

WINTER 2016



NEW OFFICE IN THE HEART OF GUNNEDAH

Whitehaven Coal has celebrated a significant milestone in its continuing partnership with the local community, opening its new office on Conadilly Street, in the heart of Gunnedah.

The ceremony was the culmination of a seven-month construction effort and marks the first time that Whitehaven Coal has established a permanent physical presence in the centre of town.

CEO and Managing Director Paul Flynn said the new office was not just an important symbol of Whitehaven's commitment locally, but would provide new opportunities for the company to engage with the local community,

and for community members themselves to interact with Whitehaven more directly and with greater convenience than ever before.

"For many years we have proudly called the Gunnedah Basin home, and we can now say that our door is genuinely open to the local community to ask questions, enquire about job opportunities, or simply find out more about what we do and how we operate" Mr Flynn said.

"Establishing a permanent presence in Gunnedah is an appropriate reflection of the fact that we are the single largest employer and economic contributor to this region and it shows we are serious when we say that the community must be a net beneficiary of our presence here.

Federal Member for Parkes Mark Coulton, State Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson and Gunnedah Shire Mayor Owen Hasler were on hand to celebrate the opening. The new office is located at the old Crazy Clark's site on Conadilly Street and was designed by local architect Greg Hill at Hill Lockart Architects in Tamworth.

"Just like any other part of our operations, we wanted to work with regional suppliers and it was great to see Hill Lockart Architects in Tamworth and Sunwest Constructions in Armidale bring our design vision to life" Mr Flynn said.

"I also want to thank our neighbours at Bitter Suite Café and Wine Bar and Garvin and Cousens Stock and Station Agents, who have not just patiently put up with the construction activity, but gave us the warm welcome and helping hand that is such a feature of this fantastic community.

The doors to the new office will be open to community members between 9.00am and 11.00am in the morning and 1.00pm and 3.00pm in the afternoon from Monday to Friday.

"I WANT TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO COME BY AND SAY HELLO" MR FLYNN SAID.

There are currently 27 staff members based in the Gunnedah Office, drawn from Whitehaven's teams which include Health, Safety, Environment and Communities, Technical Services (Mine planning, Geology, Survey & Logistics), Open Cut Management and Major Projects.



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MAULES CREEK MINE WINS MINING OPERATION OF THE YEAR



Pictured with the award is: (L-R): Shigenori Suzuki (J Power), Peter Wilkinson (General Manager Maules Creek), Brian Cole (EGM Projects Delivery), Jamie Frankcombe (EGM Operations), Ian Lorenz (Finalist in Young Achiever category, Statutory Mechanical Engineer, Maules Creek).

The Maules Creek Mine near Boggabri in the North West of New South Wales, was awarded Mining Operation of the Year by NSW Mining, at a gala dinner to recognise excellence in the sector.

Peter Wilkinson, General Manager of Maules Creek, collected the award at NSW Parliament from the Deputy Premier, the Hon Troy Grant MP and the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP. Whitehaven’s Jamie Frankcombe (EGM Operations), Brian Cole (EGM Projects Delivery) and joint venture partner representatives were also in attendance to accept the honour.

Whitehaven Coal CEO and Managing Director Paul Flynn said he was proud of the efforts of all Whitehaven employees in making the award possible.

“THIS IS A STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF THE HARD WORK OF EACH AND EVERY WHITEHAVEN EMPLOYEE TO GET THE MAULES CREEK MINE UP AND RUNNING.

“Maules Creek is a big and complex project that we were able to complete substantially ahead of time and under budget. That doesn’t happen with many projects, and is huge feat which the team can be justifiably proud of.

“To receive recognition from your industry peers is especially rewarding”, Mr Flynn said.

“I would like to thank NSW Mining for the award and the Deputy Premier, the Hon Troy Grant MP and the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP for attending the Awards Dining and confirming their support for our industry” Mr Flynn said.

Also honoured on the night was Ian Lorenz, Statutory Mechanical Engineer at Maules Creek, who was named as finalist in the Young Achiever and was in attendance but sadly didn’t win the overall award.

The NSW Mining 2016 Industry and Supplier Awards, presented by the Deputy Premier, recognise excellence in the sector.

WHITEHAVEN WINS MAJOR APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING AWARDS

Whitehaven Coal's apprenticeship and trainee scheme won two major awards at this year's HVTC's Excellence Awards presentation in Newcastle.

Aron Cane, Statutory Electrical Engineer with Whitehaven Coal, accepted the 2016 HVTC Large Host Employer Award (> 40 employees), while Whitehaven colleague Joel McKenty, Group Training & Safety Superintendent, accepted the 2016 HVTC Host Safety Award.

The awards recognise Whitehaven Coal's outstanding contribution to the ongoing training and development of its apprentices and trainees and its rigorous commitment to the safety, health and wellbeing of its employees.

Special guest at the awards was Minister for Regional Development, Skills and Small Business John Barilaro.

"HVTC has been a big part of our apprenticeship program providing assistance with the administration, support and guidance of our trainees and we appreciate HVTC's recognition

of our contribution to the future of our workforce," said Aron.

"Having an apprenticeship isn't just about learning and developing skills through training and mentoring. It's the stepping stone to a fantastic career that can take you anywhere. Together with HVTC, Whitehaven Coal's apprenticeship program has been producing high calibre tradespeople. It's a great privilege that our two companies have forged such a strong alliance in the development of tomorrow's leaders."

Since 2011, Whitehaven Coal has hosted 25 HVTC apprentices. Fourteen apprentices are currently hosted with the company and its comprehensive safety management system has instilled all HVTC employees with a strong understanding of the importance of safety in the workplace.

"The HVTC Excellence Awards are a great opportunity to recognise the outstanding efforts of the company's apprentices and trainees, and on behalf of the NSW Government I congratulate Whitehaven Coal as well as the other award winners on their achievements," Mr Barilaro said.

"IT'S A GREAT PRIVILEGE THAT OUR TWO COMPANIES HAVE FORGED SUCH A STRONG ALLIANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOMORROW'S LEADERS."



Winners: (L-R) Aron Cane, Statutory Electrical Engineer, Whitehaven Coal, Paul Briscoe, Field Officer, HVTC North West, Joel McKenty, Group Training & Safety Superintendent, Whitehaven Coal and Janet Lee, Manager Human Resources and Safety Services, HVTC.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Whitehaven's senior leadership team marked National Reconciliation Week by taking part in a country cultural immersion day.

Following the launch earlier this year of the company's Reconciliation Action Plan, executives took part in a day of activities in Tamworth on 31 May.

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. The theme for NRW 2016 was *Our History, Our Story, Our Future*.

The cultural immersion day was organised by the Warra-Li Aboriginal Resource Unit with the key presenter being Aboriginal Educator and Elder Len Waters.

Sites visited on the day included Wave Rock and a traditional rock art site. The executive team also heard from Len, a Kamilaroi man, who spoke about his life on a Aboriginal Mission and his passion about spreading the message of building relationship through understanding, difference, respect and acceptance.



WHITEHAVEN MARKS \$500K MILESTONE FOR RESCUE HELICOPTER



Whitehaven and our employees have donated more than \$500,000 to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter over the past five years.

The Company supports the service by matching staff payroll deductions and in FY15 the total raised was \$102k of which \$51k was through payroll deductions.

To mark our support for the service, Whitehaven Managing Director and CEO Paul Flynn visited the Rescue Helicopter base in Broadmeadow, Newcastle.

**To find out more visit
www.rescuehelicopter.com.au**

Pictured are: (L-R) Cliff Marsh OAM (Westpac Rescue Helicopter), Paul Flynn (Whitehaven Coal Managing Director and CEO), Richard Jones (Westpac Rescue Helicopter General Manager) and Tim Muldoon (Whitehaven Coal Group Manager Community Relations and Property).

FACTS ABOUT THE RESCUE HELICOPTER

- No one has ever paid to be assisted by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. That is because their fellow citizens and the NSW Government through NSW Health and the Ambulance Service of NSW provide the funds that ensure the rescue helicopters are there when and where they are needed.
- Established in 1975 by a volunteer part time beach patrol in the Newcastle area.
- Today the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service includes four helicopters operating across the Hunter, New England – North West, Central Coast and Mid North Coast regions.
- The Service undertakes more than 1000 missions each year.
- It operates 24 hours a day every day of the year.
- The Helicopter attends missions that it is tasked to by the emergency services of NSW.
- On board the Rescue Helicopters is a crew of highly trained and skilled paramedics and medical staff, pilots, air and rescue crew members.
- The Service operates from purpose-built bases in Tamworth and Broadmeadow in Newcastle.
- Since 1975 the service has enjoyed a successful partnership with the Westpac Banking Corporation. The Westpac sponsorship is recognised as one of the longest serving corporate partnerships in Australia's history. Since December 1975, the Service has been owned and operated by the community in partnership with the local Surf Life Saving Branch.

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