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Our People Steven Ashurst- Coal Processor



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

I currently work on Dogwatch as a Bathhouse C.P at Charbon Colliery. I have been working for Centennial for nearly 8 years and previous to that I was working at Baal Bone for 23 years.

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

What I like most at Charbon is the camaraderie, when you are all working for a common goal it is second to none.

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

Music – I have a vast collection of over 8000 LP's, singles, 78's and many more. My music and my system to play them on are my pride and joy. I couldn't imagine a world without music.
Family – Makes life all the more worth while.
Home – Every "Pom" needs his castle.

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

In my spare time I like to do carpentry, I like to create furniture out of wood; it is very satisfying when you have completed a project.

Kandos Community Playgroup

The Kandos Community Playgroup will be enjoying an extended play and social space with the extension of its veranda with the help of Charbon Colliery.

With the Playgroup's centre being a refurbished train carriage, the extended verandah will provide the group an open space to accommodate its growing numbers.

"New parents and children are coming every week to Playgroup which is great to see. With the allocated budget from the school partnership and donations from Centennial Coal Charbon and local businesses, we will be able to improve the facilities for the children over time," said Kylie Pennell Playgroup Co-ordinator.

To allow easy access for parents with prams and the elderly, the new verandah will also include a safety ramp. With growing numbers, the Playgroup is looking to increase the number of days it operates as well including more hands on

activities including a building a garden and play gym.

The Playgroup is funded and supported by Kandos Public School and the Benevolent Society and runs every Tuesday and Thursday. It provides the perfect social outlet for parents and early learning experiences for local children.



**Kandos Community
Playgroup
Co-ordinator,
Kylie Pennell.**

Clarence wins HSEC Award

Centennial's annual Health, Safety, Environment and Community (HSEC) Conference saw Clarence Colliery take home two of the Conference's top honours, winning both a Judges Award for Innovation in Excellence and the People's Choice Award.

Clarence's nomination for its integrated approach to the Colliery's water management system won the judges' approval, and awarded the Judges Award for Innovation in Excellence in the Environment and Community category.

Clarence's integrated water management system included the establishment of a dedicated water management team made up of key environmental, engineering, coal processing and technical services personnel.

Prior to the establishment of this team, the Colliery's water management was overseen solely by Clarence's Environmental Coordinator. This team approach recognises water management at Clarence requires an integrated approach

and innovative ways to manage a complex water network which has also resulted in cost savings. These measures have also allowed Clarence to manage its water system beyond compliance standards.

While the water management system won the judges' approval, Clarence's Health and Safety nomination won the People's Choice Award for its Dolly Car Flat-Top Safety Barrier innovation.

Designed and commissioned by Clarence's engineering team, the safety barrier system minimises the risk of injury or equipment damage while equipment is being transported underground.

The safety barrier prevents any unsecured load sliding off the top of the flattop, with the barrier lowering automatically when pulling into the mine's main drift and rising again when leaving. This process is automated to eliminate the possibility of human error occurring to activate the barrier.