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### Future mining update



Our MOD8 Extension application was placed on public exhibition late last year, with the majority of submissions supportive of the project. The project seeks to extend operations within the currently approved mining area until 2026, allowing more time for the State and Federal Governments to complete their assessments of the HVO Continuation project.

Following exhibition of the extension project, a response to submissions report was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning in January and the Department is in the process of making a final assessment.

The extension project will safeguard jobs for our workforce and give certainty to our contractors, community partners, and the businesses that rely on us for work in the region while we continue working with the Government on plans for long-term continuation of mining on the site.

Our proposal focuses on re-mining already disturbed land for a longer period, without increasing existing annual production volumes. This will allow us to sustain around 1,500 local jobs and continue injecting billions of dollars into local businesses, the community, and government revenue.

We appreciate the significant community support for this proposal that will require continued support over the next 18 months to protect local jobs, businesses, and our region's economic future.

Stay informed at [www.hvo.com.au/continuation](http://www.hvo.com.au/continuation) or join us at our next community information session.

**Dave Foster, General Manager**

### Building strong futures



Second-year electrical apprentice Levi is proving to be a dedicated and hardworking tradesman at HVO.

"Taking on the apprenticeship with HVO was the best decision I ever made," Levi said.

His journey began in high school when he completed a Certificate II in Electrotechnology before taking on the apprenticeship with HVO. Now, he's getting hands-on experience working on a variety of machines and equipment, with every day bringing new challenges.

"HVO is a great place to work because of the variety of work," Levi said. "I'm learning theoretical knowledge and then getting to apply it on all the different machines."

Levi's typical day is focused on the regular servicing of machines and equipment, but currently, he's working on a full rebuild of a 930E haul truck, under the supervision of a qualified tradesperson.

His strong safety awareness has also been recognised by the HVO safety team. Levi was commended for his ability to identify and address hazards, follow safety policies, and manage risks in his daily tasks.

Looking ahead, Levi sees a long future at HVO. He hopes to finish his trade, possibly pursue engineering qualifications, and one day move into a supervisor role.

Outside of work, Levi is a gym enthusiast, training twice a day and sticking to a strict routine to make the most of his time.

"I love my job and I love the work we do. I'm excited to keep learning and see where this career takes me."



## YOU'RE INVITED

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

Call in for a chat with our team members about any aspect of our operations or our proposal to continue mining.

**DATE**  
April 12, 2025

**TIME**  
8:00am - 10:00am

**ADDRESS**  
880 Maison  
Dieu Road,  
Maison Dieu



## Responsible Mining

### Ongoing Rehabilitation



*Rehabilitation at east Tailings Storage Facility*

Rehabilitation of post-mined land is an important part of our operation. During 2024 we rehabilitated 69 hectares of land, reflecting our ongoing commitment to restoring land for future use.

In addition, 88.5 hectares of land in the Carrington area was seeded with final land use species, marking the completed rehabilitation of that area. Works have been wrapped up in our remediation of the WOOP dump area, with contour regrading and gypsum and compost application being our last completed activities.

Grazing of mature rehabilitation areas – approximately 1,000 hectares, by 2,000 head of cattle – is currently being undertaken to encourage and maintain pasture diversity, encourage nutrient cycling and assist in fuel load management.

**Looking ahead, we've set a goal to rehabilitate an additional 55 hectares in 2025.**

### Weed management

Over the last few months we've had a significant focus on the management of weeds across our site. Our goal during this time has been to reduce weed proliferation in and around our priority areas of the Hunter River and Wollombi Brook. Weeds targeted included castor oil, balloon vine, green cestrum, galenia and inkweed, all of which can have significant effects on the native flora and fauna.

To keep up to date with HVO news, scan the QR code or visit [hvo.com.au/news](https://hvo.com.au/news)



## Maintaining Heritage Sites

### Tender awarded in homestead repair



Works are underway to repair parapets on the beautiful Wandewoi Homestead. Remedial builders Structual have been appointed to carry out the complex work. HVO has previously engaged Structual for works in our maintenance workshops.

Works kicked off during early March and are expected to be completed by the end of April.

## Our People



### A lens on safety

The safety of our people is our number one priority at HVO. That's why we're always looking for ways to improve how we train and equip our team.

To provide engaging training on important vehicle hierarchy rules, our training team has been leading an important initiative to develop innovative training tools. A video has been developed to ensure everyone on site understands the right-of-way rules at intersections.

Unlike public roads, HVO's vehicle hierarchy follows site-specific rules designed to keep all road users safe. Videos will soon provide clear, practical guidance on navigating intersections correctly, through a series of scenarios demonstrating the four Vehicle Hierarchy rules.

This investment in training is another step towards preventing incidents and strengthening our safety culture. The new videos will be live in the coming months. Stay tuned!





## Farewell, Pete!

After 16 fantastic years as part of our Community and Environment team, Pete Bowman officially retired at the end of February.

A true team player and all-around great bloke, Pete has left a lasting impact on HVO and demonstrated to many colleagues the importance of contributing to your community. Pete is Captain of the Endeavour rowing club, and he's earned the honorary title of Recruitment Specialist after mustering multiple HVO recruits for the club.

While he's swapped work boots for domestic duties (as per his wife's request!), we have no doubt he'll still find time for plenty of rowing on the Hunter River.

Thanks for everything, Pete, it's been oar-some working with you. Wishing you a well-earned and enjoyable retirement.

## Supporting Community

### BMX riders on track for success

Racing against the clock was all part of the challenge for approximately 680 competitors in the recent AusCycling NSW State Series.

Round 1 of the AusCycling series was recently hosted by the Maitland-Tenambit BMX Club, where riders had the opportunity to test their speed and skills.

The new transponder loop, funded by HVO, was used to time all athletes around the course, but also to determine the riders who made it from the starting gate to the first corner

with the fastest time. Riding at lightning pace, Oliver Moran from the Manning Valley BMX club and Sienna Paul from the Terrigal BMX club were the respective winners of the \$500 Holeshot Awards for the fastest male and female sprint to the first corner.

At the recent State Series, competitors were able to watch the action and prepare for their events in comfort under gazebos supplied by HVO. The gazebos and donated hats provided some much-needed shade and sun protection for athletes as they waited in the marshalling area.



### FREE Neighbour water filter or water tank clean

HVO offers a free under-sink water filter kit or water tank cleaning to our neighbours within 4km of our mining boundary.

Call **0455 782 292** to register your interest.

### Traffic on Lemington Road - May 17

There will be reduced traffic speeds and some extra traffic on **Saturday May 17** as we are holding a staff and family event. Please take extra care if using the road, particularly around **9am, noon and 3pm**.





## Funding for new music therapy room



A new music therapy room for young people in Singleton is one of the six community projects that HVO funded through its latest round of community grants.

Singleton-based Detour Youth Services Manager Chris Giles said the funding would be used to purchase different musical instruments for the program.

“Our music therapy room will be a safe, welcoming and judgement-free place for young people where they can do something that is meaningful to them. This can help to address the problem of young people who are at a loss or bored, from not engaging at all or engaging in anti-social behaviour.”

The program will be open to people from surrounding areas with Detour Youth Services able to provide transport within a 30km radius of Singleton. People wishing to register their interest should visit Detour Youth Services’ Facebook page or phone 0499 276 857.

## Our 2024 Community Contributions

More than \$120,000 was provided to community projects through a range of community contributions last year.

Funding was provided through our Community Grants Program, one-off donations and grants, as well as sponsorships. Thank you to all of the community organisations and individuals who gave us the opportunity to support you during 2024.

**Round One** of the Hunter Valley Operations Community Grants Program for 2025 will open on April 1 and close on April 30, with application forms available on the HVO website.

If you have a specific project that you would like to discuss with the HVO Environment and Community team, please contact:

**Nic McLaughlin** on:  
**0455 782 292** or **nic.mclaughlin@hvo.com.au**

## Great Cattle Dog Muster set to return in 2025



Planning is now underway for the return of the Great Cattle Dog Muster in September 2025 at the Muswellbrook Showground.

This event, the only one of its kind in Australia, is home to a wide range of Cattle Dog competitions, displays, herding trials, and a host of activities for families and their pets.

Travellers from all over come to celebrate the family friendly fun day featuring live music, a children’s zone, food and market stalls showcasing the Upper Hunter’s food, wine, produce and attractions.

HVO is proud to be silver sponsors of the event. For more information, visit the Great Cattle Dog Muster Facebook page.

### The Great Cattle Dog Muster

Community Family Fun Day

**Muswellbrook Showground**  
**Saturday 6th September 2025**



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