



### Community Information Lines

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### Our People

#### Neil Larcombe - Mine Manager



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

I am the Mine Manager at Centennial Charbon. I have been working for Centennial for nearly 10 years.

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

I have particularly enjoyed by last 12 months as a member of the Centennial Charbon team. It is a credit to all that in Charbon's last year of production they have been able to continue their excellent safety record and set new production and washery records.

#### What is your favourite holiday destination and why?

There are many great destinations, but the best memories are those shared with family. Our first grandchild who is now 17 months adds a new and exciting dimension.

#### What do you like to do in your spare time?

If I am not enjoying a meal with family or friends, I enjoy spending time on various projects at home and around the garden. I am also working on improving my golf game (p.s. needs a lot of work).

## Airly to Reopen while Charbon Draws to a Close

Centennial Coal (Centennial) will reopen its Airly Mine (Airly) at Capertee and utilise its experienced Charbon Colliery (Charbon) workforce. After over 90 years of mining, Charbon will deplete its coal reserves by 2015. While open cut mining will continue until 2015, Charbon's underground operations will cease next month.

Charbon has been in operation since the 1920s and initially supplied coal for the former Charbon Cement Works until its closure in 1977. Charbon continued to produce coal for local use until it was upgraded in 1985. Its current production capacity is approximately 1.3 million tonnes per annum and it predominantly supplies the export market with some domestic sales to Sibelco (limeworks).

"The reopening of Airly is an opportunity to use most of our experienced Charbon workforce and therefore minimise overall retrenchments at the end of the month", said Centennial's General Manager Western Operations, Mick Cairney.

"We have every confidence those being redeployed will breathe a new lease of life into our Airly Mine", Mr Cairney concluded.

Airly was placed on Care and Maintenance in December 2012 in response to the economic climate at the time. While there has not been a significant upturn in the sector it allows Centennial to sustain

current production levels across the group. Since 2012 Centennial has continued with a project to renew Airly's Planning Consent. The consent renewal seeks approval to operate in the existing approved mining lease as well as an extension of mining into the areas that are currently licenced for exploration.

Redeployment commences next week in stages over several weeks and Airly is expected to start producing coal in March.

### Airly Mine

