



Sporting update

Centennial's Sporting Sponsorship Program is well and truly underway with the summer sports coming to a close and the winter sports preparing for an action packed season.

"We have really enjoyed receiving updates from the sporting clubs over the summer season, reading the highlights, seeing all of the photos and hearing of the success stories. It is exciting to be part of such an active local sporting community," said Centennial's Meredith Young.

Two of the most recent updates we have received include the season wrap of the Southern Lakes Cricket Club and the Lake Macquarie Dolphins Water Polo Club.

With 96 senior players, 115 junior players and 30 non playing members, the Southern Lakes Cricket Club is a force to be reckoned with being one of the largest cricket clubs in the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle district.

"I'd like to thank Centennial Coal for its support for our cricket season which has helped us achieve some great results across our junior and Under 21 teams," said Club President, Aaron Gray.

"We had a successful year across all 13 teams with four of our junior teams making the Grand Finals for their respective age groups. We were successful with one of these teams winning the major trophy," continued Aaron.

Not to let the junior teams have all of the success, the Club's senior teams also performed well the Under 21's winning its overall grade competition, while its 4th division team finished as minor premiers.

"We have already begun planning for our pre-season which includes the second season of our Toronto Academy of Cricket Excellence to develop junior cricketer's skills across the district and developing all of our graded senior teams," concluded Aaron.

From the cricket pitch to the pool the Lake

Macquarie Dolphins Water Polo Club also enjoyed success this season.

With over 70 members, the Club competes in all seven grades within the Newcastle Water Polo Competition which brings together clubs from Cessnock to Lake Macquarie to compete.

With the season just wrapping up, the Club took out five first place positions and one second place, with the Under 16 boys and girls teams, the Men's A and B divisions and Women's B division teams taking home the gold.

"With the Club continually growing and looking at developing its players so they are in a position to compete at a State and National level we were pleased to assist the Lake Macquarie Dolphins Water Polo Club to purchase new training equipment," Meredith continued.

"We are looking forward to hearing from other Sporting Sponsorship Program recipients and receiving updates on their progress", concluded Meredith.



Above: Cricket Southern Lakes Club's Aaron Gray in action



Our People

Phil Betts, Financial Accountant



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

I've been with Centennial for just under 2 years. I started as a Financial Accountant at the Fassifern office before spending the majority of 2012 at Newstan as the Mine Accountant. I returned to the Fassifern office in December last year to work in the Management Accountant role. I really enjoy the people I work with, everyone is so friendly, easy-going and enjoy a laugh. I also find the industry to be very interesting. Having come from a local council and state health service background the change to the mining industry has been a steep learning curve but I've enjoyed every minute of it.

Favourite holiday destination and why? Gold Coast. I'm a big kid at heart & never get tired of going to the theme parks up there. It's great for our young family too with such a great variety of activities, food & accommodation to keep everyone (especially the kids) entertained. They love seeing their favourite TV characters & superheros at Movie World and the ocean life at SeaWorld.

What are three things you can't live without? Summer. Christmas is my favourite time of year & being able to see my two young children's faces on Christmas morning is priceless. I also enjoy the warm weather & the options it provides to be able to do outdoor activities with my family. We really enjoy Lake Macquarie's parks & cycleways in the area and Newcastle has some great beaches which my son really enjoys.

New technology for Centennial's mining equipment

Over the past two and a half years, Centennial Coal has been investing in new technology to lower its emissions from the use of diesel powered mining equipment.

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has commenced a review that aims to benchmark the performance of diesel powered mobile equipment used at coal mines across NSW. The review also aims to reduce diesel exhaust emissions into the environment.

"We have been working across all of our mine sites to implement 'new generation' diesel engine packages for our fleet of mining equipment which operates both underground and across Centennial's surface facilities."

"The new generation technology includes the use of 'tier three' engines which are more efficient and will allow us to meet the EPA's standards of reducing our operations diesel exhaust emissions," said Centennial's Paul Williams.

Not only is Centennial implementing new technologies to reduce its emissions, but it is also

playing an active role in the EPA's review by supplying comprehensive diesel exhaust emissions monitoring data and assessments of its engineering practices.

"With the implementation of this new technology the results will see an improvement in Centennial's employee health and safety standards and practices, better environmental performance and lower operating costs across all of our mines," concluded Paul.



A man transporter going underground at Centennial's Mandalong operation

