



Angus Place hits the world stage

With 27 international teams competing across four events, the 8th Annual International Mines Rescue Competition in Donetsk, Ukraine saw some fierce competition ensue over the event's two day period.

As one of only four Australian teams invited to take part, Centennial's Angus Place Mines Rescue Team competed against teams from all around the world, including Poland, India, Russia, Turkey, Vietnam, Slovakia, Mongolia, China, Romania, Kazakhstan, Canada and the host nation, the Ukraine.

The team competed in all 4 disciplines, including Underground Rescue, First Aid, Engineering Analysis and the Benchman's contest, finishing 6th overall and the best performing Australian team.

"The International competition utilises a different format to that in Australia, with the point scoring system based on demerits. In addition, simulations for events, such as the Underground Rescue component, is less scenario based and focuses more on mine mapping and locating and mapping out the hazardous conditions, which was an exciting challenge for our team," said Team Member, Mitch Luka.

While finishing shy of a podium place, the final score board showed what stiff competition the Angus Place team faced, with only a few points separating the top ten teams.

"The opportunity to compete against international teams, most of which included full

time Mines Rescue team members who are trained paramedics, doctors and the like, really provided us the perfect opportunity to learn from how other countries perform rescue related activities," continued Mitch.

Only having recently returned from the Ukraine, the Angus Place Mines Rescue Team will have little time for rest as they will shortly fly to Mackay, Queensland to compete in the Australian National Mines Rescue Championship.

"We are going to use our time at the National Championship to build on experience and everything we learnt from our time in the Ukraine and we are going to continue to train hard in the hope that we can qualify to compete at the next International competition in Poland in 2013,"

"We would like to thank Centennial Coal for their ongoing commitment and support of the team," concluded Mitch.



Above - Back row: Brian Kelly, Jason Fraser, Ross Dowsett, Graeme Healy, Matthew Moore, Mitch Luka, John Cummings.

Front row: Paul Stains, Simon Holmes, Joe Luchetti

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Our People

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What do you enjoy most about living in the local area?

Growing up out here I like that I am close to the family and all my friends. People in small country towns are always friendly and willing to give a hand to those in need which is something I love, and the fact we are close enough to Sydney for day trips but miss out on the hustle and bustle of city life and the traffic.

What do you do in your leisure time?

I spend most of my time with family and friends or going to the gym and playing sport, (netball and indoor soccer). Now that the weather is warming up I'll be getting back into the summer sports, as well. I also love spending time with my nieces and nephew whenever I have a chance.

Who do you most admire?

I really admire ordinary people doing extraordinary things, and also those who never give up, no matter what life throws at them. And people who work hard and never give up to achieve their dreams!

What is your favourite food?

I love most foods, but have to say I have an addiction to chocolate! Mum and Dad's baked dinners are also hard to pass up. I also enjoy eating out and trying new things.

Which book or movie are you looking forward to reading / seeing?

I have a kindle and do a lot of reading; I'm just finishing up a series now so I will be on the lookout for a new book soon. I have been waiting to see the last twilight movie and I am keen to see hangover 3 and the new wolverine movie.

Clarence dons pink for Pink Ribbon Day

Clarence Colliery was a sea of pink throughout October in the spirit of Pink Ribbon Day, to help raise funds and awareness for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Clarence Colliery replaced their traditional orange and blue mining apparel with hot pink shirts equipped with the reflector strip and donated towards the Foundation's cause.

"We raised over \$4000 and It was great to see the entire workforce being involved and supporting a great cause,"

"Pink Ribbon Day helps raise awareness about breast cancer, as well as funds in support of the many thousands of Australians affected by this disease," said Clarence Mine Manager, Greg Shields.

In Australia, it is estimated that around 13,500 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, with more than 2,600 women annually, tragically losing their lives to this disease.



Clarence Colliery's day shift all dressed in pink.

Sporting Sponsorship a hit for six

Centennial's annual Sporting Sponsorship Program has now come to a close with applications for support received from a variety of local sporting organisations.

"It was great to see the organisations we have supported over the years continue with this program and it's encouraging to see new organisations seeking support," said Centennial's Fiona Van Der Velden.

"We received a high volume of applications this year and as you can appreciate it is taking some time to go through them, but we are working towards notifying every applicant and organising the next stages for those who are successful."

"Centennial does try to support as many

organisations as possible based on our geographical boundaries; however, we do have competing priorities for our limited funds," she said.

"We will do our best to spread our support evenly throughout our local community," concluded Fiona.

The Sporting Sponsorship Program will continue to be an annual process and will develop over time to become more web-friendly to help organisations save time in writing submission letters.

If you have any suggestions or feedback regarding Centennial's sporting sponsorship program please visit www.centennialcoal.com.au and email sportingsponsorships@centennialcoal.com.au

