
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

November 2022

This newsletter includes the latest news about:

- I. The construction of the Maxwell Underground Mine
- II. Our renewable projects
- III. Our work within the local community
- IV. Our rehabilitation and land management activities

Who we are

- Malabar Resources is an independent Australian-owned resources company based in the Upper Hunter Valley, in New South Wales.
- In addition to the Maxwell Underground Mine, we own the Maxwell Solar Farm to be based on rehabilitated land on the Maxwell Infrastructure site, Maxwell Infrastructure, the Spur Hill Underground Project, and agricultural properties including the Merton Vineyard.



Our strategy

Malabar recognises the need to transition to a low carbon economy which is why we have developed a unique strategy by employing underground mining methods, focusing on metallurgical coal, developing large scale renewable energy, and rehabilitating previously mined areas for sustainable activities including renewables and agriculture.

Maxwell Underground Mine update

Modification to the Maxwell Underground Mine

In July 2022, Malabar submitted a Modification Report for a proposed modification to the Maxwell Underground Mine to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

The proposed modification seeks to implement an improved underground mine layout that is safer for our workers and has minimal environmental impacts.

Importantly, the modification is located wholly within the approved mine area and on land owned by Malabar. The proposed modification includes:

- Re-orientation of longwall panels to better align to the geotechnical conditions.
- A reduction in the width of some of the longwall panels in the Woodlands Hill seam.
- Relocation of the ventilation shaft and associated infrastructure to better suit the revised mine layout.

Public exhibition of the modification was held from 2nd to 22nd August 2022 by the DPE. Malabar also held a range of meetings with community stakeholders and neighbours to discuss the modification. The modification received 62 submissions, 95% of which expressed support for the modification being approved.

This endorsement reflects the many and real benefits the modification offers, and the positive impact of the long-term engagement we have had with our neighbours to get this mine right. Malabar submitted its response to public submissions in September and the modification was approved in October 2022.

Construction Update

Construction on the Maxwell Underground Mine started in May 2022 with the construction of the initial access road and mine entry area. The mine is expected to:



Create **250 new jobs** and use the services of many local suppliers during construction.



Generate **350 full-time**, long-term new jobs when in operation.



Deliver at least **\$55 million in wages** into the local economy each year.

During the construction phase and once mining begins, the operation will support local businesses and suppliers. Wherever possible, we are prioritising employing locals because we know how important it is for the benefits of this enterprise to stay in the local community.

If you are interested in working with us please visit malabarresources.com.au/people-careers. If you are interested in becoming a supplier for Malabar Resources you can submit an interested supplier inquiry here malabarresources.com.au/contact.

Update on Malabar's renewables projects

The Maxwell Solar Farm is an approved 25 - Megawatt (MW) solar farm, which will be located on rehabilitated land within the Maxwell Infrastructure site.

We are continuing to work with our partner, EDF Renewables (EDF-R) to consider options to increase renewable generation and the potential for battery storage, particularly as the NSW Government has recently designated the Hunter-Central Coast a Renewable Energy Zone.

The partnership with EDF-R brings global and local expertise for large scale solar development to the Upper Hunter region. EDF-R has a presence in more than twenty-two countries with its renewable generation portfolio exceeding 15,000 MW from solar and wind.

Malabar in the community

Malabar held three Community Information Sessions on the 13th, 18th and 20th May 2022 at the Muswellbrook Library. These sessions provided an update on the progress of the Maxwell Underground Mine and commencement of construction activities.

In addition, Malabar has a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) that meets on a quarterly basis. The CCC provides a forum for discussion between Malabar and representatives of the local community, key stakeholder groups and the local council on issues relating directly to the Maxwell Underground Mine.

Community Sponsorships

Malabar is an active participant in the local community and continues to support a wide range of local groups, businesses and charities.

Sponsorships during 2022 include:

- Continued as major sponsor of the Denman Sandy Hollow Junior Rugby League Club
- Funding for Muswellbrook Day View Club to provide school supplies for local families in need
- Continued sponsorship of the cattle events at the Upper Hunter Regional Show and free family passes to local families in need
- Continued sponsorship of the Upper Hunter Education Fund which provides financial assistance to young people to assist with their tertiary education

- Major sponsor of the Jerrys Plains Cup, held at Muswellbrook Race Club
- Continued support for local junior sport by sponsoring the Denman Swimming Club Annual Presentation
- Donation towards the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service who provide emergency aeromedical services 24-7 for the people of Northern NSW
- Funding for the installation of the bicentennial display cabinet for the Jerrys Plains School of Arts Hall
- Funding for Muswellbrook High School and Muswellbrook Primary School students NAIDOC celebrations
- Attraction sponsor for the Great Cattle Dog Muster.



Community Support

Malabar also maintains a 24-hour community hotline (1800 653 960) for any issues or enquiries related to our operations or our plans for the local area. To date no complaints have been registered.

Rehabilitation update

Since our last update, we have continued to work on the rehabilitation of the previous open cut site at Maxwell Infrastructure.

- A total of 5,000 trees were planted in May 2022. Since taking ownership of the site we have planted over 95,000 trees in our woodland corridor with the total trees planted at site exceeding 300,000.
- Key land management activities such as weed spraying and feral animal management continue on site and within our biodiversity offset areas.

Contact us

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

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