

Centennial Coal

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Springvale

Our People Peter Quinn Technical Services Manager



What do you do at Centennial Coal and how long have you been working for **Centennial?**

I have been working at Centennial Angus Place as Technical Services Manager for approximately two years. Prior to this, I was employed at Angus Place as the Senior Mining Engineer and Geotechnical Engineer.

What do you most enjoy about being a member of the Centennial team?

Angus place is my home away from home. It is a family environment, and all employees work as a team to ensure the mine is a successful and enjoyable place to work. I could not think of a better Company to work for or better people to work with.

Favourite holiday destination and

I have a couple of favourite holiday destinations. In Australia, I regularly holiday at Batemans Bay to enjoy fishing, surfing and the beach. Batemans Bay can get quite busy during school holidays, but outside of those times it is a peaceful and relaxing place to holiday. My favourite overseas holiday destination is Phuket or Krabi in Thailand. It is also a great place to go diving in warm crystal clear waters or relax on the beach.

What are your favourite dishes to cook and why?

Whenever the word "cook" is used I think Barbeque. If you cannot cook it on the Barbeque, you have to think "is it worth cooking?". I also enjoy Thai food and it is regularly on the menu at home. My favourite Thai dishes usually involve coconut milk and plenty of chilli.

Feeding the Volunteers

For 12 continuous days during the recent bushfire crises in the Lithgow area, Doreen Peters and her band of volunteers, manned the canteen at the Rural Fire Service (RFS) Command Centre in Silcock Street, Lithgow.

Doreen is a well know member of the local RFS, being recently awarded a long service medal in recognition of over 50 years service to the organisation.

Together with Pam Day, Leslie Townsend, Carol Crossman and many other volunteers, they provided up to three meals each day to members of the 17 local bushfire brigades, as well as RFS command and communications personnel, Police, Ambulance, SES, VRA and helicopter pilots. The ladies conservatively estimate they provided over 3,000 meals over the 12 days.

"Centennial supported the canteen ladies by buying the supplies they required daily, and also providing our employees who volunteered to assist with the serving of meals and various other duties throughout the day and evening", said Centennial's Fiona Van Der Velden praising the work of the volunteers.

"It was inspiring to see how they all pulled together to coordinate the preparation and serving of so many meals from 7.00am until after 11.00pm on some days", Fiona

The canteen ladies were very appreciative of the support they received from local businesses, organisations and individuals who provided assistance of cash donations, food items and volunteers.

Clarence and Springvale mines have contributed toward the Lithgow Business Association's RFS Thank You Fund. The money raised by this fund will be distributed to the 17 local RFS brigades to purchase new equipment.



Pictured are volunteers Ian & Leslie Townsend, Doreen Peters and Carol & Ken Crossman - Canteen ladies displaying flowers they received from Centennial Coal as a thank you for their efforts

Airly Community Consultation Continues

The second of three community consultation sessions for the Airly Mine Extension Project on Sunday, 10 November at the Glen Alice Community Hall, saw approximately thirty members from the local community

Specialist consultants presented on the areas of, Aquatic Ecology, Flora and Fauna and Cultural Heritage. Key areas of discussion included:

- A review of aquatic ecology studies carried out to date and likely impacts of mining on aquatic ecology.
- Impacts from subsidence and mine discharge.
- Impacts on flora and fauna systems from mining
- Presentation of the findings of the cultural heritage studies and likely impacts from mining on European and Aboriginal heritage.
- Sharing of local knowledge regarding flora and fauna and Aboriginal and European cultural heritage sites.
- of aquatic Ongoing monitoring ecology, biodiversity and cultural heritage sites during the life of the mine.

The presentations, questions and answers from this meeting will soon be available on Centennial's website www.centennialcoal.com.au.

The third community information session will be held on Sunday, 8 December at Capertee Hall from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Topics will include: visual assessment, air quality, noise and rehabilitation.

Further information about this session will be available prior to the date.

For further information on the Airly Mine Extension Project visit www.centennialcoal.com.au

Change Proposed for Trucking from Clarence

Centennial Coal's (Centennial) Clarence Mine (Clarence) is proposing to modify its current planning consent, regarding truck haulage, to incorporate a western route.

Producing up to 2.5 million tonnes annually Clarence's coal, with the exception of 200,000 tonnes, is transported by rail to Port Kembla. Up to 200,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of coal is transported to domestic customers by road to the east of the Blue Mountains. Changes in customer demand have resulted in the identification of a new market to the west of Lithgow.

Centennial proposes to modify Clarence's current planning consent to enable the haulage of coal west of the Blue Mountains (primarily to local power stations). The proposed route would be Chifley Road - The Darling Causeway - Great Western Highway. Social, Economic, Noise and Traffic Impact Assessments will be undertaken to support this modification. The modification includes:

- Road haulage of up to 100,000 tpa of coal to west of the Blue Mountains. Total haulage on roads will not exceed the current approved limit of 200,000 tonnes per year.
- Haulage will be undertaken using trucks of similar capacity to the existing 38 tonne trucks and will represent a maximum of 25 truck movements per
- All haulage to the west will occur within the restricted hours of 7am to 10pm on Monday to Saturday, and 8am to 10pm on Sundays and public holidays.

The modification will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure in late November 2013. Updates on this proposal, or any of Clarence Colliery's activities, can be found on www.centennialcoal.com.au.

