

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Maxwell Underground Mine Update

Since our last newsletter, we were proud to announce that the Maxwell Underground Mine was approved by the NSW Independent Planning Commission in December 2020.

The determination follows the mine's comprehensive and technical review by independent experts and rigorous assessment by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. The mine also underwent significant community consultation and engagement, including through the public exhibition of the mine's Environmental Impact Statement in September 2019 and a public hearing facilitated by the IPC in November 2020.

The approval is just the beginning of a much longer journey with our neighbours to ensure the Maxwell Underground Mine continues to meet the expectations of everyone in our community, many of whom we have been speaking with over the last eight years to get this project right.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who lodged a submission, wrote letters, and spoke to their friends and family or local member of parliament in support of the mine going ahead. We are committed to continuing to listen to the community and deliver on our commitment to co-exist with other industries.

Since gaining approval in December, the team on site have been busy finalising designs for construction and preparing environmental management plans in line with our approval conditions.

The construction phase will involve the generation of roughly 250 jobs and is expected to begin later this year. Once operational, the mine will generate 350 long-term jobs.

Who we are

Malabar Resources is an independent Australian-owned resources company based in the Upper Hunter Valley.

Our team is based locally on site at the Maxwell Infrastructure site south of Muswellbrook.

We are planning to create a sustainable long-term business through:

- The development of the long-life Maxwell Underground Mine that will produce predominantly steel-making coal;
- The development of our Maxwell Solar Farm on rehabilitated land;
- Transitioning and rehabilitating a former open cut mine site at the Maxwell Infrastructure site to renewable power generation and agricultural production; and
- Supporting local communities and maintaining partnerships with agricultural industries on the 8,700 hectares we own, including cattle operations, cropping, and the Merton Estate Vineyard, home of Small Forest Wines.



Our team is always around to answer questions and help where we can. You can reach us on 02 6542 0283 or visit our website malabarresources.com.au for further information.

Opportunities to Work With Us

Malabar estimates that the Maxwell Underground Mine will generate 350 long-term jobs once operational, and many more indirect jobs. There will be a wide range of jobs including:



Underground operators



Engineers



Accountants



Mechanical and electrical tradespersons



Environmental scientists



Health and safety officers



Supervisors



Geologists



Administration officers

We have already commenced the recruitment process for the next round of management and coordinating roles that will join the existing team on site.

Current job listings can be found on our website at malabarresources.com.au/people-careers and in local papers. We're currently updating our website so that you can register to be notified for any advertised roles so keep an eye out.

The Maxwell Underground Mine will require the support of a number of local businesses for many years. Tendering has commenced for some of the initial construction work.

Suppliers who are keen to learn more about these opportunities can register their interest on our website at malabarresources.com.au/contact#interested-supplier-enquiry.

We are excited to begin the process of working in partnership with local businesses and suppliers.

Malabar in the community

Supporting our local communities is very important to us. Malabar is an active part of the local community and we are always looking for opportunities to support a wide range of local groups, businesses and charities. You can apply for funding or in-kind donations by contacting our Health, Safety, Environment and Community Manager at info@malabarresources.com.au and requesting an application form for our Community Sponsorship Program.



Photo credit: Muswellbrook Race Club & Katrina Partridge

Most recently, we partnered with the Muswellbrook Race Club to help put on the Jerrys Plains Cup for the first time in nearly half a decade. The races, held on 30 April, were a great success with Estroverto and trainers Aaron Bullock for Kylie Gavenlock taking out the top prize on the day.

As part of Malabar's sponsorship package, we invited community members, businesses and charities, to attend the race day with a two-course lunch held at the Silks Function Centre.

This year we continued our support of the Upper Hunter Education Fund (UHEF) – an important local organisation whose mission is to foster the further education, career and personal development opportunities of young people in the Upper Hunter, through community-based encouragement and financial assistance.

Through this assistance, inspiring local youth receive the opportunity to study at some of Australia's most outstanding universities and ultimately, pursue their life-long goals.

"I am really grateful for this amazing opportunity and support. This assistance means a lot to me and has relieved me of a serious financial burden for this Semester. I cannot thank you enough."

2021 scholarship recipient

"Thanks to your sponsorship I have less financial strain to continue study and can focus more on completing my degree. I offer the biggest thank you I can give."

2018-2021 scholarship recipient



For the second year in a row, Malabar sponsored the St Heliers Heavy Horse Field Days, which were held on the 15 and 16 of May.

Our sponsorship covered the cost for two new slides that were used for events during the field days. Malabar also sponsored the farm implements and pumpkin snatch events! The weekend was a huge success even though it was a little cold in the mornings!

The Great Cattle Dog Muster will be held in Muswellbrook on 10 to 12 September. The Great Cattle Dog Muster is a three-day event being staged by the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry in conjunction with the Australian Cattle Dog Society of NSW Inc. The event is the first of its kind in Australia and is expected to draw visitors from across the region and around Australia. Malabar are proud to announce that they will be sponsoring special guests 'Bluey and Bingo'. Bookings are essential so make sure you jump online to book your spot:

eventbrite.com.au/e/bluey-bingo-meet-and-greets-appearing-at-the-great-cattle-dog-muster-tickets-156793801481



A big thank you to our hard-working volunteers who cooked and served 55 free meals at our “Food, Friends and Conversations” event at Muswellbrook Senior Citizens Hall on 27 June.



Some of the wonderful members of our local community taking the opportunity to come together in a COVID-safe way to share a meal and a conversation.

Sustainability Report

Earlier this year, we released our Sustainability Report.

We believe that transparency builds trust with our community and neighbours, and is essential to achieving better environmental, social and economic outcomes.

Our Sustainability Report demonstrates our commitment to transparency and showcases our unique approach to sustainable practices across our entire business – including environmental practices, health and safety, and people and culture.

To read the full report, visit our website at malabarresources.com.au

Rehabilitation update

Malabar has rehabilitated substantial portions of the land that had previously been used for open cut coal mining.

The Maxwell Infrastructure site now has over 850 hectares of land under active rehabilitation and over 70,000 trees have been planted on existing mine rehabilitation since 2019 to improve woodland connectivity. Malabar are also continuing our cattle grazing trial on rehabilitated land with local farmers, which began in 2018.

Contact Us

If you have any other questions about Malabar Resources, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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