



# Centennial Coal

## news

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### Our People

**David McKinnon, Miner Operator**



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

I started at Centennial Coal Charbon 6 years ago as a Trainee Underground Coal Miner, since then I have been employed as an operator and recently obtained my Deputies ticket.

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

I enjoy working at Centennial Coal Charbon because it has close knit work groups and good management that employs mostly from the Community of Kandos and surrounding areas. There is a good safety work ethic and great opportunities for furthering your skills.

### What are 3 things you could not live without and why?

1. My Kids because they are a part of me and life would not be the same without them.
2. My Partner because she keeps me organised
3. My golf sticks because I can't play golf without them.

### What are 3 things you could not live without and why?

Well at the moment I am renovating my house although I would rather spend my time with my family camping, bowling and watching movies. I also enjoy beating my mates at poker.

## Work Experience Opportunity

Aspiring Environmental Scientist, Aaron Gleeson recently enjoyed a week of work experience at Charbon Colliery. The local Kandos High School student worked alongside Charbon's Environmental Officer Andrew Hendy and Environmental Assistant Sam Price to learn the ropes and to gain an understanding of what is involved in Environmental Science within a mining landscape.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my work experience at Charbon; it was a lot of fun. I wasn't stuck in an office all day I got to really experience what it would be like to be an Environmental Officer on a mine site,"

"The people at Charbon were very easy going and made me feel part of the team. I am seriously considering studying Environmental Science after High School and Andrew and Sam have been able to guide me on how to achieve my goals," said Aaron.

To complement the hands on experience, Andrew and Sam also advised what would be the best subjects for Aaron to

study in his senior years of High School.

"Charbon has been working with the local schools over the years to mentor local students and offer them work experience. It's important to strike the right balance by providing young people with both hands on experience and practical advice," said Charbon's Andrew Hendy.



**Kandos High Student, Aaron Gleeson getting amongst the mining action at Charbon**

## Angus Place takes home first aid honours

Angus Place has excelled once again at the recent Coal Services Health first aid competition in Singleton.

Entering two teams, Angus Place competed against nine other Mines Rescue teams from across the district to compete in five, first aid related events. Each team had to perform two practical first aid sessions, two casualty scenarios and sit a theory test.

Each team was required to treat and assess simulated first aid scenarios including CPR, treating a snake bite, chest pain, breathing difficulties and control bleeding from an amputation.

The assessors scored the teams on their attention to controlling the scene, casualty care, and the first aid applied.

"It was encouraging to hear the judge's feedback where both the Angus Place teams were praised for their skills

in all of the events. We will be taking this feedback into future competitions and using it to grow our skills so we can continue to compete at a high level in future events," said Centennial's Mitch Luka.

Angus Place's second team consisting of Brett Croucher, Mitch Luka, Joe Smith and Lloyd Pearce, won the individual CPR event.

"It was rewarding to take out first place for this event as we had to take control of the scene and eliminate hazards surrounding the casualty before commencing CPR. The assessors provided great feedback after the event saying 'it was the best they had seen,'" said Centennial's Brett Croucher.