

HUNTER VALLEY OPERATIONS

Hunter Valley Operations (HVO) Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting Wednesday 23 May 2018

Attendance

Chairperson

Colin Gellatly Independent Chair HVO CCC

Community Representatives

Brian Atfield Community Representative

Company Representatives

Barry Coe Acting Mine Manager

Andrew Speechly Manager Environment and Community

Leah Scheepers Specialist Community Relations

Presenters/Observers

Dominic Brown Environmental Specialist - Systems and Monitoring

Drew Williams HVO Environmental Advisor

Apologies

Cr Hollee Jenkins Singleton Council

Charlie Shearer Community Representative

Di Gee Community Representative

Dr Neville Hodgkinson Community Representative

Tony Galvin HVO General Manager

Bruce Gould HVO Production Manager

Minutes

Sarah Purser

1. Welcome: Housekeeping, Emergency Procedures

Col welcomed the group and Drew ran through evacuation procedures and location of amenities. HVO advised they would try to organise an introduction to HVO's new General Manager; Tony Galvin for the CCC.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners; Stated by Andrew;

"We acknowledge the traditional owners, the Wonnarua people, of the land where we meet today and pay respect to Elders, past, present and future."

2. Apologies

Advised and recorded.

3. Declaration of pecuniary interests/conflicts of interest

Ongoing; Col advised that both he and Sarah are engaged by HVO to provide the roles of independent Chairperson and meeting note taking.

✓ Correspondence;

2 March 2018 from Leah; Notification of the Planning Assessment Commission determination to grant consent to the HVO South modification-5 application, subject to conditions.

✓ **30 April 2018 from Drew;** Draft February CCC minutes for comment, SSHEG mine blast extracts and next meeting date emailed and mailed.

✓ **11 May 2018 from Drew;** Agenda, Business Papers, MEMR January & February and 2017 Annual Environment Review emailed and mailed along with call for Agenda items.

✓ **14 May 2018 from Leah;** Notification of the HVO Joint Venture commencement on Friday 4 May 2018.

✓ **17 May 2018 from Drew;** Mine Subsidence Board correspondence circulated by email and hardcopy.

4. Confirmation of the previous Meeting's Minutes

Col called for confirmation of the minutes for the Meeting held on 21 February 2018, all agreed their acceptance and Drew advised when finalised he would upload these to the new Insite page; <https://insite.hvo.com.au>

5. Matters arising from previous meeting - action items

ACTION: HVO to circulate correspondence from the Mine Subsidence Board to the CCC representatives.

✓ Completed by Drew 17 May 2018

ACTION: HVO to consider merits of using stemming plugs.

✓ Update by Barry at today's Meeting.

Barry confirmed that HVO had done some investigations and learned from the Supplier of VARI-STEM stemming plugs that these are utilised predominantly overseas for smaller hole blasting at 165 millimetres, noting that HVO's smallest hole is 200 millimetres. The plugs are like a funnel with a slide over doweling which also makes them difficult to get in place.



Picture Reference; HVO Slide 10 Barry Cole Presentation

Barry advised that HVO will continue to talk to the Supplier and if a 200 millimetre size becomes available they may try that on a smaller hole. The Supplier confirmed that HVO cannot do any better than they are already doing on the bigger holes and that the company uses the best practice.

6. Company Reports - Update on Hunter Valley Operations

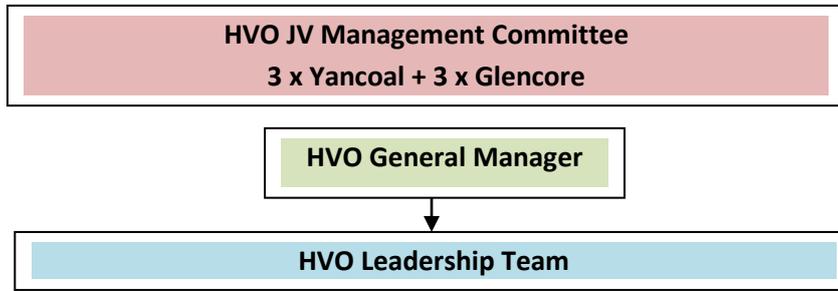
SAFETY SNAPSHOT; April 2018

✚ Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR)	= 7.74
✚ Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR)	= 1.72
- Injuries Lost Time Injury (LTI)	= 0
- Restricted Work Injury (RWI)	= 1

Barry explained that injuries are rated by hours and the key message for HVO was around safety procedures and avoidable injuries.

HVO JOINT VENTURE

- ✚ Established 12.00pm Friday 4 May 2018, the HVO Joint Venture (JV) is jointly owned by Yancoal 51% and Glencore 49%
- ✚ The HVO JV will be jointly controlled by Yancoal and Glencore through a Joint-Venture Management Committee (JVMC), and managed by an independent Management Team to be appointed by the JVMC
- ✚ Glencore has nominated the HVO General Manager; Tony Galvin and Yancoal nominated the HVO Financial Controller; Tim Slater
- ✚ Glencore provides systems and operational support services to the HVO JV



HVO explained that Management Systems, including Environment, will reflect what Glencore utilise, so next step is to transition to those systems. Some common systems that were in place with HVO / MTW are being separated e.g. Insite. HVO are currently developing Insite to be just an HVO general internet page and the company will provide more detail on that as it goes through.

Apart from ownership there is no longer a connection with MTW, HVO has its own General Manager and MTW and HVO are now two separate operations. Andrew advised the Environment and Community Team now only look after HVO.

HVO NEW CONTACT DETAILS

HVO Complaints and Blasting Hotline:

1800 888 733 (free call)

- ✓ To make an environmental complaint
- ✓ Find out road closure times for blasting
- ✓ Attended 24 hours a day / seven days a week

Andrew advised that callers to the above free call number will be asked if they want to make a complaint about environmental practices or would like blasting information and that the below websites are now also available to get information from.

Websites:

- ✓ HVO - information about the operation: <https://hvo.com.au>
- ✓ HVO InSite-environmental monitoring performance: <https://insite.hvo.com.au/>

Andrew explained the branding will be "Hunter Valley Operations".

HVO SOUTH MODIFICATION 5 UPDATE

Approval was granted by the Planning Assessment Commission on 28 February 2018.

The company is currently preparing Environmental Management Plans for submission to the Regulator, including: Air, Noise, Blasting, Rehabilitation (MOP), Water, Biodiversity and Aboriginal Heritage.

HVO are planning to commence lifting the Cheshunt Dump in Quarter 3 2018 following approval of the Mine Operations Plan (MOP).

TRUCK SOUND ATTENUATION

- ✚ 28 trucks scheduled for attenuation in 2018
- ✚ 53 trucks attenuated to date
- ✚ 32 trucks scheduled for 2019

MINING OPERATIONS

- ✚ **West Pit;** Most of the work being undertaken is up on the pre-strip area. Brian queried if West was the biggest Pit and Barry responded that only about 25% of coal comes out of there and that it may be the longest strip but Cheshunt is the biggest pit.
- ✚ **Carrington Pit;** HVO are working on a small section of low ratio coal that is scheduled to finish around October and operations will then move out of there. Eventually that area will be used for tailings.
- ✚ **Cheshunt;** 75% of coal is out of this Pit and predominantly where the most activity is.
- ✚ **Riverview;** A fair bit of work has been undertaken, including a lot of time spent redirecting roads. Dragline may be visible from the Golden Highway.



Pit Locations; Source Slide 17 Barry Cole Presentation

COMPLAINTS

9 complaints in 2018 (April YTD) / 6 April, 2018; Blast complaint

Andrew explained the majority of complaints were from the Riverview Pit blast in January that exceeded the over pressure limits in that area and had visual dust. Since the last CCC there had been one blast complaint that came from Redmonvale Road.

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS

The EPA fined HVO \$15,000 for the Riverview Pit blast, there was no further action from other Departments.

UNAUTHORISED VEGETATION CLEARING

Andrew explained that on 12 April 2018 HVO identified that approximately 242 m² of vegetation had been cleared on mine owned land that is subject to PA 06_0261 and therefore the Department was notified. Andrew noted that this clearing was conducted without HVO's authorisation or permission and it had been identified to have been undertaken by a Telstra contractor for the purposes of upgrading their facility adjacent to the clearing. Andrew acknowledged they were doing valuable work and HVO are trying to assist them to get back into that area and to make sure all relevant Authorities are happy with what they are undertaking.

AUDITS / INSPECTIONS / UPDATES

Andrew explained there had been an overflow of the Newdell Load Point Fire Tank to Bayswater Creek (which had not been flowing) that had been contained and recovered. There is an ongoing EPA investigation and Andrew advised more information would be provided at the next meeting.

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REHABILITATION

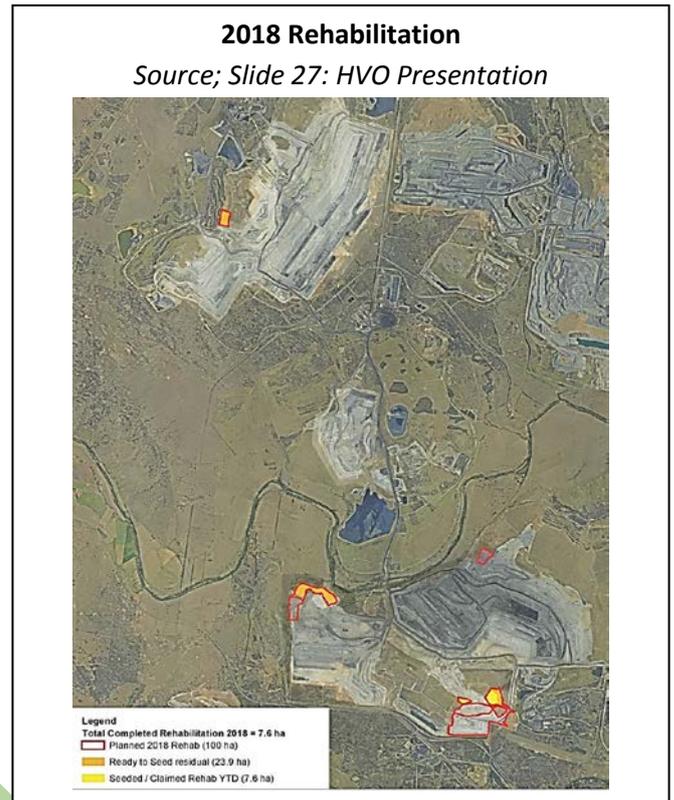
Planned rehabilitation 2018 –100 ha

YTD April actuals (including carryover):

- ✚ Released –60ha
- ✚ Shaped –50.2ha
- ✚ Topsoiled –36.5ha
- ✚ Ready to seed –23.9ha
- ✚ Seeded –7.6ha

Andrew advised that rehab is moving well with quite a lot of the 100 hectares already released and bulk shaped.

Ground seeding commenced in March and HVO plan to do aerial seeding on some other dumps that are not ready for rehab.



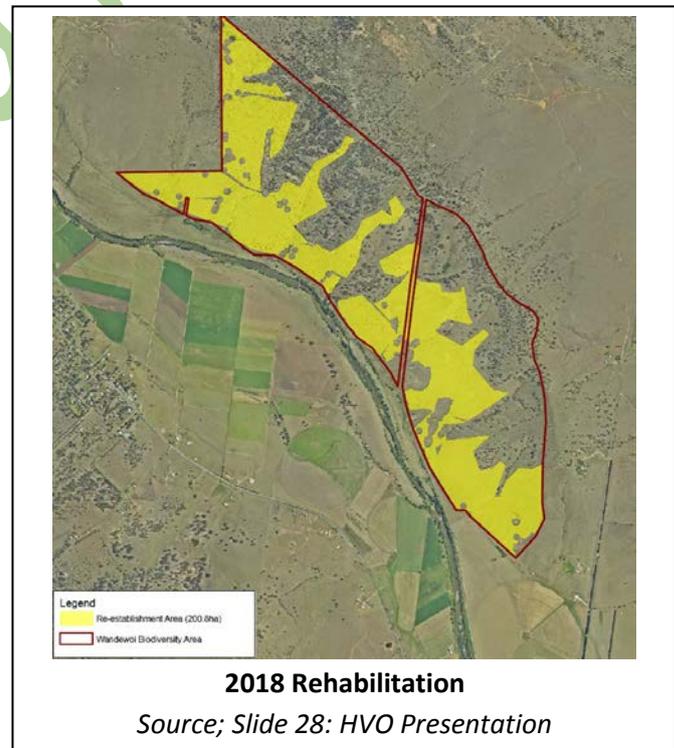
WANDEWOI OFFSET AREA

- ✚ 400 ha conservation area
- ✚ Eucalypt forest and grassland
- ✚ 200 ha planted in 2018 to improve conservation quality
- ✚ 11 000 plants

Andrew advised this had come about as an offset for clearing small amounts of Central Hunter Valley Eucalypt Forest which is a federally listed vegetation community.

HVO are improving the Wandewoi area from grassland to woodland.

Ripping and ground preparation has commenced.



2018 FERAL PEST MANAGEMENT

- ✓ 1080 baiting summer/autumn programme targeting wild dogs and foxes –64 per cent success rate
- ✓ Wild dog trapping undertaken in February
- ✓ Feral pig trapping as needed
- ✓ Opportunistic shooting
- ✓ Commercial kangaroo harvesting YTD March 468 harvested

YTD March Feral Pig trapping programme**Locations where Feral Pigs have been contained;**

Comleroi	8
Wandewoi	3
North Pit Rehab	6
Cheshunt	17
Archerfield	100
Alluvial Lands	10
TOTAL	144

It was acknowledged on Di's behalf that there was an ongoing issue with feral pigs around Jerrys Plains and also that the Maison Dieu area was another hot spot. Leah confirmed that she had spoken to Di who had advised that over the past few weeks feral pigs had dug up quarter of the pivot on their main farm and that 11 pigs had been sighted in one night, Di had contacted AGL to find out what they are doing with their feral pig management program.

HVO asked if there is anything that they could do to collaborate with community efforts to let them know. Brian felt there was a problem with pigs around the old Plashett property and felt contacting the new owner; AGL would be a good start.

ACTION 2: HVO to contact AGL and Di regarding issues being caused by feral pigs and where they are being sighted.

7. Community Representative Feedback***Brian Atfield***

Brian would like to see more community representatives at the HVO CCC, he felt that if a member was unable to attend there should be a replacement.

Andrew put forward that an Agenda Item for the next CCC would be to run through the CCC Guidelines and talk about attendance, the model for identifying an alternative should a member not be able to attend and provide an opportunity for community to discuss their availability going forward. Leah asked if it could be confirmed that attendance should be for a minimum number of meetings and Col advised that this is three.

Col noted there can be up to seven community representatives and felt an ad should be run to see if there is any interest from community, either as direct members or as alternatives. Brian felt that even if there were five members that it would be good to have an additional two and he felt that there were two residents from Jerrys Plains and Maison Dieu that would come on board.

It was agreed there would be an advantage in having a pool of community members and to revisit current members ability to attend future Meetings and to see if they would prefer a role as an alternate.

ACTION 3: Col asked HVO to run an ad, prior to the next Meeting, asking for Expressions of Interest from Community that may be able to attend future CCC Meetings either as full or alternate members.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM; January to April 2018

ORGANISATION	INITIATIVE	STATUS
Newcastle and Hunter Combined Schools Committee	Combined Schools ANZAC Service	Complete
Singleton Business Chamber	Hunter Coal Festival	Complete
Singleton Business Chamber	Outstanding Business Awards	Complete
NSW Cancer Council	Treatment to Transport 2018	Throughout the year
Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter	2018 Singleton Art Prize	June
Singleton Theatrical Society	2018 production "Mary Poppins"	July

The HVO Community Investment Program is currently being updated to align with Glencore's guidelines.

HUNTER COAL FESTIVAL

- ✚ HVO one of the sponsors of the Coal Festival
- ✚ 10 events over 10 days
- ✚ 8,500 people participated in the various activities
- ✚ Highlights included;

- ✓ Mining Leaders Lunch
- ✓ Singleton Community Day
- ✓ Singleton Business Chamber Mining Update lunch

Good support for the Singleton Community Day with more than 5,000 people attending the event. The mine tours sold out within 48 hours of being advertised, Brian felt that it was good that people had taken these up and were going out to take a look at mining operations.

SINGLETON OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AWARDS

- ✚ Hosted by Kerri-Anne Kennerley and Nix from Power FM
- ✚ 300 people attended the gala awards
- ✚ 30th annual event recognising and celebrating local businesses excellence
- ✚ 13 awards –Top Award Most Outstanding Business Awarded to Ourcare Services
- ✚ Sponsored the Highly Commended Award, which was awarded to two businesses; Dolly's Charity Shop and Invent Air

8. General Business**HVO 2017 ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW**

Members were asked if there was any feedback on the Annual Review and Drew advised there had been a note from Neville regarding a PM₁₀ exceedance at Maison Dieu and that he had queried if there had been any action undertaken by HVO from this. It was felt that Neville's query may be related to Upper Hunter monitoring and agreed that Drew would seek further detail around this from him. HVO advised that their Mason Dieu monitor is used on a real time basis and that if levels were to go up, operations are changed to manage potential dust.

11.Next Meetings / New Proposed Dates and Meeting Close**At Meeting Room 1, Hunter Valley Services Building**

Wednesday **22 August 2018** at 1.00 pm.
 Wednesday **21 November 2018** at 1.00 p.m.

Meeting to include a tour of:-

Rehabilitation
 Carrington Pit

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

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