

## HVO NEWS

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### Welcome from Tony Galvin, General Manager Hunter Valley Operations



Welcome to Issue Five of HVO News, our first newsletter for 2020 and certainly a challenging time for us all given what is happening in our world at the present time.

This newsletter contains a number of topics of interest to our community members including rehabilitation, the near neighbour amenity resource, community grants and pest and weed management.

If there is particular information you would like to see included in this newsletter, please let us know as we welcome and value feedback and in the meantime please stay safe.

### COVID-19 Management Measures

HVO continue to implement multiple controls to ensure the health and safety of our employees, their families and our local communities. These include:

- Established Incident Management Team;
- Practising good hygiene;
- Social distancing implemented in workplaces;
- Temperature screening and fitness for work declarations;
- Additional cleaning of touchpoints each shift;
- Access to Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to assist coping with stress and anxiety;
- Documented Management Plan;
- Management of High Risk Personnel; and
- Decision Trees to manage any suspected and/or confirmed cases.





## Rehabilitation

Our planned rehabilitation target for 2020 is 94 hectares of which 13.5 hectares has been completed to date. A significant maintenance programme is ongoing to enhance the quality of previously rehabilitated areas, primarily targeted at weed control.

## Pest and Weed Management

Our pest management program continues to show good results with pests being controlled through shooting, trapping and baiting across our landholdings.

Results of the 2020 program so far include:

- 10 feral pigs culled
- 267 kangaroos culled
- 1080 baiting spring/autumn program targeting wild dogs and foxes –129 (year to date)

HVO have synchronised baiting/trapping programs, targeting pigs, wild dogs and foxes in conjunction with the Local Land Services.

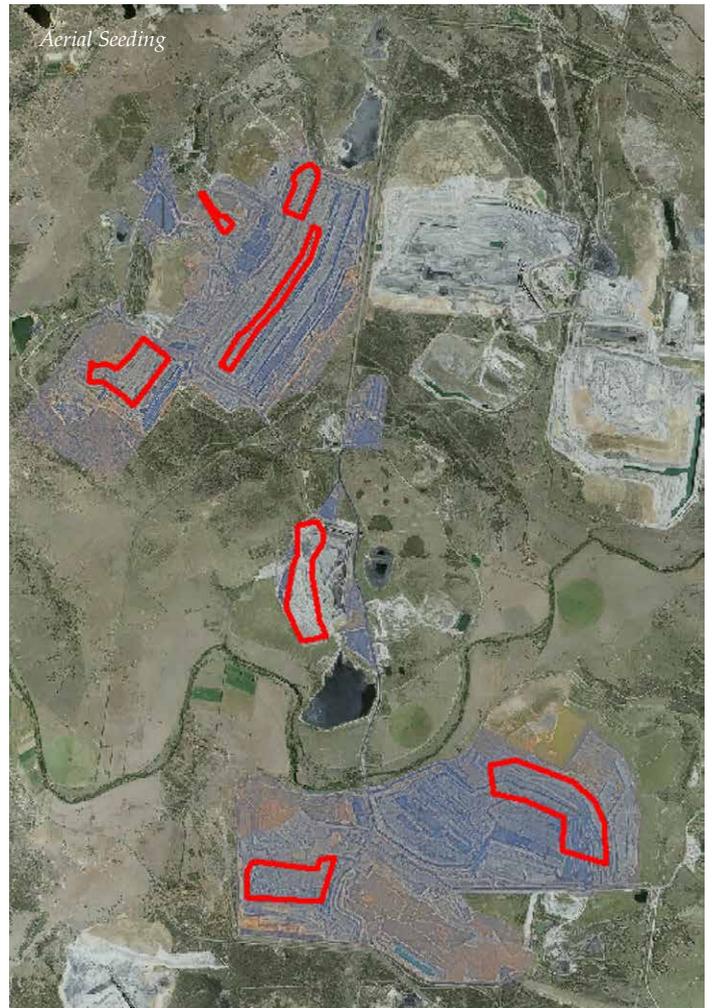
In addition to the routine weed control programs, HVO is also undertaking weed control at the Wandewoi Offset to reduce the density of the weed Farmers Friend, which has taken advantage of recent weather conditions.



Pig Trapping

## Aerial Seeding

Aerial seeding was recently undertaken on site on the 16th June with 400 hectares completed to provide for temporary cover on active waste dumps to reduce the area exposed to wind generated dust.



Aerial Seeding



## Community Grants Programme

Round One of our Community Grants Programme closed in May with 12 applications received. A number of local organisations were successful in obtaining funds totalling almost \$30,000. The organisations included were:

- **Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service**  
- 2020 Hunter Valley Mining Charity Rugby League Day
- **St Catherine's Catholic College**  
- Safe Livestock Handling
- **Singleton High School**  
- Flying High with Drone
- **Singleton Council**  
- Sponsorship Cycling NSW
- **Singleton Chamber of Commerce**  
- Hunter Coal Festival

- **Branxton Lions**  
- Lions Road Safety Signs
- **Denman Little Athletics**  
- Shelving for Sports Shed
- **Singleton Girl Guides**  
- Building Floor Repair and Maintenance

In addition, we have continued to support the Jerrys Plains Public School Jerrys Juniors and Ready4School pre-school programmes.

Thanks to all of the community groups who applied for grants for Round One. Round Two of the 2020 programme will open in September and I encourage community groups to apply.

Please contact Merri Bartlett on mobile 0455 782 292 for more information.



*Community Grants Programme*



## Near Neighbour Amenity Resource

HVO continues to offer a choice of either under sink water filter kits or water tank cleaning to our near neighbours.

If you received this newsletter and are interested in taking up the offer, please contact Merri Bartlett (merri.bartlett@hvo.com.au or 0455 782 292) to register your interest for this initiative.

## Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The HVO CCC meets regularly with the previous CCC meeting held on 20 May. The forum provides for open discussion between the community, Singleton Council and HVO.

Topics of discussion include mine operations, environmental performance and community relations. Our community members on the HVO CCC include; Brian Atfield, Di Gee, David Love, Dr Neville Hodgkinson, Janelle Wenham, Todd Mills, Jeannie Hayes, Michael Wellard and Councillor Hollee Jenkins. The CCC is independently chaired by Dr Colin Gellatly AO.

If you would like a copy of the CCC business papers, presentations and minutes from previous meetings, these are available via InSite, which can be accessed on <https://Insite.hvo.com.au/>. Alternatively, if you would prefer a hard copy, please contact us.

## HVO Complaints and Blasting Hotline

**1800 888 733 (freecall)**

- This number can be used for making a complaint about HVO's operations or for finding out road closure times for blasting
- Attended 24 hours a day / seven days a week

## HVO and Insite Websites

Up to date information about HVO and our environmental monitoring performance is available on our websites.

To view this information, go to:

- HVO website, via: <https://hvo.com.au>
- HVO Insite (environmental monitoring performance) via: <https://Insite.hvo.com.au/>

## HVO SMS Blast Notification System

The system is designed to provide SMS alerts relating to HVO blasting plans and road closures. Community members can subscribe to the service to receive a SMS alert at no cost.

Please send an SMS to 0447 448 982 to register your details for the service making sure that the word *subscribe* is included in the text.

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