

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING #68
Thursday, 26th June 2022**

ACOL Administration Office, Glennies Creek Road, CAMBERWELL.

Attendees

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	(MMH) Chairperson
John McInerney	(JM) Community Representative
Debbie Richards	(DR) Community Representative
Michael Bestic	(MB) Community Representative
Clr. Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA) Singleton Shire Council (SSC)
Phillip Brown	(PB) Company Rep (Environment & Community Superintendent)

Apologies

Aaron McGuigan	(AM) Company Rep (Operations Manager)
Cameron Eckersley	(CE) Company Rep (Environment & Community Coordinator)

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:10 pm.

2. Apologies

Nil

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 24th February 2022, were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Godfrey Adamthwaite **Seconded:** Debbie Richards

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

6. Correspondence

- a. 3/3/22 email MMH to DPE Chair's Annual Report.
- b. 10/5/22 email PB to CCC wild dog baiting notice.
- c. 17/6/22 email PB to CCC regarding Annual Review

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

7.5 RUMEX project

Refer to the presentation.

7.6 2022 Ashton Coal Community Support Program

Refer to the presentation.

7.7 Camberwell Update

Refer to the presentation.

JM asked if Ashton were undertaking any weed management particularly Coolatai species. PB advised that Enrights have recommenced noxious weed spraying now that the weather has improved.

8. General Business

- MB advised that he has not received any phonecalls relating to mining activities in recent times.

9. Actions

- Nil.

10. Proposed remainder 2022 Meeting Schedule

Next CCC meeting: 20 October 2022 commencing at 1:00pm.

MEETING CLOSED at 1.55 pm



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Committee

16th June 2022

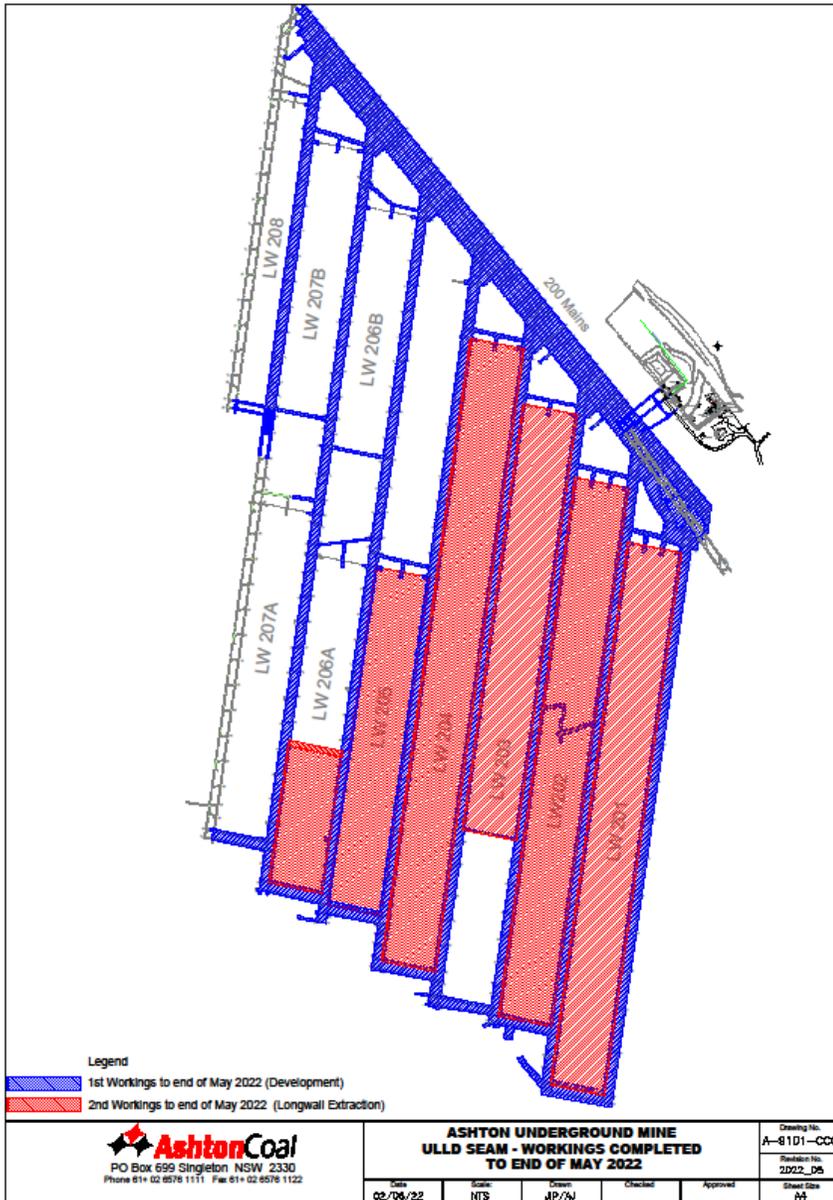


Ashton Mine Statistics YTD 2022

Ashton Coal Key Statistics

	2022 Budget (ytd)	2022 Actual (ytd)
ROM (Mt)	1.4	0.8
Product Coal (Mt)	0.6	0.3
Total Coal Sales (Mt)	0.6	0.4
Total Recordable Injuries (TRI)	12	2
Total Employees (FTE)	315	309.8
Complaints	0	0
Environmental Incidents	0	1

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 have been no environmental incidents since the last meeting.

Environmental Update

- Monthly groundwater monitoring undertaken – one vibrating wire piezo damaged and flagged for replacement.
- Monthly noise monitoring undertaken. No issues identified.
- Feral pig trapping has been undertaken – ten feral pigs destroyed to date.
- 1080 wild dog and fox program currently ongoing.
- SEOC approval lapsed on 17th April 2022.
- Annual Review submitted to Department of Planning and Environment and the Resource Regulator.
- Annual fauna monitoring undertaken – first time that monitoring has detected evidence of a brush-tailed phascogale (a NSW threatened species) using nest boxes that were installed in the VCA which is very exciting.

Environmental Update

- Annual rehabilitation monitoring undertaken.
 - Rehabilitation monitoring on the NEOC has demonstrated many completion criteria have been met/close to being met – shifting focus establish some additional Eucalypt woodland habitats.



- Monitoring has demonstrated Bowmans Creek diversions as being fully functional riparian ecosystems, despite the extremes in seasonal conditions (droughts and floods).



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 RUM.
- New Extraction Plan to be prepared and approved prior to secondary extraction at the RUM.

2022 Ashton Coal Community Support Program

Organisation	Project
Singleton Theatrical Society	Mama Mia Musical
Singleton PCYC	Painting internal hall
Singleton Heights Pre School	Sandpit area redevelopment
Singleton 444 Lolly run	Engine Rebuild
Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service	Upper Hunter Golf Day
Cessnock Minor Rugby League	New training and game day equipment
Australian Christian College Singleton	install Outdoor Fitness stations



Camberwell update

- 34 Residential Tenancy Agreements
- 10 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. Seeking quotes for any rectification works.

Any Questions?