



## Safer roads, cooler rides

Rural Fire Service Hunter Valley put its HVO grant toward fitting its new 2024 Volvo Prime Mover with a dashcam and onboard fridge for the Bulk Water Appliance.

“The dashcam will enhance driver and vehicle safety,” Captain Matthew Maunder explained, while the fridge keeps crews hydrated with fresh food and cold water on long deployments.

These upgrades keep the 30,000-litre water tanker rolling longer and safer, strengthening firefighting efforts across NSW. It’s proof that small enhancements can deliver big benefits when every litre of water counts.



## Family fun at Singleton Show

At the heart of Singleton’s agricultural heritage, the Northern Agricultural Association will use HVO funds to power entertainment in the main arena at this year’s Singleton Show.

“Without the funding, we can’t have the entertainment and hold things here for the public,” President Bill Stacy noted.

Thanks to performances made possible by the grant, families and friends enjoy rides, pavilion competitions and livestock parades that build community spirit.

As a fully volunteer-run charity with more than 150 shows under its belt, the Association continues its mission to educate young people in agriculture and create unforgettable memories for everyone who walks through the gates.



## Enterprise excellence

Business Singleton, the town’s Chamber of Commerce, harnessed a HVO grant to elevate its Business Awards. “Securing HVO grant funding helped us bring in independent business advisors as our judging panel and commission beautiful trophies,” Business Development Coordinator Laura Kelly explained. This ensured a fair, judged format for up to 300 applicants.

The grant also covered bespoke trophies and guest tickets, positioning local enterprises before MPs and industry leaders. Winners then progressed to the Business Hunter Awards, boosting regional exposure and fostering new partnerships. HVO is proud to support the local business community and celebrate its success.



**Round Two of the Hunter Valley Operations Community Grants Program for 2025 is open now, 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**

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## Future mining update



**During August we lodged the Continuation Project Amendment Report to extend mining at HVO North until 2045 and HVO South until 2042.**

HVO initially submitted its Continuation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for consideration by the NSW Government in 2022. Following feedback from the NSW Government and community, HVO has been working to amend the existing proposal and has now submitted an amendment report which makes a range of changes to the original proposal.

The amended project:

- reduces the mine life from 2050 to 2045 at HVO North, and 2045 to 2042 at HVO South
- reduces total run-of-mine coal production by over 220 million tonnes
- proposes a limit on overall complex run-of-mine production from 42 million tonnes per annum to 26 million tonnes per annum
- reduces scope 1 emissions by 43%
- reduces diesel emissions by 30%
- reduces fugitive emissions by 50% over the life of the project, with a reduction of approximately 90% from 2040 onwards
- has no impact to the Endangered Ecological Community Warkworth Sands Woodland due to removal of the approved but not constructed LCPP and associated rail facilities

This amendment aligns with NSW's climate policy. It's on exhibition until September 25 – please visit [hvo.com.au/continuation](https://hvo.com.au/continuation) to learn more about the project and have your say.

**Dave Foster, General Manager**

## Apprentice in action



**First-year plant mechanic apprentice Cameron Luck is making his mark at HVO with dedication and a keen eye for safety.**

"I applied halfway through year 12, completed the tests and interview, and was lucky enough to be offered the job," Cameron said. After a Family Day introduction and a week at the Mines Rescue Station honing first aid and working-at-heights skills, he began a six-month work readiness program at Rutherford TAFE.

Cameron is tackling two major projects to sharpen his machining, fabrication, precision measurement and hand-tool skills. "This base understanding helps me work more productively with our tradies on site," he explained.

Cameron begins each shift by reviewing his work orders and assessing the associated hazard controls. He then partners with a qualified tradesperson on the truck and loader maintenance crew.

Relocating from Hawkesbury to Singleton has been seamless. "I'm still close enough to home to see my family on weekends, which means I can maintain the work-life balance I really value," Cameron noted.



## 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 & TIME**  
Sat Sept 13, 2025  
8:00am - 10:00am

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

**DATE & TIME**  
Wed Sept 17, 2025  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

**ADDRESS**  
Jerrys Plains  
Public School





Outside work, he's immersed in the local community as a volunteer firefighter and enjoys bushwalking, camping, 4WD trips and motorbike riding.

Looking ahead, Cameron aims to complete his Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology, gain further site experience and eventually move into a leadership role.

"The HVO Family Day event was a true highlight because I got to show my parents a world they'd never experienced," Cameron said. "Everyone has been incredibly warm and welcoming, and the support in the mining community – especially at HVO – is second to none. I'm definitely happy with my decision to come and work here."



## FREE NEIGHBOUR FILTER OR WATER TANK CLEAN

HVO offers a free under-sink water filter kit or water tank cleaning to neighbours within 4km of our mining boundary. Call Nic McLaughlin on **0455 782 293** to register your interest.

## Responsible mining

### Biodiversity offsets



*Rehabilitation at east Tailings Storage Facility*

Monitoring for the Glencore Biodiversity Report Card has commenced, establishing a consistent program and performance assessment across all biodiversity offset areas at Glencore-managed sites. We're focusing on tree planting in the Central Hunter Valley Eucalypt Forest and Woodland, and along River Red Gum corridors.

### Weed management



*Prickly pear control at the Mitchelhill BOA*

All ground-mounted disturbance areas have had an initial weed spray, with follow-up spraying and seeding scheduled for spring.

Target spraying of African olive and lantana has continued at the Hook Biodiversity Offset Area (BOA). Recent monitoring indicates management has been very effective in controlling large olives.

We're also reducing weed coverage and pig habitat around the Hunter River and Wollombi Brook, targeting castor oil, balloon vine, green cestrum, galenia and inkweed.

Further, we've maintained target spraying of prickly pear at the Mitchelhill BOA and continue to work on reducing weed proliferation within and adjacent to our priority areas.





## Rehabilitation

HVO has a 2025 Rehabilitation Target of 54.6ha of new rehabilitation and 10.8ha of Growth Media Development (GMD). All rehabilitation areas have now been released, and shaping has commenced with 21ha being completed.

All GMD areas have had an initial weed spray completed, with a follow-up spray and seeding to be completed this Spring.



*Shaping and rock drain installation at 2025 Cheshunt Rehabilitation*

## Community spotlight

**Round One of the 2025 Hunter Valley Operations Community Grants Program has allowed us to support wonderful community initiatives.**

**We're proud to shine a light on four local champions whose projects have been supercharged by our grant support.**

### Focus on teen wellbeing

Singleton Library is partnering with parenting expert Collett Smart to deliver a workshop on "Teen Wellbeing – a mental health toolkit," giving families practical strategies for spotting anxiety, depression and other adolescent challenges.

Parents will receive fresh insights alongside community conversation over a cup of tea. "Some of the most interesting insights come from the conversations that follow," Team Leader Laurelle Griffiths said, underscoring how this initiative turns a borrowed book into a shared forum for learning and connection.

The workshop will be held at Singleton Library from 5:30pm on Thursday 16 October.



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