAULT



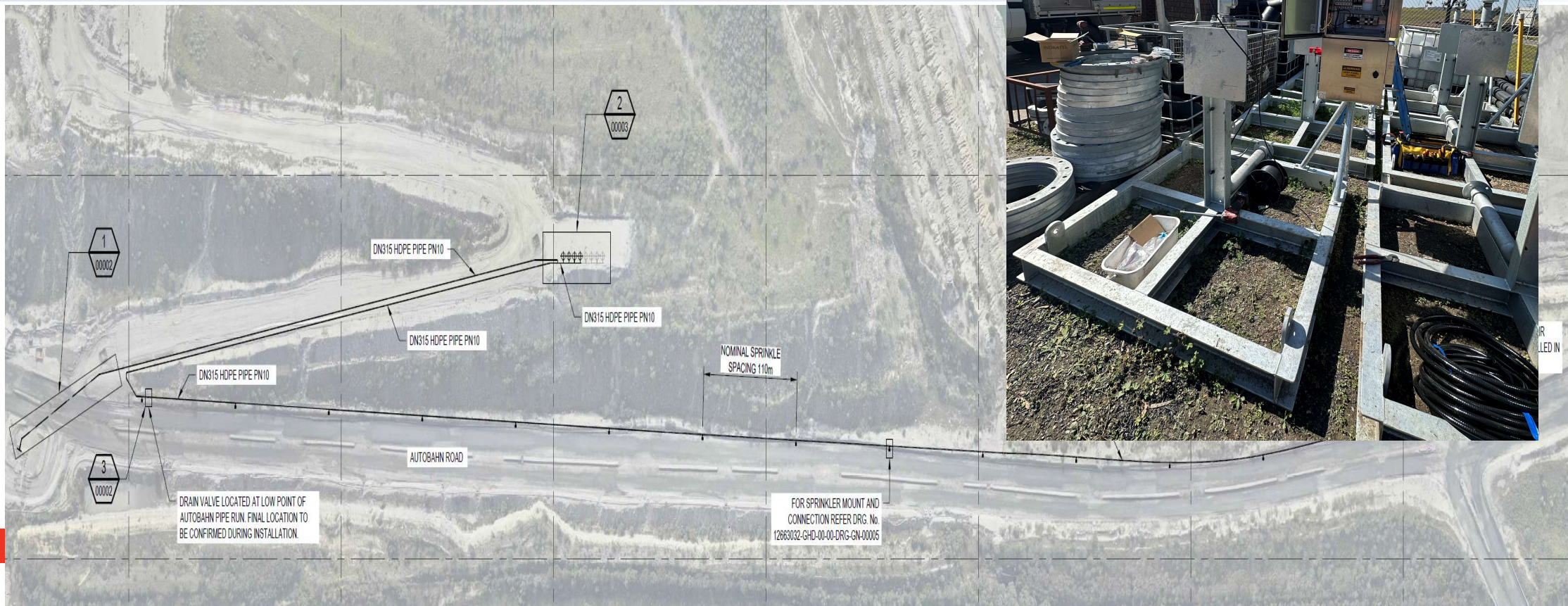
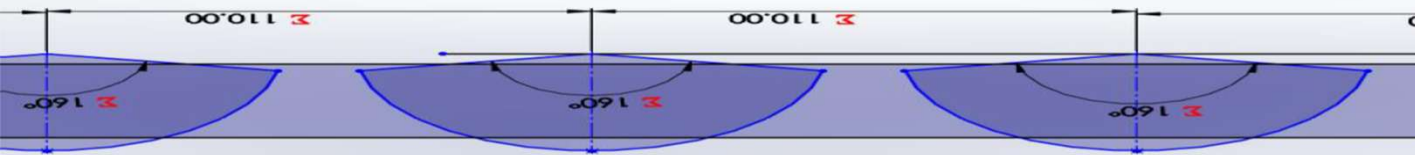
MTW Dust Improvement – 3 x New CAT789D Watercarts

- Following on from successful delivery & commissioning of three new CAT 789D watercarts at a cost of \$21M in November/December 2024.
- MTW brought forward the purchase of 3 x additional CAT 789D watercarts. Orders were placed in October 2025 (Approx \$8M each).
- Delivery of the 3 x new watercarts from September 2026
- The 789D configuration delivers:
 - a tank capacity of 160kL
 - State of the art digital spray systems
 - High utilisation levels



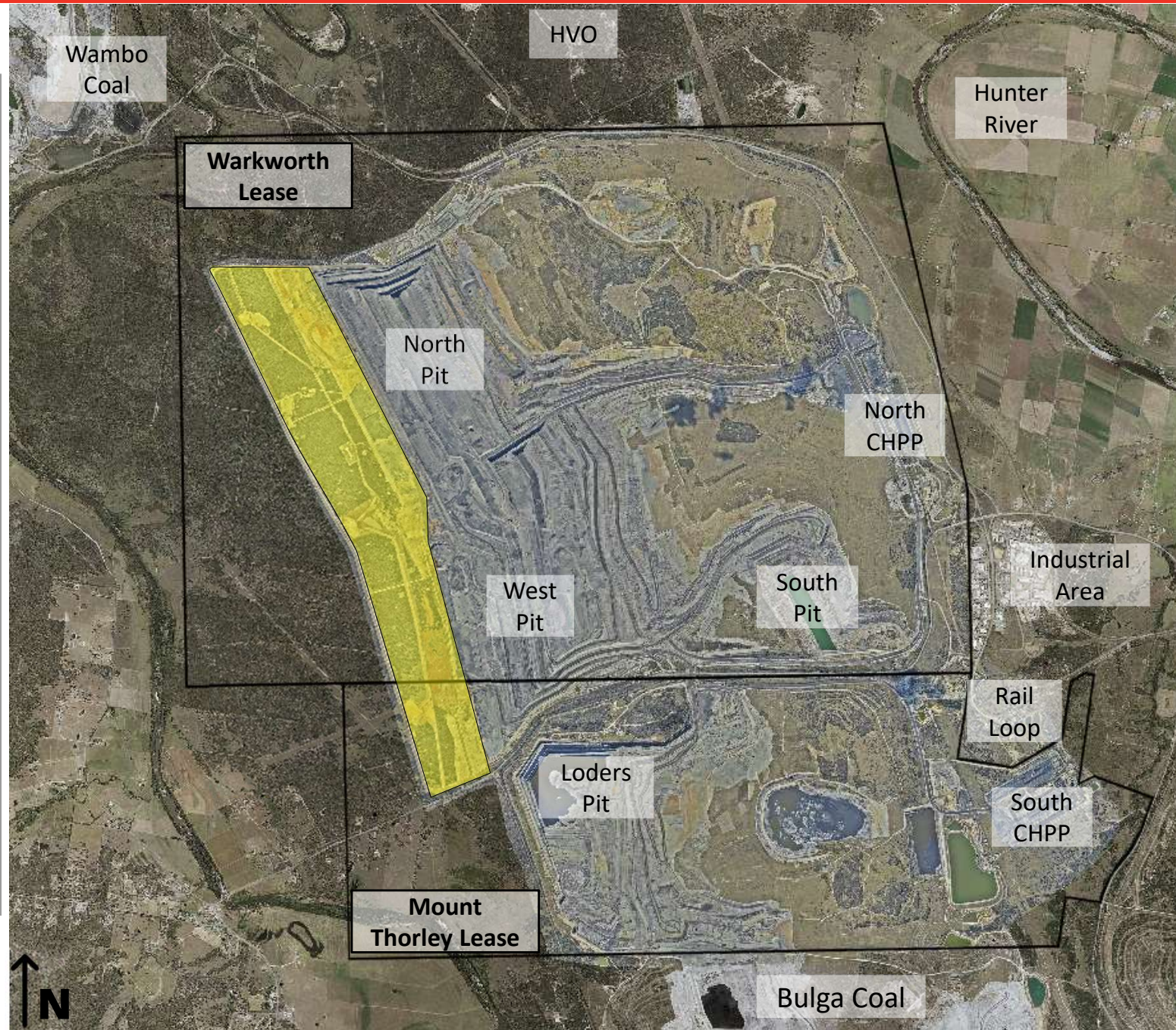
MTW Dust Improvement Automated Haul Road Watering

- Polypipe crossings complete across main haul road.
- Spray units manufactured, and being fitted out to be ready for install.
- Planned completion Q4 2026.



Exploration Drilling 2026

- Exploration drilling started in February 2026 and has been completed.
- All exploration sites were on Yancoal owned land and mining tenements.
- Exploration took place within the yellow polygon and no drilling activities occurred outside the disturbance limit.
- Drilling for the 2026 program was completed earlier than initially planned due to reassessment of the data requirements.
- Planning for the 2027 program is in progress and will take into account the holes deferred from 2026.



MTW Biodiversity Areas - Location

Location of the Warkworth Mine Biodiversity Areas
Management Plan 2022



Figure 1



MTW Vertebrate Pest Management

2026 programs undertaken YTD:

- Vertebrate pest thermal ground shoot at Goulburn River Biodiversity Area in Autumn; Two feral pigs and three foxes were controlled.
- Wild deer ground shoot at Bowditch Biodiversity Area in Autumn; Seven feral deer and three foxes were controlled.
- Cat and fox trapping program at MTW (onsite) in January; One feral cat controlled
- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Autumn; 90 fox takes, 8 dog takes and 2 pig takes
- Noisy Miner programs at the Goulburn River and Bowditch Biodiversity Areas in Autumn; 209 and 81 Noisy Miner's controlled respectively

Note: A pair of nesting Regent Honeyeaters were observed at the Putty Biodiversity Area during 2026 biennial bird monitoring

- Cage trapping targeting feral pigs at MTW (onsite) and SBA in Winter; numbers pending report

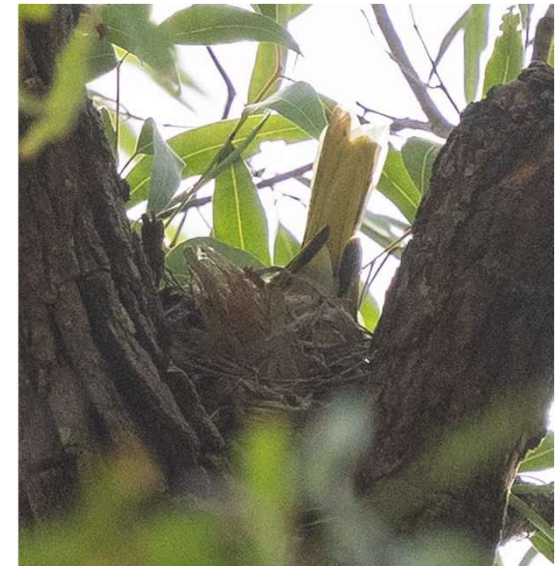
The following 2026 programs have been scheduled:

- 1080 ground baiting programmes targeting wild dogs and foxes at MTW and all Biodiversity Areas in Spring
- Additional programs as required

The 2026 vertebrate pest programs will be coordinated with LLS and other large landholders in the area so programs are undertaken at the same time across the broader Hunter Valley area.



Regent Honeyeater (one of pair) at Putty BA, Autumn 2026



Regent Honeyeater nest at Putty BA, Autumn 2026

MTW and Local BA Weed Management

Weeds targeted in MTW operational and local Biodiversity Areas in Q2 2026 included:

- African Box Thorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*)
- African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*)
- Blue Heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*)
- Brazilian Nightshade (*Solanum seaforthianum*)
- Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)
- Coolatia Grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*)
- Creeping Pear (*Opuntia humifusa*)
- Flinders Range Wattle (*Acacia iteaphylla*)
- Galenia (*Galenia pubescens*)
- Golden Wreath Wattle (*Acacia saligna*)
- Green Cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*)
- Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- Mother of Millions (*Bryophyllum delagoense*)
- Peppercorn Tree (*Schinus molle*)
- Prickly Pear (*Opuntia sp.*)
- Rhodes Grass (*Chloris gayana kunth*)
- Silky Oak (*Grevillea robusta*)
- Tiger Pear (*Opuntia aurantiaca*)



Mother of Millions sprayed at Charlton Ridge



African Boxthorn cut and painted at Dam 4N, WML



African Boxthorn before cut and paint, SBA3

MTW Weed Management



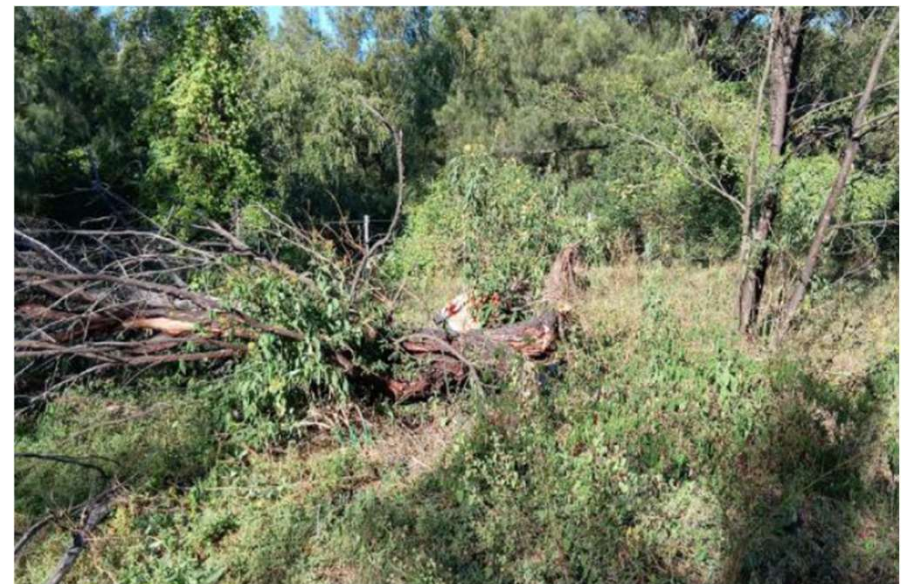
Cut and paint method used on Peppercorn Trees (before), SBA3



Mother of Millions after being sprayed, SBA3



Lantana targeted using cut and paint (before), SBA3



Scrape and paint being performed on Green Cestrum, SBA5

Regional BA Weed Management

Weeds targeted in MTW Regional Biodiversity Areas in Q1 & Q2 2026:

- African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*)
- African Olive (*Olea europaea*)
- Blackberry (*Rubus anglocandicans*)
- Blue Heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*)
- Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)
- Blue Passionflower (*Passiflora caerulea*)
- Cadaghi (*Corymbia torelliana*)
- Cats Claw Creeper (*Dolichandra unguis-cati*)
- Creeping Pear (*Opuntia stricta*)
- Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*)
- Galenia (*Galenia pubescens*)
- Green Cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*)
- Honey Locust (*Gleditsia sp.*)
- Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*)
- Lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- Moth Vine (*Araujia sericifera*)
- Mother of Millions (*Bryophyllum delagoense*)
- Mudgee Wattle (*Acacia spectabilis*)
- Noogoora Burr (*Xanthium strumarium*)
- Passionfruit (*Passiflora edulis*)
- Peppercorn Tree (*Schinus molle*)
- Prickly Pear (*Opuntia stricta*)
- Ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisifolia*)
- Rhodes Grass (*Chloris gayana*)
- Robinia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- Silky Oak (*Grevillea robusta*)
- Sticky Nightshade (*Solanum sisymbirifolium*)
- Telegraph Weed (*Heterotheca grandiflora*)
- Thistle (various)
- Trad (*Tradescantia fluminensis*)
- Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)
- Whiskey Grass (*Andropogon virginicus*)
- Wild Tobacco (*Solanum mauritianum*)
- Willow (*Salix sp.*)
- Yucca (*Yucca sp.*)



Prickly Pear after spraying, GRBA



Mother of Millions spot sprayed, NRBA



Bridal Creeper spot sprayed, NRBA



Sticky Nightshade spot sprayed, Putty BA

NBA – WSW Autumn Planting Works



Full coverage planting area along the western boundary



Browsing deterrent was applied to plants prior to planting



Plants protected using corflute guards



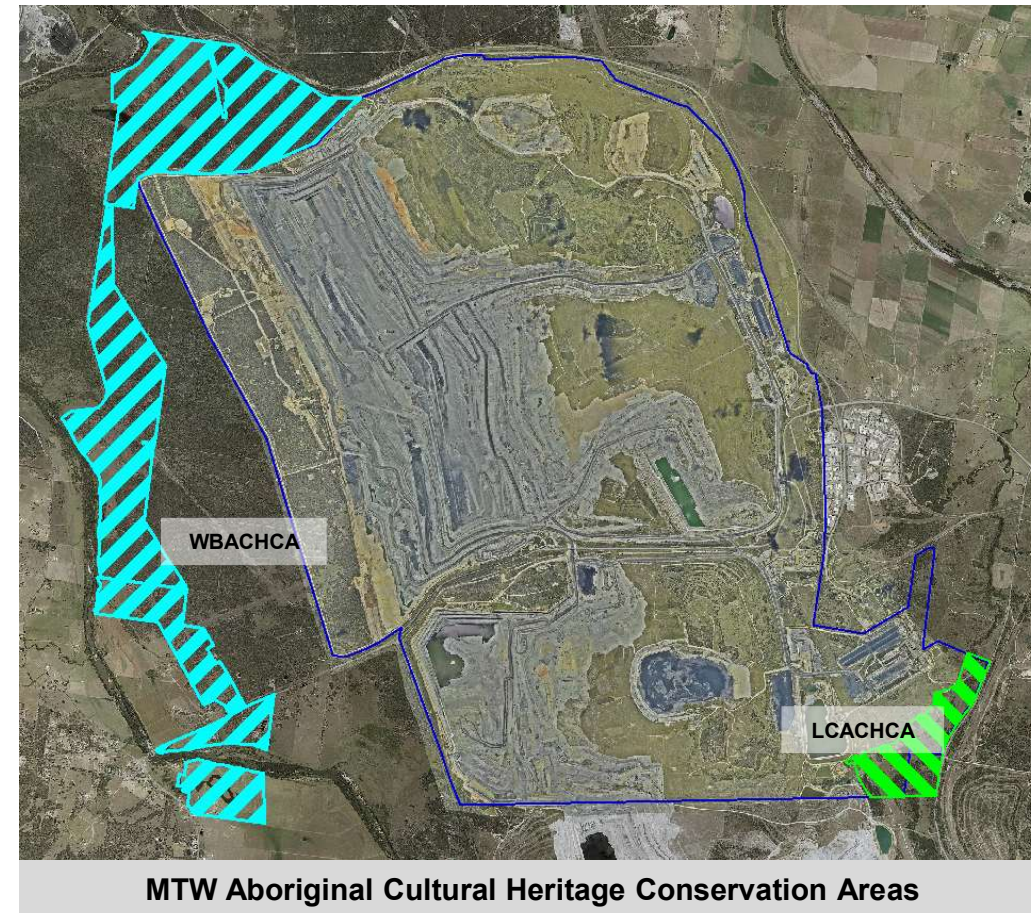
Plants watered in with Seasol

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 March 2026, April 2026, May 2026
- Appendix D – June 2026 MEMR to be provided at a later date.

Heritage Update

- Cultural Heritage Conservation Areas
 - NPWS Land Acquisitions and Dealings Team advised 12 Nov 2024 they have progressed documents relating to the registration of conservation agreements to the Deputy Secretary NPWS for signing, after which the documents will be submitted to Land Registry Service for registration.
 - Awaiting status from NPWS of status with LRS.
- Land management works continued across WBACHCA / LCACHCA / Southern Biodiversity Areas under annual work plans
- Cultural Heritage Working Group (CHWG) meeting held 25 June 2026
- Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) meeting held 16 July 2026



Historic Heritage

■ Heritage Houses

- Routine grounds and termite management continued
- Identification and sourcing of specialist resources remains in-process



RAAF Cookhouse undertaking removal of woody regrowth



RAAF Cookhouse following removal of woodland regrowth

Heritage Houses schedule tracking

Updated: .31/08/2026

Updated: .31/08/2026						Mth / Qtr			25Q1			25Q2			25Q3			25Q4			26Q1			26Q2			26Q3			26Q4			27Q1		
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar						
	Status	Comment																																	
Heritage																																			
Springwood Homestead																																			
Current objective: stabilse building																																			
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed April 2024																																	
Initial prop & tie of walls	Complete	Completed August 2024																																	
Access upgrade (MR truck access)	Complete	Completed November 2025																																	
Tree removal	In progress	Sourcing quotes																																	
Structural stabilisation works (per Bligh Tanner)	Not Started																																		
Scope follow-on works	Not Started																																		
RAAF Cook House																																			
Current objectives: enable safe access, remove asbestos, stabilise																																			
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed April 2024																																	
Access upgrade (MR truck access)	Complete	Completed February 2026																																	
Remove asbbestos materials from surrounds	Not Started	Scoping inspection pending																																	
Remove tree from roof, surrounding trees	Not Started																																		
Initial prop & tie roof	Not Started																																		
Remove asbestos from internal footprint	Not Started																																		
Scope follow on works (incl. asbestos roof & wall removal)	Not Started																																		
Red Brick House																																			
Current objective: make weather-tight																																			
Structural Engineering Inspection	Complete	Completed April 2024																																	
Install curtilage fencing	Complete	New item, completed March 2026																																	
Scope roofing & gutter repairs	Not Started	Identifying professional support																																	
Roof & gutter repairs	Not started																																		
Scope follow on works	Not started																																		

Current

Heritage Meetings

- Annual Compliance Inspections scheduled for **Week Commencing 19 October**
- **CHWG & CHAG** meetings planned during Oct/Nov
- Date finalisation and Notice of Meetings circulated over coming weeks

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Community												
CCC		X			X			X			X	

Historic Heritage												
CHAG				X						X		
Heritage Inspection										X		

Cultural Heritage												
PMIG		X			X			X			X	
CHWG			X						X			
ACH Inspection									X			

Timings are indicative. Notice of meetings, meeting dates, and call for agenda items will occur in period prior to meetings in normal manner.

Management Plans / Reporting / Audit

Reporting

- **Annual Return Data for MTO** submitted to EPA 29/5/2026 required by Environment Protection Licence 1976.
- **HRSTS Annual Reports 2025-2026** submitted to EPA for WML and MTO 11/06/2026.

Independent Environmental Audit – 3 yearly (in progress)

- Development consent requirement for development consents SSD-6464 and SSD-6465-Specific audit requirements in consents.
- Onward Consulting were the audit team endorsed by DPHI 9 April 2026.
- Auditor undertook consultation with government agencies and CCC as required by IEA process.
- Site visit occurred 6-7 May 2026.
- Audit report submitted to DPHI 7 August 2026.
- Awaiting DPHI approval the IEA meets development consent requirements prior to publishing on MTW website.

Management Plans

Management Plans

- MTW will progress Management Plan updates for several management plans:
 - Various other Environmental Management Plans will be updated in 2026 including Site Water Management Plan, Heritage Management Plan and Environmental Management Strategy.

MTW Community Information Session



MOUNT THORLEY WARKWORTH

Community Information Session

Drop in to meet our team and learn more about our operation – including current projects, environmental management commitments and community support initiatives. We look forward to welcoming our local community and keeping our neighbours informed and up to date.

Location

Bulga
Community Centre

Date

Thursday
18 June 2026

Time

Running from
4pm until 7pm



MTW hosted a **Community Information Session** Thursday 18 June 2026 4-7pm at the Bulga Community Centre.

Flyers were sent out to our local community and the session is also advertised on Council's Electronic Signs Boards in Bulga, Broke and Singleton and shared on local community social media pages.

MTW Community Information Session



It was an opportunity for our local community to meet some of our team, find out more about MTW, and ask any questions they may have directly, with some light refreshments.



MTW Community Information Session



- The session was very well received by both community attendees and MTW staff. Community members appreciated the opportunity to attend and valued MTW's willingness to be open and transparent about its operations. Material prepared prior to the session covered topics including – rehab, environmental management, noise management, community and economic contribution, people and workforce.
- This is a further step MTW has taken to improve community relations as part of an improved stakeholder engagement strategy.

MTW Community Support Program 2027

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 2027 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:
<https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-warkworth/>

Applications close 25th September 2026.



- The MTW CSP is a great opportunity to reach out to your networks within the local community and urge them to put their community-minded idea into action and apply for funding.
- Application forms are available on the MTW website (<https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-warkworth/>).
- Applications close **25 September 2026.**



PATH WAY
PEOPLE



SAFE WAY
SAFETY



BETTER WAY
INNOVATION



RIGHT WAY
INTEGRITY



HIGH WAY
EXCELLENCE



Community update

MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement - Update

- After the January 2026 payment, MTW has contributed \$9.6M (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
- Meeting held 1 Sep 2026.
- Project updates were presented by Council and discussed. Notably, the Bulga Tennis Court refurbishment project has commenced.
- All VPA Community Committee agendas and minutes, and application processes are available on Singleton Council website.
- Applications for next VPA round have been advertised with flyers – **Closes October 2026.**
- <https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/Council/Community-Funding-Programs/VPA-Community-Committees/Mount-Thorley-Warkworth-VPA-Community-Committee>

Community Amenity – Tank Cleaning

- Amenity works recognising air quality contribution by MTW
 - Invitation to participate remains open
- Year to date 2026 works at 7 residences have included:
 - 11 tanks cleaned
 - 6 filtered water tap sets installed
 - 6 primary filters installed
 - Replacement filter supply
- Program now in 10th year of operation - commenced Q4 2016
- Program remains ongoing. Please direct enquiries to site.

2026 Yancoal MTW First Aid Courses



Month	Day / Date
Sept	Thursday 24 th
Oct	Thursday 15 th
Nov	Thursday 5 th



Location: South Admin Training Room

Time: 8:45am – 1.00pm

All participants will receive a Yeti drink bottle.

All sessions are open to Yancoal personnel, family members, contractors & local community.

To make a booking, please contact the Training Department via email: MTWTraining@yancoal.com.au

You will be required to include your Name, Email and mobile phone number.

Please ensure you undertake all pre-course training prior, which will be forwarded to you from the Training Department, upon initial booking.

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

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

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9. Other agenda items
10. General business
11. Next meeting

Other Agenda Items

- None requested – New Community member items addressed earlier in meeting.

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General Business

General Business – other?

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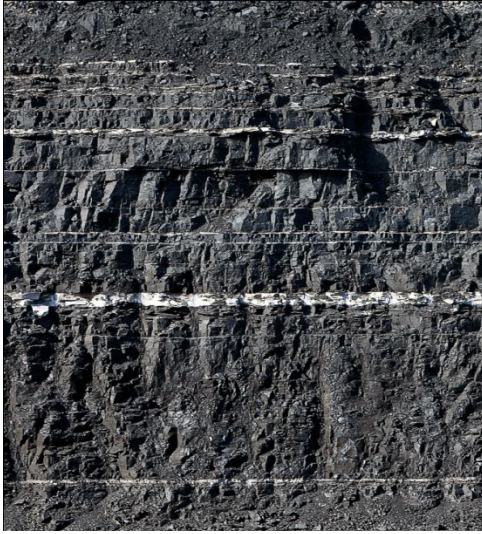
Future Dates

Next Meeting Date

Date: Weds – 4 November 2026

Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

Location: Boardroom, North Warkworth Building



Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

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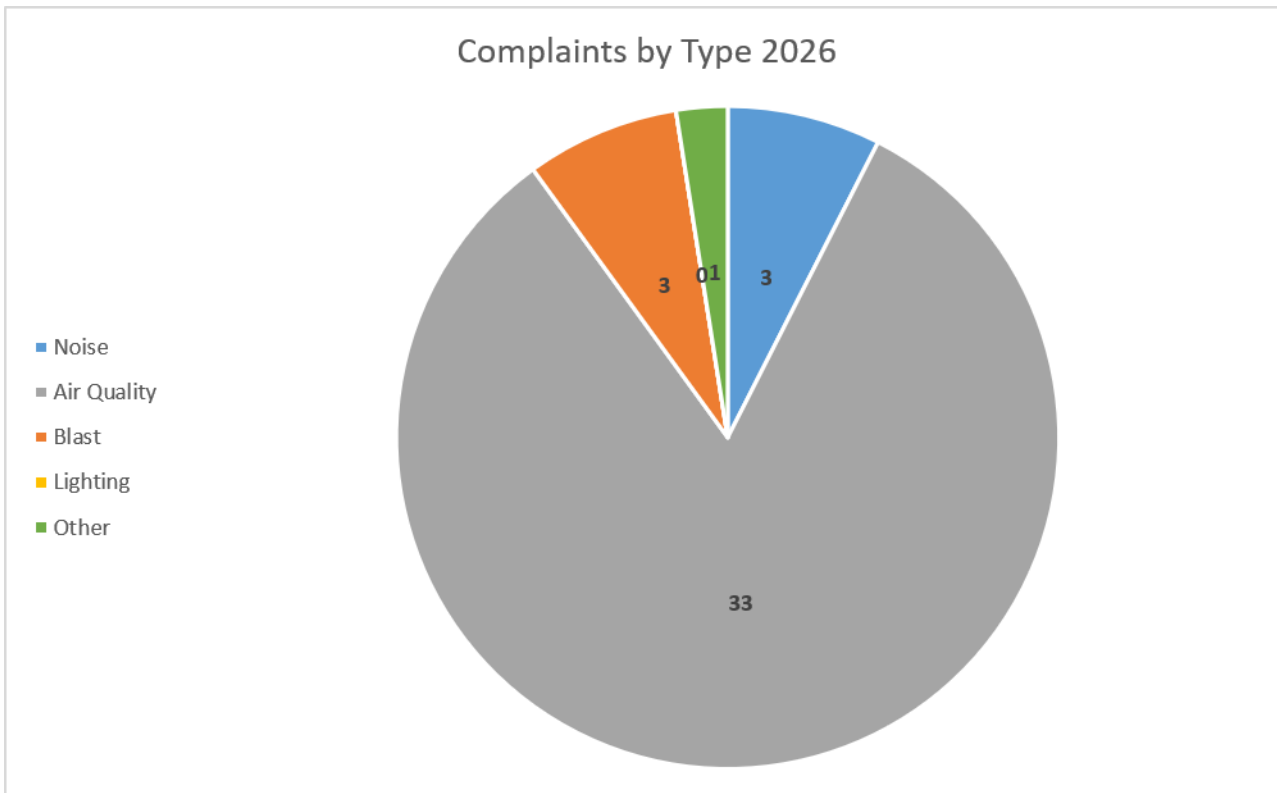
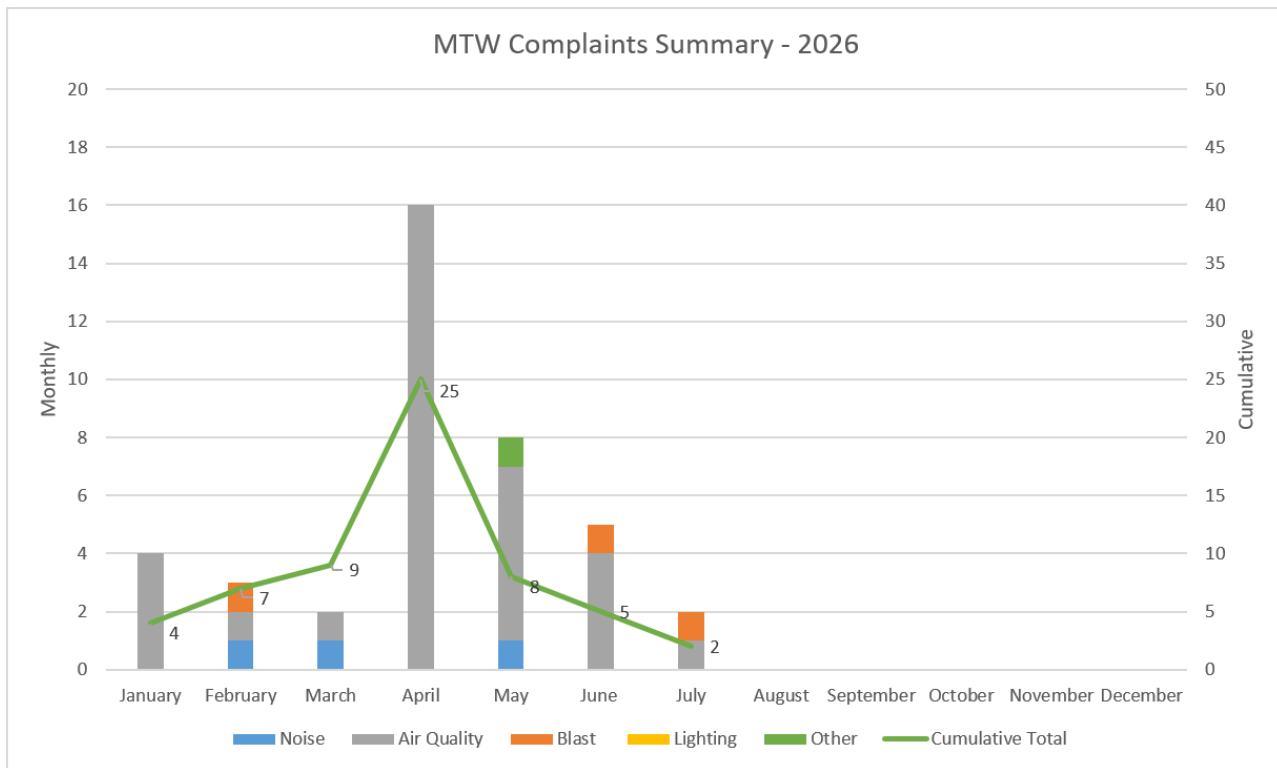
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- Appendix A – Environmental Monitoring Report April 2026
- Appendix B – Environmental Monitoring Report May 2026
- Appendix D – Environmental Monitoring Report June 2026 (to be provided at a later date)

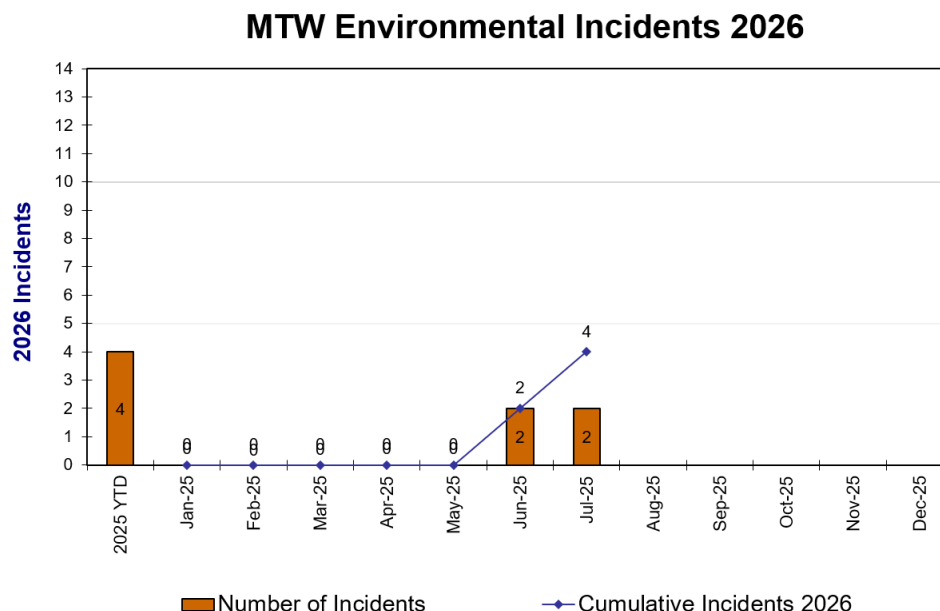
1 COMPLAINTS

Complaints overview for period – 1 January 2026 to 31 July 2026



2 INCIDENTS

Environmental incidents overview for period – 1 January 2026 to 31 July 2026



Incident Summary for the period 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026

Date	Details	Key Actions	Aspect
4/06/2026	Potential vibration exceedance at Bulga Village blast monitor	Notification and a written report was provided to EPA and DPHI. An investigation was undertaken, including third party blast specialists to review the potential cause. Investigation of the vibration result indicated the elevated result was caused by vibration reinforcement due to blast control and echelon row timing. There is some uncertainty whether an exceedance of the 10mm/sec blasting vibration limit occurred due to differing results at co-located blast monitors of the same type at the Bulga Village location (a second blast monitor located next to this unit recorded a result of 9.38 mm/sec for this event). Based on information to date, ground conditions and ground coupling for the vibration monitor are the possible cause. Investigation into the differing results and potential relocation to alternate location is continuing.	Blast

Date	Details	Key Actions	Aspect
19/06/2026	Diesel spill to ground at MTO fuel bay due to pipework failure	Pipework isolated, spill contained and cleaned up. Investigation commenced.	Hydrocarbon
20/07/2026	During attended noise monitoring there was an exceedance measured at Bulga Village, Wambo Road and Inlet Road monitoring location	DPHI and residents notified of noise exceedance. Follow up monitoring on 27/7/26 was within noise limits. DPHI and residents notified of return to limits. Written report submitted to DPHI on 28/7/26.	Noise
21/07/2026	Overpressure exceedance at Wollemi Peak Road blast monitor	Notification and a written report was provided to EPA and DPHI. An investigation was undertaken, including third party blast specialists to review the potential cause. The major contributor to the elevated overpressure at the Wollemi Peak Road monitor was the result of multi-hole tethering and blast delay timing sequences, which resulted in arrival of overpressure from multiple blastholes at the Wollemi Peak Road monitoring location. A minor contributing factor was the reduced blast confinement for blastholes that were less than 4m in depth, with an ejection of stemming observed on the front firing row which is indicative of reduced confinement. MTW will review blasting process with the aim to minimise risk of the cause occurring, and will continue to monitor impacts on recorded blast results.	Blast

3 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Monthly summaries of environmental monitoring:

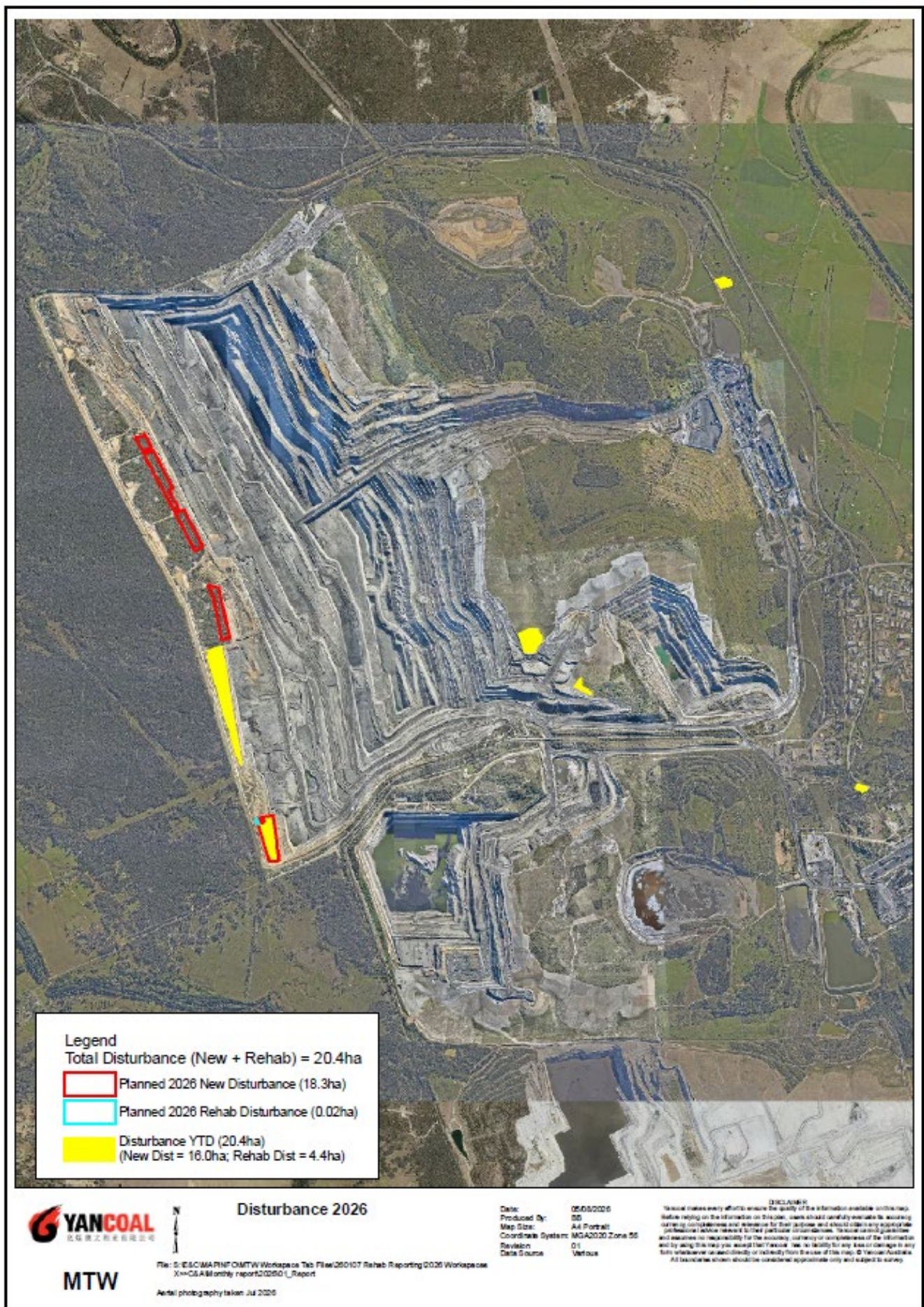
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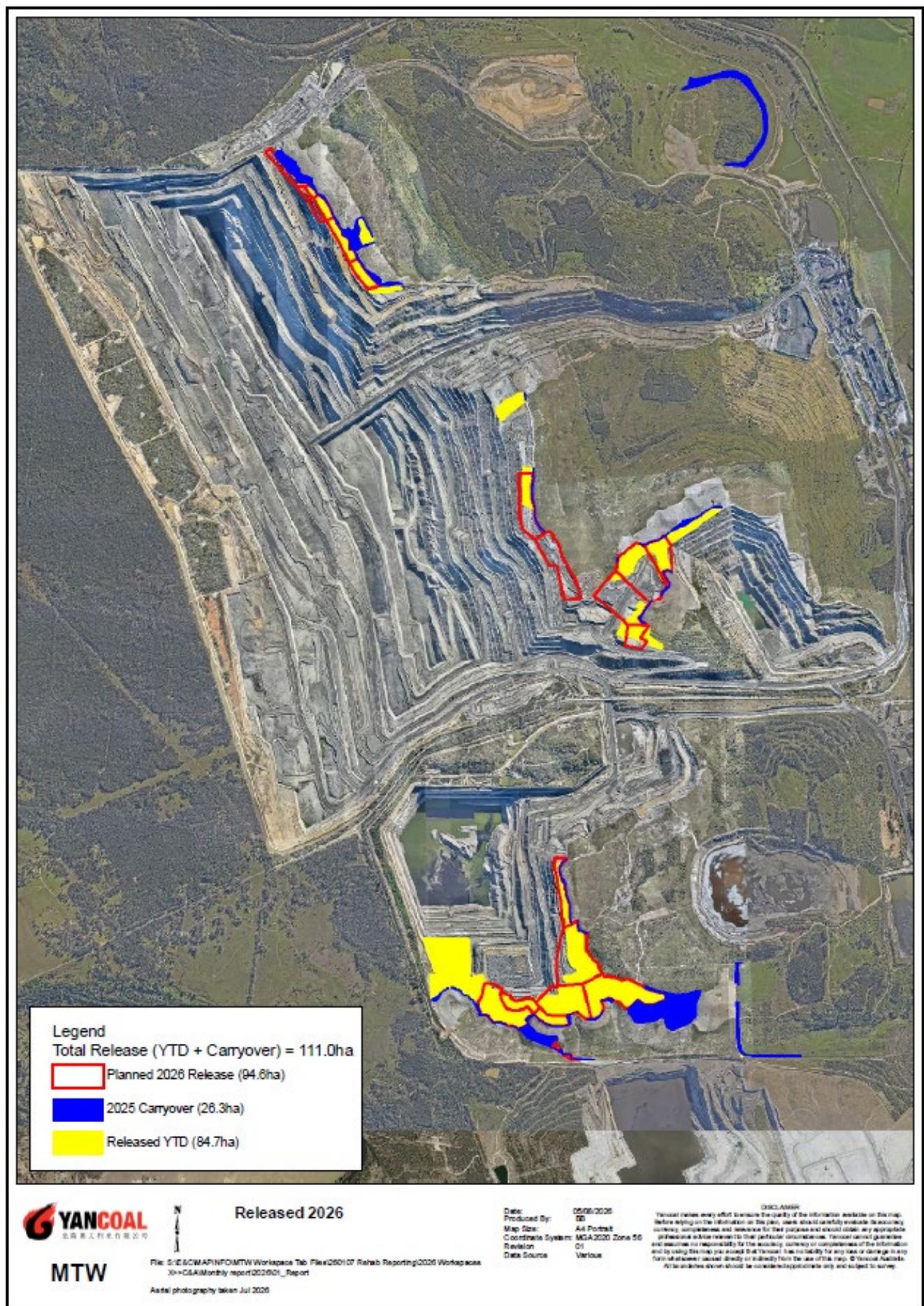
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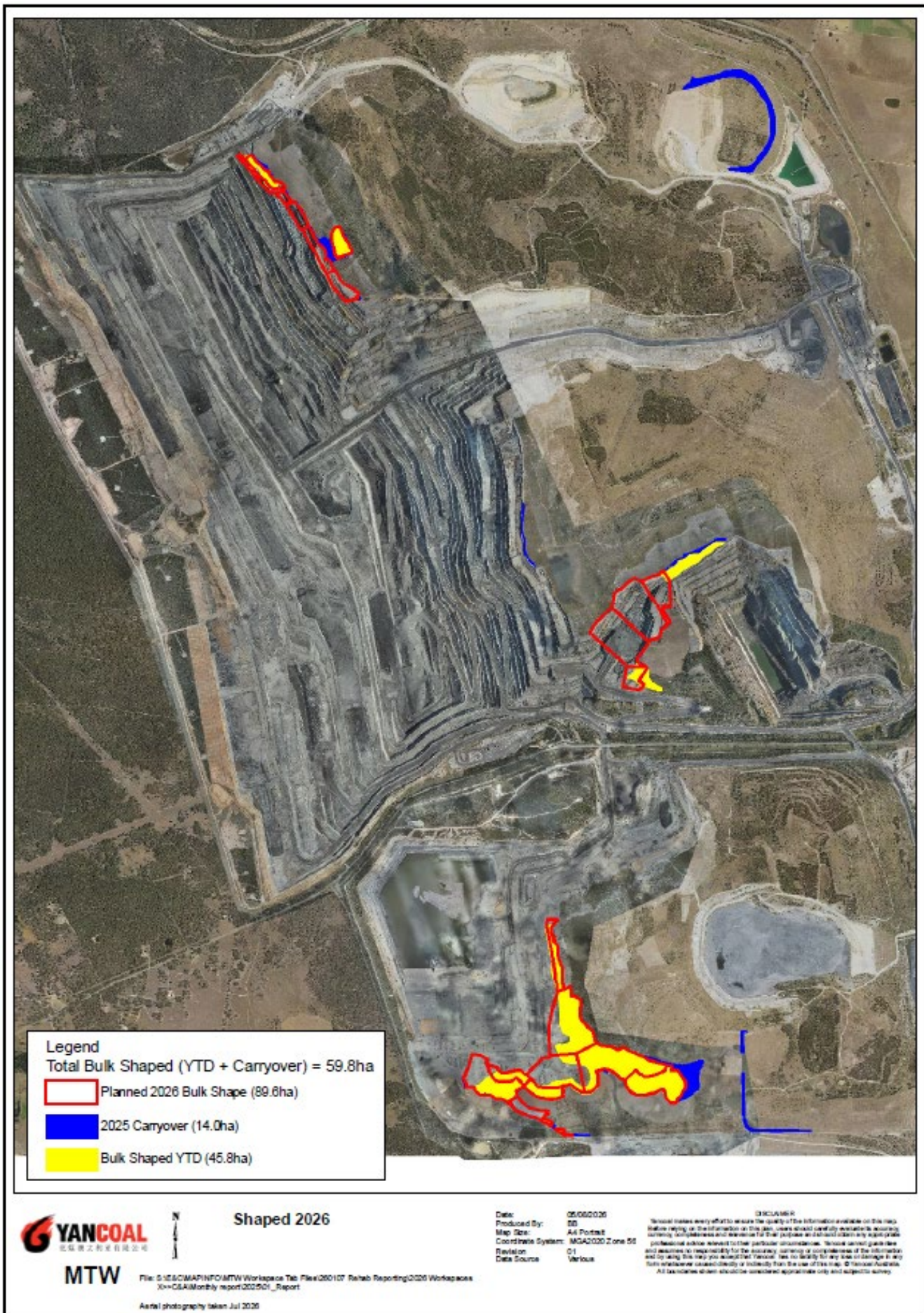
The rehabilitation planned for 2026 is 89ha which is consistent with the Rehabilitation Management Plan target for 2026 (89ha). The planned total disturbance is 18.3ha.

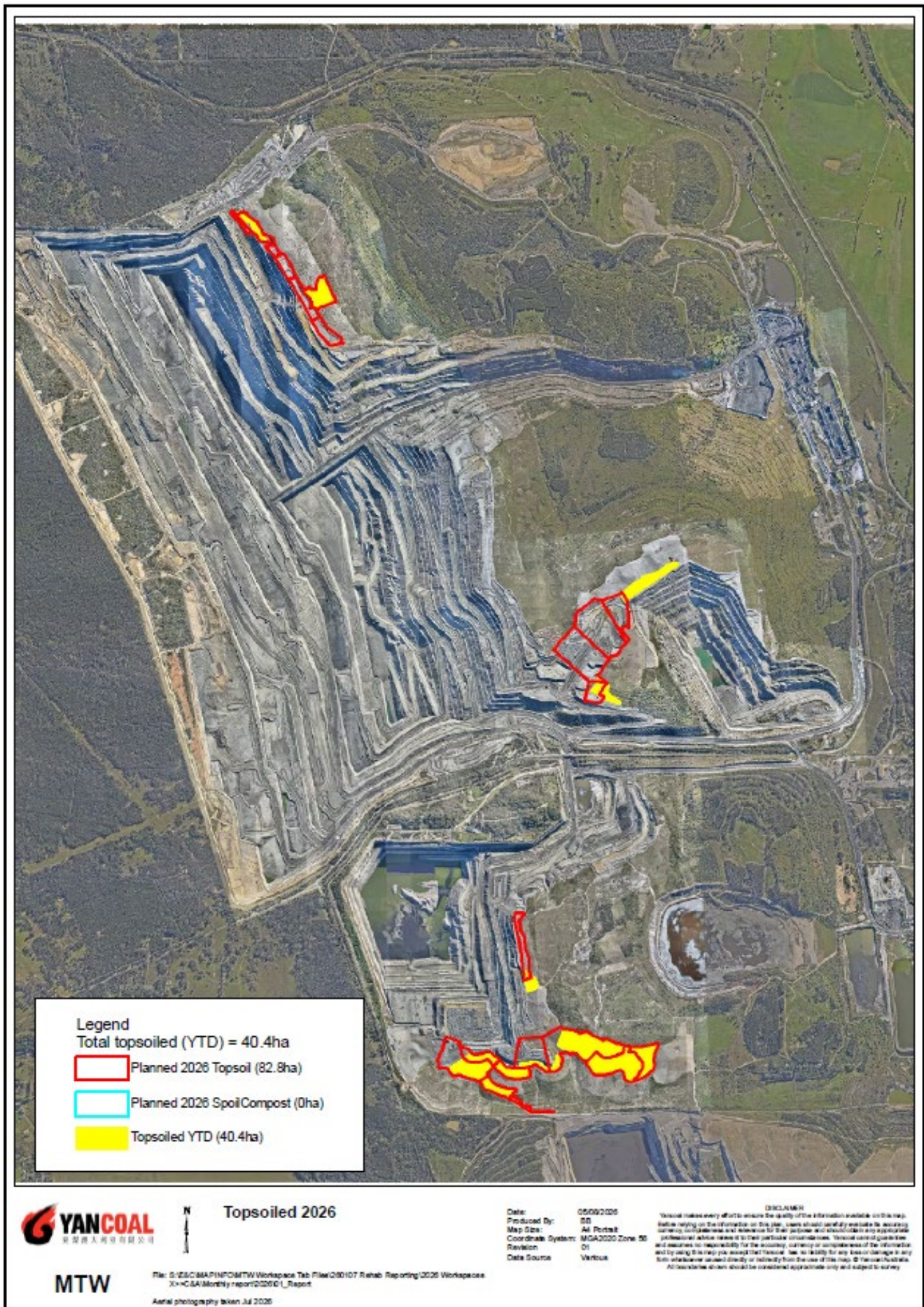
The rehabilitation and disturbance progress to the end of July 2026 are presented in the maps below. There is currently 111 ha of dump released for rehab; and 59.8ha of this area had been progressed to be bulk shaped. There has been 50.4 ha of rehab seeded to the end of July and a further 2.5ha is ready to seed.

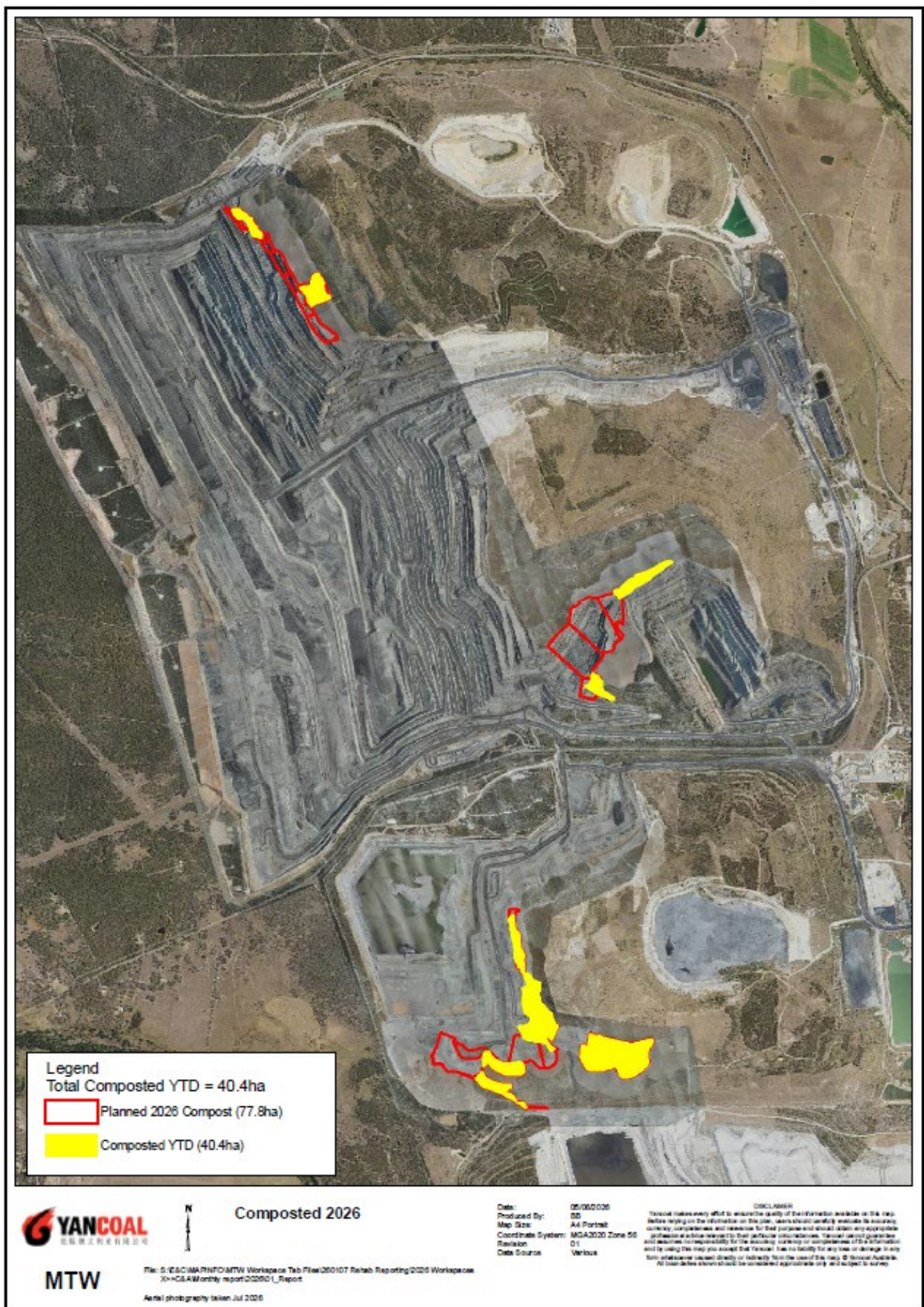
To the end of July 2026, 20.4ha of land has been disturbed to allow for mine progression in North and West Pits in Warkworth.

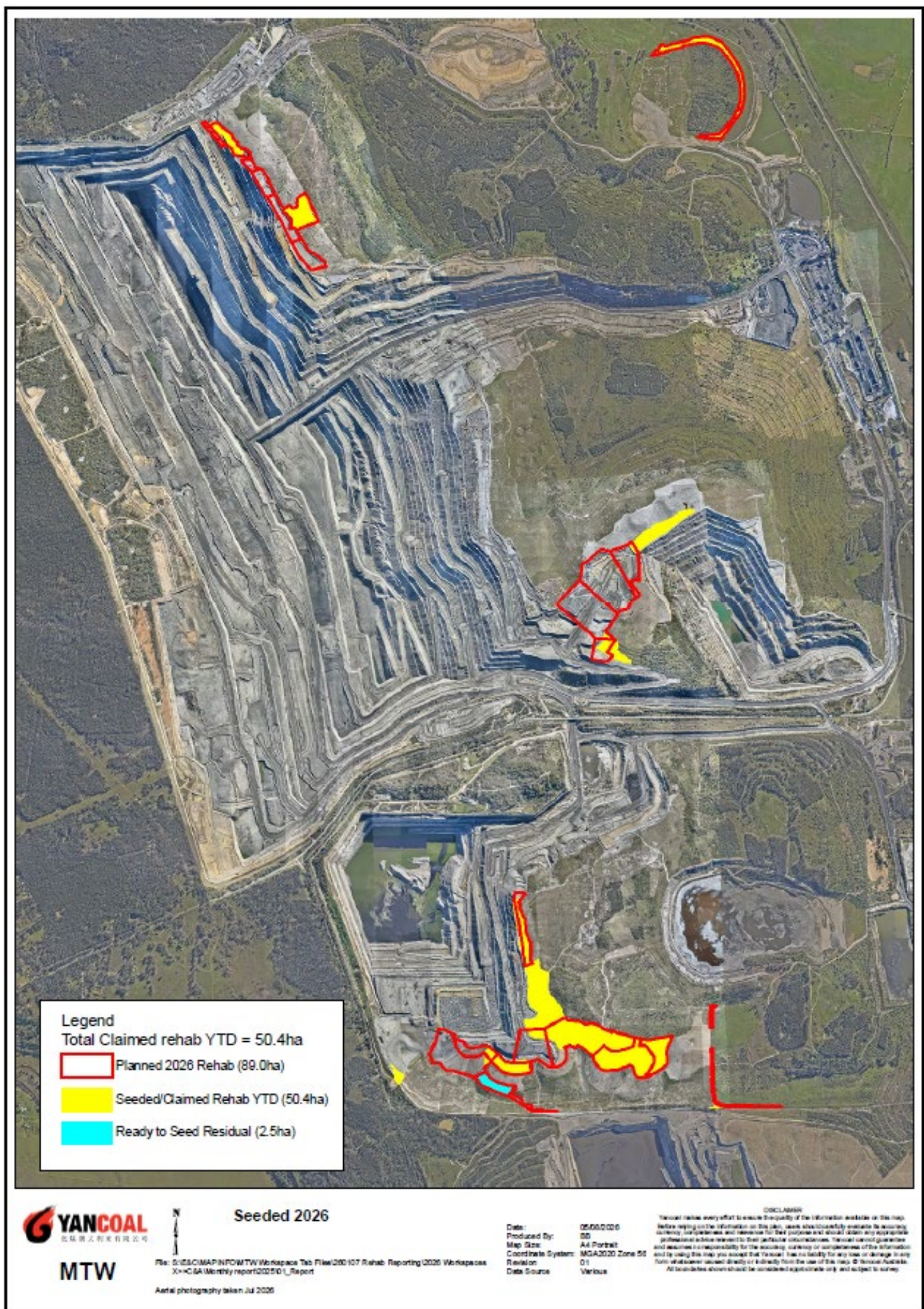












5 WEBSITE UPLOADS

The table below is a list of all new documents uploaded to the MTW's website from 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026. Please refer to MTW's new website: <https://www.yancoal.com.au/our-sites/mount-thorley-warkworth/>

Document Title	Upload
Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report January 2026	1-May-26
Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report February 2026	1-May-26
EPBC 2002/629 and EPBC 2009/5081 Annual Compliance Report (1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026)	1-May-26
EPL Monitoring Report 2026	29-May-26
MTW Complaints Register April 2026	11-Jun-26
EPL Monitoring Reports May 2026	30-Jun-26
MTW Community Consultative Committee - 2026 – May	1-Jul-26
MTW Complaints Register 2026	2-Jul-26
EPL 1376: Warkworth Mining Limited	9-Jun-26
EPL 1976: Mount Thorley Operations Pty Limited	9-Jun-26
EPL 24: Mount Thorley Coal Loading Ltd	5-Jun-26
EPL Monitoring Reports June 2026	28-Jul-26

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 2026 through the CSP.

Organisation	Project
Branxton Golf Club Co-Operative Club Co-Operative	Cylinder mower and edger
Business Singleton	2026 Events Program – Business Awards / IWD Luncheon / 1 x Chamber Breakfast / October Business Luncheon
Glendon Brook Hall	Extension of fencing for child proof play area
King Street Public School	C-PENS, Support Student Reading
Lochinvar Rural Fire Brigade	Fire Hot spots - thermal imaging drones
Mark Hughes Foundation Ridin 4 Mates	Gold sponsorship
Miller Park Bowling Club	Installation of access rails on green
Northern Agriculture Association Inc	Singleton Show and Campdraft 2026
Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter Inc	Singleton Art Prize 2026
Samaritans Foundation	Christmas Lunch in Singleton 2026
Singleton Council	Christmas on John Street & Firelight 2026
Singleton Council	Singleton Seniors High Tea & Expo 2026
Singleton Family Support Scheme (SMS)	Creating my place Art Hub
Singleton Golf Club Ladies Sub Committee	Ladies Golf Club Open Day 2026
Singleton High School P&C Association	Laptops for Literacy Enhancement
Singleton Hospital Auxiliary	Emergency dept trauma stretcher
Singleton Junior Touch Football Association	Safe storage - shipping container
Singleton Mountain Bike Club	Adaptive mountain bike loop upgrade
Singleton Netball Association	Netty Hub Clinic
Singleton Rugby Club Ltd	Improved playground seating / table
Singleton Strikers Football Club	Clubhouse PA systems and fittings
Singleton Theatrical Society	2026 Productions
Westpac Rescue Helicopter	Joe Slupik Golf Day – Hole Sponsorship
YWCA Hunter Region Inc	YWCA Encore
University of Newcastle	Science & Engineering Challenge (Year 1 of 3)
University of Newcastle	SMART Science School Tour (Year 1 of 3)

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: March 2026 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

Appendix B: April 2026 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

Appendix C: May 2026 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

Appendix D: June 2026 Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report

**This Appendix will be provided at a later date.*