

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING #69
Thursday, 1st December 2022
ACOL Administration Office, Glennies Creek Road, CAMBERWELL.**

Attendees

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	(MMH) Chairperson
John McNerney	(JM) Community Representative
Clr. Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA) Singleton Shire Council (SSC)
Phillip Brown	(PB) Company Rep (Environment & Community Superintendent)
Cameron Eckersley	(CE) Company Rep (Environment & Community Coordinator)

Apologies

Aaron McGuigan	(AM) Company Rep (Operations Manager)
Debbie Richards	(DR) Community Representative
Michael Bestic	(MB) Community Representative

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:16 pm.

2. Apologies

PB passed on apologies from AM. DB sent apologies and wished all Merry Christmas.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by Community Representatives

No change to Committee Members' pecuniary interests previously declared.

4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the meeting held 26th June 2022, were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Godfrey Adamthwaite **Seconded:** John McNerney

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

6. Correspondence

- a. 8/7/22 – email PB to CCC notice of Modification approval
- b. 15/9/22 – email PB to CCC 2023 Ashton Coal community Support Program
- c. 20/9/22 – email PB to CCC Dog Baiting Notice
- d. 6/10/22 – email MMH to CCC Review of DPE Guidelines
- e. 18/11/22 – email PB to CCC to advise of upcoming night time spring fauna monitoring activities
- f. 25/11/22 – email GHD to MMH regarding upcoming independent environmental audit required under Sch 5, Condition 11 of DA-309-11-2001-I, MMH passed on to CCC members

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

7.1 Ashton Operations Update

Refer to presentation

7.2 Monitoring and Environmental Performance

Refer to handout

7.3 Community Complaints and response to complaints

Refer to presentation

7.4 Environmental Activities Update

Refer to presentation – brief discussion around the 1080 baiting program and results.

7.5 RUMEX project

Refer to the presentation – JM sought clarification around the location of the RUMEx area, PB provided outline and general discussion.

7.6 2023 Ashton Coal Community Support Program

Refer to the presentation.

7.7 Camberwell Update

Refer to the presentation.

8. General Business

- MMH circulated draft CCC guidelines and confirmed amendments likely to be finalised by DPE mid 2023.
- JM raised the concern of increased risk of grass fires around Camberwell and noted Ashton should be considering this in land management planning. PB to follow up slashing in Camberwell.

9. Actions

- *PB to follow up slashing in Camberwell.*

10. Proposed remainder 2023 Meeting Schedule

Next CCC meeting: 23 February 2023 commencing at 1:00pm.
(June 22 and October 26)

MEETING CLOSED at 1.50 pm



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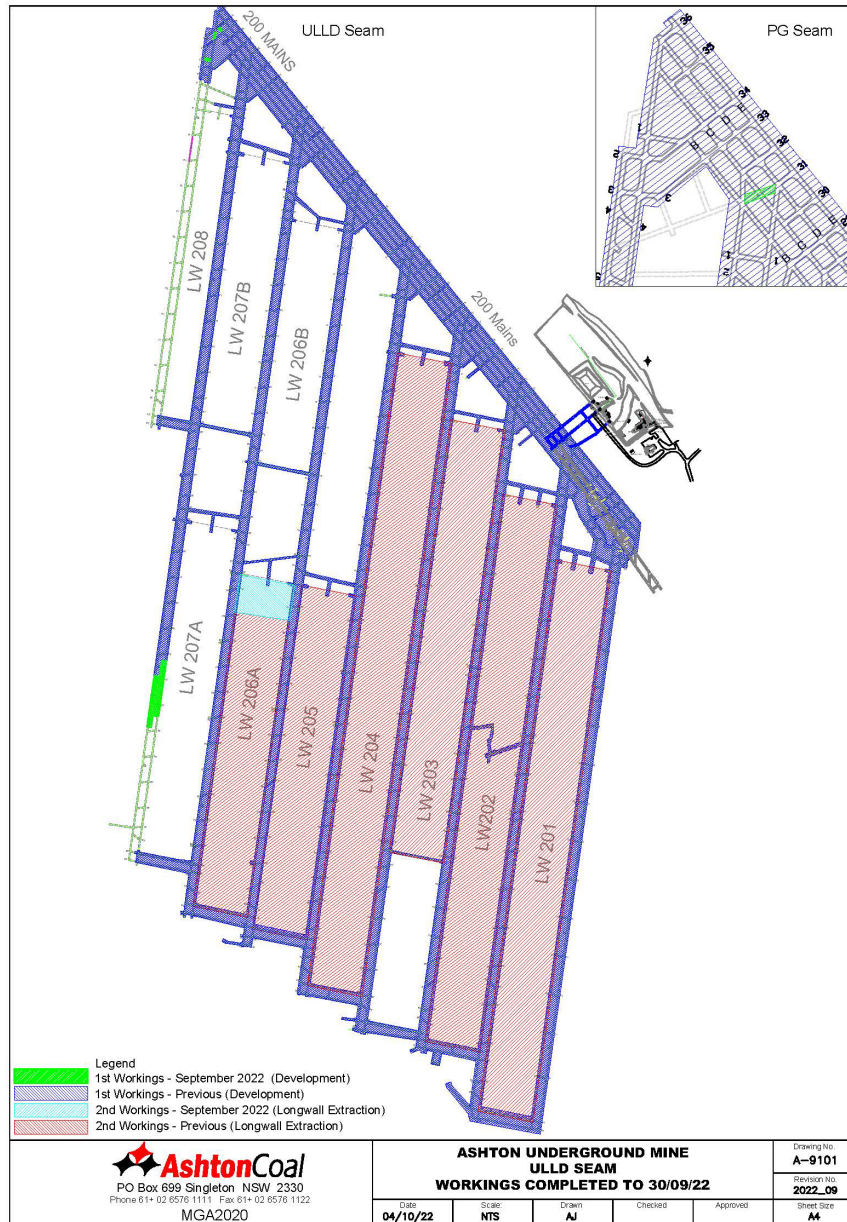
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Ashton Mine Statistics YTD 2022

Ashton Coal Key Statistics

	2022 Budget (ytd)	2022 Actual (ytd)
ROM (Mt)	2.3	1.6
Product Coal (Mt)	1.1	0.7
Total Coal Sales (Mt)	1.0	0.6
Total Recordable Injuries (TRI)	12	5
Total Employees (FTE)	315	309.8
Complaints	0	0
Environmental Incidents	1	2

Current Mining Plan



Environment Monitoring Data

- Refer to monitoring data attachment

Complaints and Incidents

- There have been no community complaints since the last meeting.
- There has been one environmental incident since the last meeting.
 - One environmental incident occurred where an excavator went off a concrete causeway and ended up in Bowman's Creek. No visible pollution. Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) was initiated.

Environmental Update

- Monthly groundwater monitoring undertaken – one vibrating wire piezo damaged and flagged for replacement in 2023.
- Monthly noise monitoring undertaken. No issues identified.
- 1080 wild dog and fox program currently ongoing (Spring round).
 - Slightly reduced due to wet weather access limitations.
 - 27 target species takes (5 wild dogs/22 foxes).
- RUMEx approval granted 6th July 2022.
- EPL variation submitted to include RUMEx area.
- Ancillary approvals progressing (Mining Lease, Management Plans (etc.)).
- National Pollutant Inventory and National Greenhouse Emissions Reporting submitted.
- Works have commenced on raising the eastern block banks in Bowman's Creek.

Environmental Update

■ Archaeological salvage works – LW207A.

- During October, our archaeologist (Liz Wyatt) from Stratum Archaeology was onsite with representatives of the Registered Aboriginal Parties to complete artefact salvage works ahead of mining in LW207A next year.

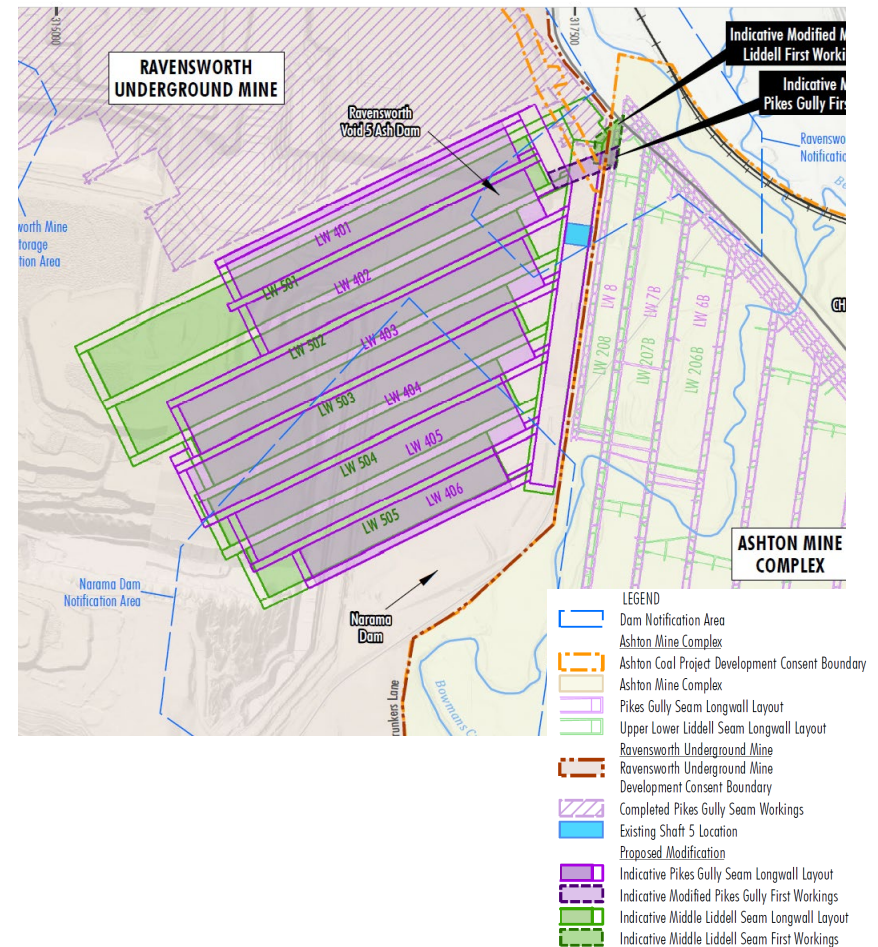


- This is a crucial step in the ground disturbance process allowed under Ashton's Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) to ensure cultural artefacts are not impacted through surface ponding and cracking as a result of expected subsidence.
- Once salvaged, the artefacts are stored securely on-site before being returned on ground at the end of mining operations in accordance with the AHIP conditions.

Ashton-Ravensworth Integration (RUMEx)

Modification Applications Update

- Approval of Ashton and RUM modification applications received 6th July 2022.



Ashton-Ravensworth Integration (RUMEx)

Environmental Management Plans

- Ashton will update its existing environmental management plans to incorporate the ACOL-operated portion of the RUM:
 - Environmental Management Strategy.
 - Water Management Plan.
 - Noise Management Plan.
 - Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan.
 - Biodiversity Management Plan.
 - Heritage Management Plan.
- Updated Ashton management plans to provide details of environmental management and compliance responsibilities at the RUMEx.

2023 Ashton Coal Community Support Program



NEED FUNDING TO HELP IMPROVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

Yancoal Community Support Program call for applications

Ashton Coal Mine is a proud and active member of the local community. Yancoal's 2023 Community Support Program offers community groups the opportunity to apply for funding to support projects, events and initiatives that help make a genuine positive difference to the Singleton Region.

If you have a project or idea with the potential to benefit others across the areas of health, community, environment, arts, culture, education or training, please visit: www.ashtoncoal.com.au

**Applications close
on 4th November 2022**



Camberwell update

- 33 Residential Tenancy Agreements
- 11 properties in Asset Maintenance Program
- 16 vacant residential lots
- 2 commercial agreements
- 10 rural areas occupied
- Aggregated rural land Glennie St – awaiting formalisation of rural license agreement
- Significant damage to driveways has occurred during recent prolonged wet weather. Rectification works being progressed.
- Swimming pool compliance currently under review relative to new legislation. New fencing is being installed as required.
- Seeking quotes for two dwelling demolition projects in the village.

Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue



**Upper Hunter
Mining Dialogue**

2022 COMMUNITY FORUM

**Wednesday 16 November
Muswellbrook RSL Club**



Any Questions?