



## Future mining update



**Our Hunter Valley Operations (HVO) Continuation Project is making its way through the approvals process with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) currently completing their assessment of the Project before it is referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for determination.**

If approved, the HVO Continuation Project will continue to provide employment and economic benefit for years to come.

As part of the IPC process, the public will again be invited to make submissions on the Project. Based on our recent experience when the project amendment report was put on public exhibition by DPHI last year, we were very encouraged that overall more than 90% of people who responded were in support of our project.

We remain optimistic on the progress of the Project which is vital to securing long-term certainty for our workforce, local suppliers and the many community partners who rely on HVO's ongoing operations. For more than 70 years, HVO has supported local jobs, businesses and community organisations across the Hunter.

Today, 1,500 people work at HVO and more than 800 local suppliers benefit from our operations. In 2024 alone, HVO had a \$1.7 billion direct economic contribution and spent over \$1 billion on Australian goods and services. As demand for high-quality HVO coal continues from our key trading partners, the taxes and royalties generated will also help support Australia's energy transition.

We will keep you informed about upcoming opportunities to have your say during the IPC phase.

Your support is vital to the future of HVO in the Hunter.

**Dave Foster, General Manager**

## Community spotlight

**HVO awarded approximately \$52,000 in its latest round of community grants, continuing HVO's long-standing commitment to supporting initiatives that deliver meaningful outcomes for communities across the Hunter region. Since 2018, HVO has invested more than \$760,000 into over 130 community initiatives.**

**Round Two of the 2025 HVO Community Grants Program 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.**

### Backing netball from the sidelines to centre court



**Netball Singleton has even more reason to celebrate this season thanks to support from Hunter Valley Operations (HVO).**

Through the HVO Community Grants Program, the club received funding for accreditation courses for coaches and umpires, along with two new marquees to keep players, officials and families sun-safe on game days. The boost strengthens the club from grassroots juniors through to representative pathways.

HVO Environment and Community Officer Nic McLaughlin said supporting local sport is a key part of HVO's commitment to the region. "This partnership is a real highlight in our community work," Nic said. "Netball is such a big part of life in Singleton, and helping the club build skills and provide a safer, more comfortable environment benefits everyone involved."

For SNA President Sharon Power, who has dedicated more than 20 years to the club, the support is deeply valued. "We're incredibly grateful for HVO's support," Sharon said. "The new marquee and equipment make a huge difference on game days, and helping our coaches and umpires access training really strengthens the whole association."





## Bringing a new playground dream to life

**A long-awaited new playground is on the way for Jerrys Plains Public School, supported by funding from HVO. The announcement was made at the school's end-of-year presentation, where HVO General Manager David Foster and Ben de Somer revealed that the company's donation would provide the final funds needed to complete the project. The news was met with enthusiasm from principal Michele Renneberg and staff.**

The playground funding builds on HVO's ongoing annual assistance package for the school, reflecting the company's continued support for local education initiatives. HVO Environment and Community Officer Nic McLaughlin said the donation reflected HVO's commitment to investing in projects that benefit future generations.

"Supporting projects like this is about creating positive, lasting outcomes for local families," Nic said. "We're proud to work alongside Jerrys Plains Public School and community groups to help bring ideas like this to life."



### FREE NEIGHBOUR WATER FILTER OR WATER TANK CLEAN

HVO offers a free under-sink water filter kit and/or water tank cleaning to neighbours within 4km of our operational boundary. Call Nic McLaughlin on **0455 782 292** to register your interest.

## Mulch, momentum and a greener garden

Singleton Community Garden received a fresh burst of energy when volunteers from HVO's Tech Services team rolled up their sleeves for a hands-on working bee. Over three hours, the crew cleared weeds, spread mulch and tidied garden beds, creating clearer paths and healthier soil conditions for the months ahead. Before-and-after photos show just how much difference a few focused hours can make.



Before



After





The garden is a welcoming hub for locals who enjoy growing, learning and connecting outdoors. HVO Environment and Community Officer Nic McLaughlin said the team loved working alongside community members. "The garden is a vital local space; the tidy-up has made it easier for everyone to come together and enjoy it," Nic said.



### Pedalfest rolls ahead with sun-safe support

Riders at this year's Dungog Pedalfest enjoyed cooler, safer conditions thanks to HVO's in-kind support. Three sun-safe marquees, branded hats, signage and bright event banners helped guide competitors and spectators across the three-day festival - from start-line marshalling to finish-line celebrations.

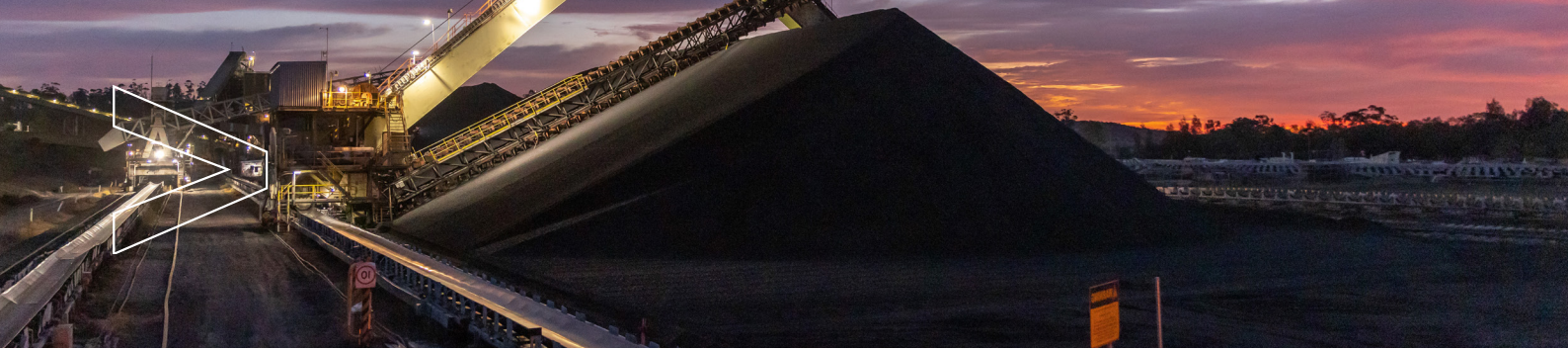


Pedalfest blends heritage and modern cycling events, including the National Dandy Horse Championships, the NSW Penny Farthing and Footbike State Championships, and the NSW School Funduro Mountain Bike Championships. All proceeds support the Dungog Shire Community Centre, strengthening local programs that bring neighbours together. HVO's contribution helped keep riders shaded, hydrated and on track throughout the event.



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## Tech that saves lives at WRHS Belmont Base

HVO deepened its Painted Truck Tray partnership in 2025 by donating two iPad minis - complete with Apple Pencil and Smart Folio - to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service base at Belmont. During a visit to the hangar, HVO's Brenton Hubert and Andrew Porters met pilots and paramedics and saw firsthand how the new devices will support flight planning, patient record-keeping and in-flight communication.

"It was great to see the capabilities of the machines and what the crew can do," Andrew said. "It's rewarding to see that HVO is directly supporting this community resource by donating mission-critical items." Brenton added that the upgrade strengthened the region's emergency response network. "Supporting WRHS is an investment in our community's safety net, ensuring critical care reaches those in need, wherever they are. It's great to see the positive effects of our funding towards technology upgrades and how this is used in the field during day-to-day operations," he said. "We're proud to back a service that's indispensable to regional communities."



**Round Two of the Hunter Valley Operations Community Grants Program for 2025 is open from 1-30 April, 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](mailto:nic.mclaughlin@hvo.com.au)

## Experience mining up close at Voice for Mining Family Day

HVO is gearing up for a huge Easter Sunday at McDonald Jones Stadium, with the HVO Fan Zone set to deliver one of our biggest community activations yet at Voice for Mining Family Day. This year's experience is all about bringing the scale and excitement of mining to life, giving fans a rare chance to get up close to the world of mining.

We're creating an immersive, hands-on space designed to surprise, engage and spark curiosity. Fans will be able to step into an experience that captures the size, power and precision of modern mining, with interactive elements that let you test your skills, learn something new and see mining from a whole new perspective. While you wait, there'll be plenty to explore - from fun challenges to eye-opening displays - all designed to keep the energy high before the Knights run out.

With giveaways, sun-safe marquees and a few big surprises in store, the HVO Fan Zone will be buzzing from gates-open. If you're heading to the game on Easter Sunday 5 April, make sure you swing past and discover what we've been working on. It's an experience you won't want to miss.



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