

ROAD TO REHAB

WHILE IT'S A LONG ROAD AHEAD BEFORE THEY EXTRACT THE FIRST TONNE OF COAL FROM THE MAXWELL UNDERGROUND PROJECT, MALABAR COAL IS MAKING RAPID HEADWAY ON ANOTHER IMPORTANT JOURNEY: REHABILITATING THE OLD DRAYTON OPEN CUT MINE.



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For Malabar, world-class mining means world-class rehabilitation. It's a fundamental responsibility they have taken seriously from day one. Within a week of taking control of the site, they commenced rehabilitating the old open cut that they have no use for.

Six months later, the team has made great strides. They currently have around 30 people working on site, who have so far shaped 108 hectares for final rehabilitation and seeded 79 hectares.

REHABILITATION ALSO MEANS BEING ATTENTIVE TO THE THOUGHTS AND PERSPECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY. TO THAT END, THEY HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCALS ABOUT THE DIFFERENT WAYS THE LAND COULD BE USED.

They recently hosted community information sessions at the Jerrys Plains School of Arts and Maxwell Infrastructure site near Muswellbrook. These sessions were a great opportunity for them to hear from their neighbours first hand and answer any questions they had about plans for the area.

One use for the land they have settled on is a solar farm. The 'Maxwell Solar Project' is proposed to have an installed capacity of about 25MW and provide 50 more jobs for the local

area during construction. Working at capacity, the solar farm would generate enough energy from the sun to power about 10,000 local homes.

IN THESE EARLY STAGES, THE REHABILITATION OF THE DRAYTON MINE IS ONE SMALL WAY THE COMMUNITY CAN MAKE AN ASSASSON ON WHAT THE COMPANY DELIVERS, NOT JUST ON WHAT THEY PROMISE.

It's their job to keep making good on their promises, so the community can rest assured they are a company that will do what they say they will and, in time, experience the substantial benefits of the Maxwell Underground Project.

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