

## HVO NEWS

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### Welcome from Tony Morris, General Manager Hunter Valley Operations



Welcome to Issue 7 of HVO "News," an update on our business and importantly some of the key issues and topics of interest to our local community members. This includes our

ongoing support programs for local community organisations, an update on the sites rehabilitation and land management activities; as well as some of the key project approvals that are currently in progress.

If there is particular information you would like to see included in this newsletter, please let us know as we welcome and value feedback and in the meantime please stay safe.



### Rehabilitation

Our planned rehabilitation target for 2021 is 78 hectares. In addition, a significant maintenance programme is ongoing to enhance rehabilitation quality of previously rehabilitated areas, primarily targeted at weed control.

### Pest and Weed Management

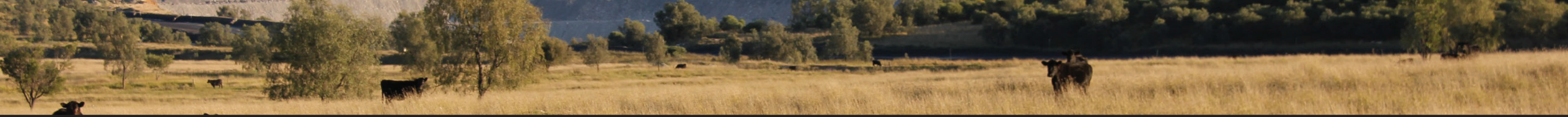
Our pest management program continues to show good results with pests being controlled through shooting, trapping and baiting across our landholdings.

Results to date of the 2021 program include:

- 4 feral pigs culled
- 127 kangaroos culled
- 1080 baiting program targeting wild dogs and foxes – 67 (year to date)

Local Land Services dog trapping program was conducted at HVO across buffer properties from the 1st to the 15th April to trap bait shy animals which including 3 foxes and 5 dogs.





## Community Grants Program

Round One of our Community Grants Program closed in April with a number of local organisations successful in obtaining funds totaling almost \$23,000 including

- Mens Shed - Mental Health First Aid
- Singleton PCYC - Singleton PCYC School Holiday Activities
- Muswellbrook South Public School P&C - Colour Your Threads for Positive Education
- Singleton Bowling Club - Graded Triples Tournament
- Singleton Beef and Land Management Association Incorporated - Healthy Soils, Sustainable Pastures
- Singleton Heights Pre-School Inc - Creating a Yarning Circle/Vegetable Gardens
- Singleton Mountain Bike Club Incorporated - Maison Dieu Mountain Bike Track - Erosion repairs and access improvements

Thanks to all of the community groups who applied for grants for Round One. Round Two of the 2021 programme will open in September and I encourage community groups to apply. Please contact Merri Bartlett on 0455 782 292 if you have a potential project that you have in mind and would like to discuss.

## Near Neighbour Amenity Resource

HVO continues to offer a choice of either an under sink water filter kit or water tank cleaning to our near neighbours. If you received this newsletter and are interested in taking up the offer, please contact Merri Bartlett (merri.bartlett@hvo.com.au or 0455 782 292) to register your interest for this initiative.



## School Site Tour

Students from Rutherford Technology High School recently visited HVO on 2 June as part of a Careers Day to learn more about the mining industry. Students from Years 10, 11 and 12 viewed our operations from the Cheshunt Pit lookout as well as listening to a presentation on careers in mining followed by a tour of the North Workshop.

## Community Information Sessions – Postponed

In consideration of the current COVID-19 outbreak in NSW, the decision has been made to postpone previously advertised community information sessions to be held at Jerrys Plains and Maison Dieu.

Once it is safe to do, community information sessions will be rescheduled and appropriately advertised. It is hoped this will occur in the coming months.

In the meantime, a community survey is now open to help us understand your views on the HVO Continuation Project. Please scan the QR code to complete the survey.



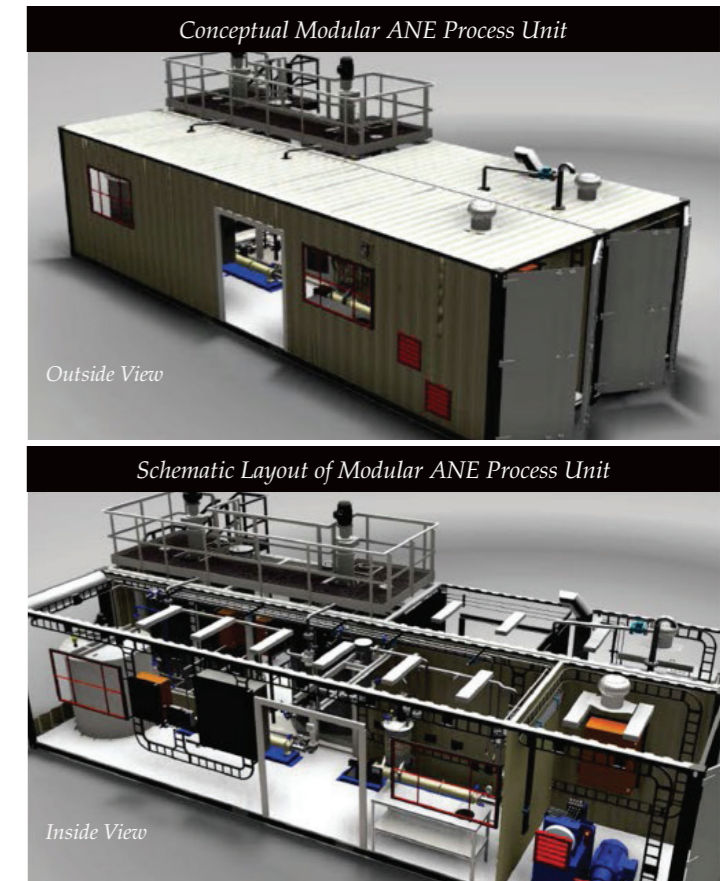
If you would like more information regarding the HVO Continuation Project or alternate ways to participate in consultation for the project please contact us at <https://emm.mysocialpinpoint.com/HVO>

## HVO South Minor Modification - ANE Facility

HVO have submitted a modification of existing consent (PA 06\_0261) to allow for the construction and operation of a modular Ammonium Nitrate Emulsion (ANE) manufacturing plant within the existing approved HVO South mine disturbance area.

A Statement of Environmental Effects (SSE) to support the Proposed Modification is currently in preparation and assesses the potential impacts of the proposed modification on environmental aspects such as Traffic and Transport, Surface Water, Air Quality, Noise, Hazards and Dangerous Goods and Greenhouse Gas and Energy. None of these aspects has been assessed as increasing any environmental or public impacts.

HVO has identified two proposed locations within the currently approved HVO South project boundary



## Aerial seeding

Aerial seeding was recently undertaken on site on the 8th and 9th June with 320 hectares completed to provide for temporary cover on active waste dumps to reduce the area exposed to wind generated dust.

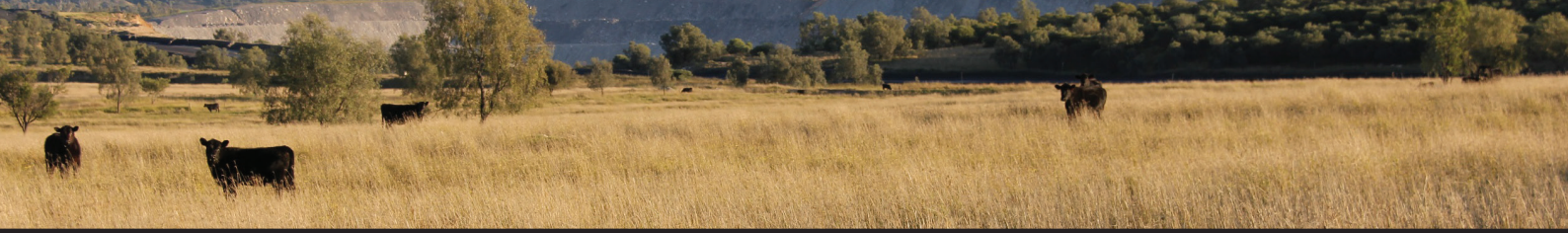


## HVO South Minor Modification - Lemington Underground Water Storage

HVO and MTW are investigating ways to improve site water management across the operations and are currently assessing the feasibility of storage of site water in the former Lemington Underground Mine workings.

This would involve installing additional bores to transfer water into, and extract water from, the Lemington Underground Mine workings. Works would be undertaken within existing disturbance areas.

A modification of the existing HVO South Project Approval and Warkworth Development Consent would be required.



## Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The HVO CCC meets regularly with the last CCC meeting held on 19 May. The forum provides for open discussion between our community members, Singleton Council and HVO.

Topics of discussion include mine operations, environmental performance and community relations. Our community members on the HVO CCC include; Brian Atfield, Di Gee, David Love, Dr Neville Hodgkinson, Janelle Wenham, Todd Mills, Jeannie Hayes, Michael Wellard and Councillor Hollee Jenkins. The CCC is independently chaired by Dr Colin Gellatly AO. If you would like a copy of the CCC business papers, presentations and minutes from previous meetings, these are available via InSite, which can be accessed on <https://Insite.hvo.com.au/>. Alternatively, if you would prefer a hard copy, please contact us.

## HVO Complaints and Blasting Hotline

1800 888 733 (freecall)

- This number can be used for making a complaint about HVO's operations or for finding out road closure times for blasting
- Attended 24 hours a day / seven days a week

Up to date information about HVO and our environmental monitoring performance is available on our websites. To view this information, go to:

- HVO website, via: <https://hvo.com.au>
- HVO Insite (environmental monitoring performance) via: <https://Insite.hvo.com.au/>

## HVO SMS Blast Notification System

The system is designed to provide SMS alerts relating to HVO blasting plans and road closures. Community members can subscribe to the service to receive a SMS alert at no cost.

Please send an SMS to 0447 448 982 to register your details for the service making sure that the word subscribe is included in the text.

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