

# Dendrobium Community News

South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal



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## SOUTH32 IMC MOUNTS UP FOR RIDE WOLLONGONG FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) is proudly supporting the inaugural Ride Wollongong Festival of Cycling, Wollongong's annual community cycling event celebrating the enduring legacy of the 2022 UCI Road World Championships.

The festival will be held over two days, on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September, in Lang Park, along Marine Drive and Flagstaff Hill. The event will include free community rides, competitive road cycling races, and festival activities.

The all-inclusive community cycling event, which promotes healthier lifestyles, environmental sustainability, and community engagement, pays homage to life on wheels. The weekend will include a community expo, all-abilities exhibitors, local heroes, cycling-related workshops, food stalls, and entertainment.

Destination Wollongong General Manager Mark Sleight said the Ride Wollongong Festival of Cycling gives back to

the community that supported the 2022 UCI Road World Championships.

"We recently announced we would hold an annual community ride to create a legacy around the 2022 race and Wollongong's UCI Bike City Status," he said. "With the support of South32 IMC, we have been able to build on that initial plan to implement a fun-filled, action-packed weekend festival the city can be proud of."

South32 IMC Vice President Operations Peter Baker said, "South32 IMC was a proud supporter of the 2022 UCI Road World Championships, and it's fantastic to help build on that legacy with the Ride Wollongong Festival of Cycling."

"Ride Wollongong Festival of Cycling will be a great event that brings the community together. I urge everyone to get out and enjoy the action."

For more information on Ride Wollongong or to register for races, head to [ridewollongong.com.au](http://ridewollongong.com.au).

# LATEST INDIGENOUS GRANT RECIPIENTS

South32 is committed to creating shared value and positively contributing to the communities where we operate. Our Indigenous Grant Program is committed to developing local Indigenous organisations project, and businesses across our region. The latest grant recipients are:

## CBK and Two Way Cranes

The Illawarra Innovative Industry Network (i3net) has received funding from South32 IMC to support two local Aboriginal industrial businesses to join the network for 12 months under the Indigenous Grant Program.

i3net worked closely with IMC to gather a short list of potential businesses before Two Way Cranes and CBK Construction were announced as worthy recipients.

The donation will cover the i3net annual membership fees, including attendance at all events and training sessions.

Two Way Cranes are experts in adaptable mobile crane, material handling, and specialty lifting solutions and provide complete project management and an exceptional CrewSafe-certified team. Two Way Cranes is a 100% Aboriginal-owned business and is proud to be certified by Supply Nation.

CBK is a proud Indigenous-owned business that offers complete engineering, construction, and project management services from the NSW South Coast. From humble beginnings in 2005 with only three employees, CBK has worked hard to become a leading engineering and construction company delivering major infrastructure



projects throughout NSW for government and private sector clients.

i3net has supported Illawarra industry for 20 years, providing a network that fosters relationships that lead to real work opportunities, collaboration, knowledge sharing, skills development, and strengthening relationships between Illawarra-based businesses.

## Barrack Heights Public School

Barrack Heights Public School has a large Aboriginal representation and runs a range of extra-curricular experiences, including a dedicated Aboriginal education program. A portion of the funds helps fill their community pantry with healthy food and snacks to help feed their 200 Kindergarten to Year 6 students.



## PCYC Nations of Origin

Nations of Origin is a multifaceted sport, cultural, education, and leadership program that culminates around NAIDOC week annually. This year's event was held in Western Sydney in July.

Each year, around 1,400 Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people represent their Aboriginal Nation in Rugby League, Football fives, Basketball, Netball, and Gymnastics to promote reconciliation within communities and celebrate Australia's diverse Indigenous culture.







## 96 CANDLES LIT

The annual 96 Candles Ceremony remembering the 96 victims of the 1902 Mount Kembla Mine Disaster was held on Monday, 31 July, at Windy Gully Cemetery.

Although some years have passed since this tragic event, the loss continues to be felt by their families and communities, some of whom gathered to pay tribute to their loved ones along with guest speakers including Paul Scully MP, Member for Wollongong, Simon Thomas, Dendrobium Mine General Manager and Andrew Davy, District Secretary Mining and Energy Union.



## OPERATIONAL UPDATE DENDROBIUM MINE

**Longwall changeout:** We have commenced activities at Dendrobium Mine, moving to the next longwall underground, from LW21 to LW19A. There may be additional heavy vehicle movements on Cordeaux Road and more staff on site, with the changeout expected to be completed in mid-November.

**Kembla Heights and Mount Kembla Slope stability work:** We continue to work to stabilise slopes in the area. Activities focus on spraying concrete in the soil nails installed on Kembla Heights, correcting the retaining wall at the Dendrobium pit-top, and installing more soil nails in this area.

The activities will occur Monday to Friday, from 7am to 5pm, and Saturday from 8am to 1pm.

Another stage of this project will be required in Kembla

Heights outside of the Dendrobium consent boundary on IMC and Council Land. We will keep you updated on action items as work must be undertaken according to the recommendations of the geotechnical report.

**Stones Road, Mount Kembla:** Remediation work to improve safety and access to the Kemira Valley Coal Loading Facility (KVCLF) commences mid-September for up to one month. The work involves the construction of adequate water drainage, erosion controls, and road surface reinstalment in the area. The activities will occur Monday to Friday, from 7am to 5pm, and Saturday from 8am to 1pm.

Please visit our community portal on [www.community.south32.net](http://www.community.south32.net) if you want to be informed of our mining plan progress and projects and use the different tools to engage with our company.

## DENDROBIUM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Community Consultative Committee meets bimonthly, and minutes are publicly available on our website. The following items were discussed at our last meeting held in August 2023:

- Environment update, including groundwater and soil moisture monitoring.
- Longwall 19 End of Panel Report.
- Operations update, including progress of Longwall 21.
- Complaints data and community investments, including Ride Wollongong, Illawarra Hockey, and our Indigenous Grants Program.

# DENDROBIUM TAKES OUT SOUTHERN MINES RESCUE COMPETITION

South32's Dendrobium Blue team was named overall winners of the annual Southern Mines Rescue competition, held on Friday, 11 August, at South32's Appin North Colliery, having taken out top honours for the firefighting, first aid, and underground components of the competition.

Six teams from mine sites across the Illawarra region worked through scenarios designed to test their emergency preparedness capabilities, teamwork, and communication skills while they worked under pressure.

The tasks simulate incidents and situations that rescue brigades could face should they be called to action, for example, underground search and rescue, monitoring mine conditions, firefighting, and first aid. There is also a theory exam.

Dendrobium team captain Robert Monkley accepted the shield on behalf of the team.

"This is the first time that a team from Dendrobium has won a mine rescue competition since the mine started in 2002. I've been a part of this team since 2015 and have had the privilege to lead the team for the last two years.

I'm so proud of the team; their performance today has been tremendous, and the level of competition here is unbelievable. We recently won the first aid competition in Newcastle, which helped prepare us for today."



South32's Dendrobium Blue (Back) and Appin Pit Bulls (Front) compete at Southern Mines Rescue Competition.

"The team and I would like to thank Jason Hegarty and everyone at Southern Mines Rescue for their training and support. Today was a challenging competition; you tested us in some of those scenarios, but that's what today is about. We would also like to thank Simon Thomas, General Manager at Dendrobium, for his support and allowing us the time to train and compete," he said.

Dendrobium Blue will represent the Southern District at the Australian competition to be held in Queensland later this year.



## NEW HOCKEY GEAR A HIT

South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) is a proud partner of Wests Illawarra Hockey Club, helping to fund junior playing and training equipment - everything from balls, sticks, coaching aids, and body protection gear for goalkeepers.

IMC is also supporting a grassroots hockey initiative in collaboration with Illawarra South Coast Hockey to promote hockey in primary schools.

The dual aims of this initiative are to increase participation in the sport while also contributing to the health and well-being of local communities through the delivery of targeted physical activity.



## COMMUNITY CALL LINE

Residents who have questions, concerns or complaints about Illawarra Metallurgical Coal's activities are encouraged to contact us through our Community Call Line on **1800 102 210**. You can also email at [illawarracommunity@south32.net](mailto:illawarracommunity@south32.net)

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