

Hunter Valley Operations

Community Consultative Committee

Business Papers – May 2026

Materials ahead of meeting of the committee on **Thursday 21 May 2026**

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1.0 Complaints

Four (4) community complaints have been received during 2026. A summary of all complaints received during 2026 are provided in **Figure 1** and **Table 1**.



Figure 1: Summary of 2026 Community Complaints by Type

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Date	Time	Nature of Complaint	Mode of Complaint	Monitoring Indicates Exceedance	Brief Description and Response
No community complaints received during January					
No community complaints received during February					
5 March	7:33am	Traffic	Community Hotline	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member of the community called the Community Complaints Hotline at 7:33am on 5 March 2026 regarding a near miss traffic incident at the intersection of Comleroi Road and Golden Highway at Warkworth on the evening of 4 March 2026 A site-wide communication has been delivered to all employees and contractors regarding the importance of safe driving practices when driving to and from HVO
10 April	10:43am	Blast	Direct call to HVO E&C Officer	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident of Jerrys Plains called a HVO environment and community officer directly at 10:43am regarding blast noise and vibration experienced at the time of the call A member of the HVO Environment and Community team communicated that a blast occurred in West Pit at approximately 10:41am. No further meeting or follow up information was requested by the resident Monitoring data results from the Jerrys Plains Village blast monitor (closest to the resident's house) were below the relevant compliance limits for blast overpressure and vibration
	11:19am	Blast	via HVO Community email	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident of Bridgman contacted HVO via the environment and community email at 11:19am regarding blast noise and vibration experienced at their residence A member of the HVO environment and community team responded to the resident via email confirming the blast. The resident subsequently replied by email requesting a summary of the blast monitoring results, which were provided Monitoring data results from the Maison Dieu blast monitor (closest to the residents house) were below the relevant compliance limits for blast overpressure and vibration

Date	Time	Nature of Complaint	Mode of Complaint	Monitoring Indicates Exceedance	Brief Description and Response
	1:21pm	Blast	via EPA Environment Line	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident of Camberwell contacted the NSW EPA via its Environment Line regarding blast noise and vibration experienced at their residence • The EPA emailed HVO at 1:21pm and requested further information regarding the blast, which HVO provided in a report provided on 17 April 2026 • Monitoring data results from the Maison Dieu blast monitor (closest to Camberwell) were below the relevant compliance limits for blast overpressure and vibration

2.0 Incidents

Three (3) environmental incidents requiring external reporting under approvals licences and/or reporting in the HVO Annual Environmental Review have occurred to date during 2026. A summary of those incident details are provided in **Figure 2** and **Table 2**.

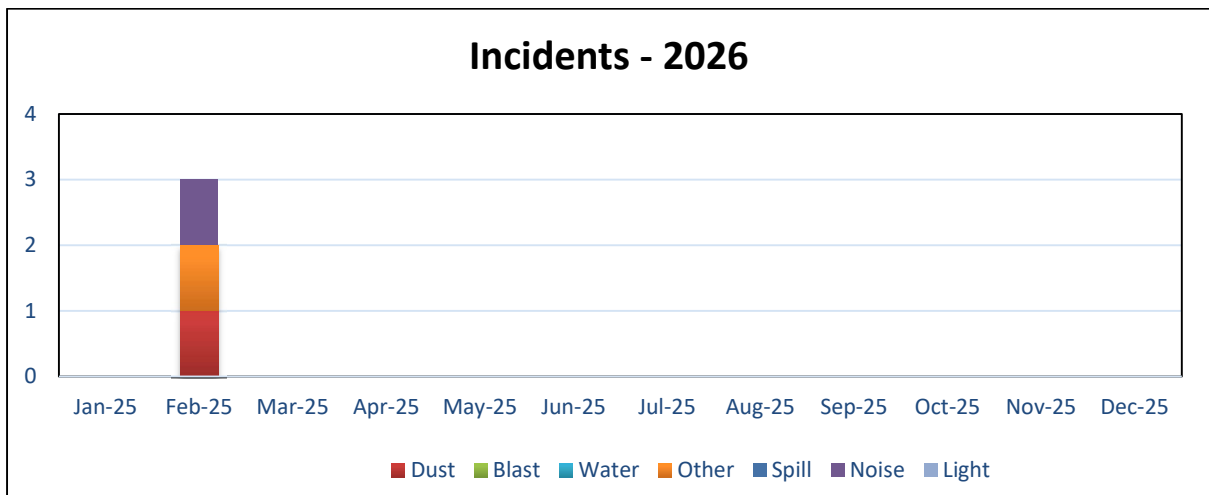


Figure 2: Summary of 2026 Environmental Incidents by Type

Table 2: Summary of 2026 Environmental Incident Details

Date	Details	Key Actions	Aspect
5/02/2026	<p>Inadequate Fencing at Aboriginal Heritage site CM-CD1</p> <p>During an inspection by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) it was identified that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> signage on the fenced aboriginal heritage site CM-CD1 (AHIMS Site 37-2-1877) had fallen on the ground and were not securely fastened onto the boundary fence the 20m buffer fencing for CM-CD1 had not yet been erected <p>This was identified as a non-compliance with Schedule 3, Condition 41 of development consent DA 450-10-2003, with the breach recorded, but no further action required at this time</p>	<p>On 12 February the HVO E&C Manager notified the DPHI representative that the signage was updated on 9 February and works to install the buffer fencing were to commence 23 February 2026</p> <p>20m buffer fencing has now been installed</p>	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
6/02/2026	<p>Long Point High Volume Air Sampler Mis-capture</p> <p>HVO was notified on the 1 December 2025 by the monitoring contractor that the Long Point PM10 High-Volume Air Sampler (HVAS) failed to operate for the full 24-hour monitoring period resulting in a runtime of 0%</p>	<p>It was established that the residual current device (RCD) switch had tripped at the unit. The HVAS unit resumed normal operation for their next scheduled run day</p> <p>The mis-capture was reported to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) with no further follow up requested</p>	Air quality

<p>18/02/2026</p>	<p>Attended Noise Monitoring Exceedance at Knodlers Lane (Site NM1B)</p> <p>During monthly attended noise monitoring by the acoustic consultant at the Knodlers Lane monitoring location, an LAeq of 41dB (including 2dB low frequency penalty) and LA1,1 minute noise measurement of 48 dB was recorded against the noise criterion of 40 dB and 45 dB respectively</p>	<p>The acoustic consultant contacted HVO Dispatch and explained the monitoring result and that the source of the noise was coming from the dozer in Cheshunt Pit 2</p> <p>The responsible OCE relocated the dozer and haul trucks to a lower dump. In addition, the relocated dozer activities were restricted to first gear. A follow up measurement was undertaken at the same location in accordance with the approved HVO Noise Management Plan and was below the criteria</p> <p>EPA and DPHI were notified of the incident and report provided</p>	<p>Noise</p>
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3.0 Rainfall

A summary of rainfall data recorded at HVO weather stations during 2026 is provided in **Figure 3** and **Table 3**.

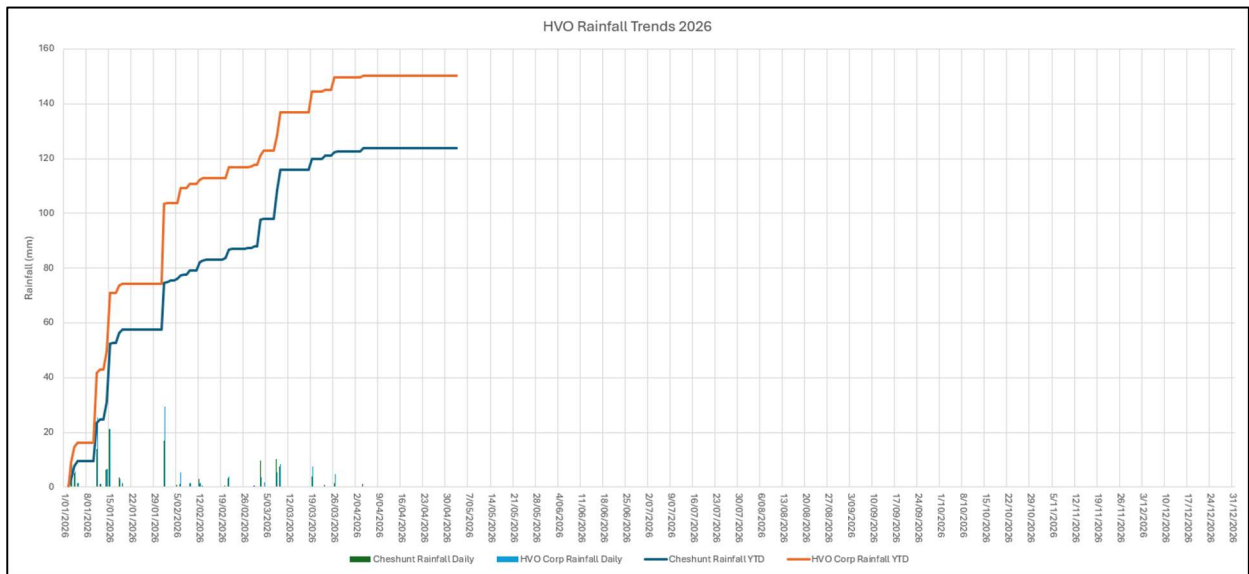


Figure 3: Summary of 2026 HVO Rainfall Data

Table 3: Summary of 2026 HVO Rainfall Data (1 January – 30 April)

Month	Monthly Total Rainfall (mm)	
	Cheshunt	HVO Corporate
Jan-26	57.6	74.2
Feb-26	29.8	42.8
Mar-26	35.2	32.8
Apr-26	1.2	0.4
May-26	-	-
Jun-26	-	-
Jul-26	-	-
Aug-26	-	-
Sep-26	-	-
Oct-26	-	-
Nov-26	-	-
Dec-26	-	-
Total	123.8	150.2

4.0 Community Sponsorship and Events

Community consultation and engagement activities undertaken during 2026 have included:

Community Information Sessions (February and March)

Community information sessions were held in Jerrys Plains (14 February) as part of the Jerrys Plains Fair and Masion Dieu (13 March). Both events were well attended, in particular Masion Dieu, where the event was moved to a Friday afternoon.

NRL Voice for Mining Round (April)

Easter Sunday (5 April) saw the annual NRL Voice for Mining round held at McDonald Jones stadium at Broadmeadow. HVO had an information stall within the Knights Fan Zone, where HVO shared information on its proposed Continuation Project and sought support from the community. The stall also included the heavy vehicle simulator, competitions as well as free HVO merchandise and food items.

Community Grants (April)

Round 1 of the community grants programme saw 34 applications received between 1 – 30 April. Applications are currently under assessment.

Business Singleton – Monthly Breakfast Presentation (April)

HVO General Manager Dave Foster presented to the business chamber regarding the progress of the proposed HVO Continuation Project.

Singleton Community Garden (April)

The HVO Tech Services team spend a Friday afternoon hauling woodchip to the base of two large planter areas to evenly cover the ground.

HBCF Supporter Morning Tea (April)

With HVOs support via its pay-per-load painted haul truck partnership, Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation has been able to provide practical, meaningful help to people across the Hunter navigating a breast cancer diagnosis, including transport to treatment, home cleaning, fuel support and social connection. The morning tea was attended by a HVO environment and community team member.

Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue School Tour (April)

Twelve students and one teacher from Milbrodale Public School and five students and two teachers from Jerrys Plains Public School attended HVO on Wednesday 29 April. The tour consisted of talks and on-ground experiences detailing the chronological progression of mining – pre-mining, active mining, coal preparation and rehabilitation. The students also got to experience the mine from West Pit look-out as well as inside the heavy vehicle workshop.

Witmore (Disability Care Provider) Tour (May)

Eight participants and six staff from Witmore attended HVO on Friday 1 May. The tour consisted of:

- A sit-down presentation of the mining process, with particular emphasis on heavy vehicles
- Examination of coal and rock
- A viewing of the heavy vehicle workshop and wash down areas from the North Administration building
- The HVO Dispatch area
- An inspection of HVO emergency response vehicle
- An inspection of HVO a light vehicle (ute)

5.0 Environmental Monitoring Documents

Monthly summaries of environmental monitoring uploaded to the HVO website since the last meeting (<https://www.hvo.com.au/documents>) include:

- Hunter Valley Operations Environment Protection Licence 640 Monitoring Data – November 2025
- Hunter Valley Operations Environment Protection Licence 640 Monitoring Data – December 2025
- Hunter Valley Operations Environment Protection Licence 640 Monitoring Data – January 2026
- Hunter Valley Operations Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report – November 2025
- Hunter Valley Operations Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report – December 2025
- Hunter Valley Operations Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report – January 2026
- Hunter Valley Operations Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report – February 2026
- Hunter Valley Operations Independent Environmental Audit 2025

6.0 Environmental and Related Documents

Environmental documents uploaded to the HVO website since the last meeting (<https://www.hvo.com.au/documents>) include:

- Hunter Valley Operations Community Complaints Register – up till April 2026
- Hunter Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee Minutes – November 2025
- Hunter Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee Agenda – February 2026
- Hunter Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee Business Papers – February 2026
- Hunter Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee Presentation – February 2026