



### Project update

#### Angus Place and Springvale Mines – Extension Projects

The Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for both projects is nearing completion. Centennial Coal has recently undertaken a series of community information sessions to share the findings of the specialist consultant's studies.

Community information sessions were held over two days at the Wallerawang CWA Hall and a more in-depth technical session was held at the Western Mines Rescue Station on Saturday, 12 October. The aim of these sessions was to provide the community with an opportunity to understand the mine design process, environmental conditions and how environmental management is undertaken. Centennial seeks to maximise resource recovery while reducing any potential for adverse environmental and social impacts associated with mining.

Key areas of discussion included:

- How the mine has been designed to avoid and minimise impacts on surface features including cliffs and pagodas.
- The geology of the area and how potential impacts on the ground and surface water will be minimised.

Participants who attended the session at the Mines Rescue Station were also given the opportunity to experience underground mining in the virtual reality simulator. Once the EIS is submitted to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure it will be placed on public exhibition for interested community members to review and make submissions regarding both projects.

#### Airly Mine Extension Project

The first of three community information sessions was held on Sunday, 13 October.

Approximately 60 people attended the session which was held at Airly Mine to hear presentations on the proposed mine design, findings of the subsidence impact assessment and the ground and surface water impact assessment.

Specialist consultants from Golder Associates and GHD presented the findings of their research and took questions posed by the community.

Key areas of discussion included:

- The impact of subsidence on ground and surface water within the Project Application Area and surrounding properties
- The stability of the mine workings post mining and the long term impact of subsidence
- Water in-flow into mine workings post mining and the impact on the surrounding catchment
- The use of water on site and the impact on the surrounding catchment.

The presentations will be made available on Centennial's website and information relating to the Airly Mine Extension Project will be displayed at Airly Mine.

Topics to be covered at the second and third community information sessions will include biodiversity, cultural heritage, aquatic ecology, visual assessment, air quality, noise and rehabilitation. The community will be notified of the dates and times for the remaining two community information sessions shortly.

**For more information on any of Centennial's Projects visit:**  
[www.centennialcoal.com.au](http://www.centennialcoal.com.au)

#### Community Contact Numbers

(For information or complaints)

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Angus Place	02 6354 8700
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Lamberts Gully	02 6355 7965
Lidsdale Siding	02 6355 7965
Springvale	02 6350 1640

#### Our People

**Patrycia Sheffield-Geotechnical Engineer**



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

I am a Geotechnical Engineer at Springvale Coal and I have been working for Centennial for the past 11 months. I really enjoy the challenging environment and the opportunity each day to learn, develop my skills and enhance my knowledge.

#### What is the best advice you have received?

My husband told me once to "feel the fear and do it anyway". A few weeks later he purchased a book with the same title written by Susan Jefferson. I am aware that the fear of the unknown sometimes creates an internal barrier that prevents us from grasping real life opportunities.

#### Favourite holiday destination and why?

My husband and I were married in Jamaica and we had such an amazing experience there. The Jamaican people have a great sense of humour, the food is excellent and there is a general laid back attitude towards life so it's a great place to recharge your batteries!

### Angus Place and Springvale supports Tractor Trek

Proceeds raised from the Centennial Coal Charity Golf Day continue to enrich the local community with funds being donated to Peter Henry who participated in Camp Quality's Tractor Trek.

The Tractor Trek helps raise much needed funds for Camp Quality to directly assist 40 families and 84 children who are living with or are directly affected by cancer in the Central West region. As part of the three day trek, the 30 travelling vintage tractors stopped off at Portland's Kremer Park to put on their display.

"The Tractor Trek involved a three day loop with it starting and finishing in Orange. It was a great way to raise awareness for Camp Quality as you don't see a group of vintage tractors travel through Portland every day," said Centennial's Fiona Van Der Velden.

The Centennial Coal Charity Golf Day has supported local charities over the last 10 years and is organised by Angus Place Colliery employees.

To add to Angus Place's donation, Centennial's Springvale employees also raised \$2,000 to donate to the cause.

"Both Angus Place and Springvale are known in the local area for their generosity and support of local charities. This is another fine example of our employees demonstrating their commitment to the community in which they live and helping out those facing tough times," concluded Centennial's Fiona Van Der Velden.



Angus Place representatives Joe Smith, Mitch Luka, John Cummings & Jason Frazer presenting a cheque to Peter & Bill Henry.

