

HVO NEWS

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Welcome from Tony Galvin, General Manager Hunter Valley Operations



Welcome to Issue Two of HVO News which contains a number of topics of interest to our community members including rehabilitation, the near neighbour amenity resource, community grants and feral pest management.

HVO will be publishing a regular newsletter to provide updates on our operations throughout 2019.

If there is particular information you would like to see included in this newsletter, please let us know.

Rehabilitation

A total of 100.9 ha of mined land was rehabilitated in 2018. Our planned rehabilitation target for 2019 is 86 hectares and we are currently on track to achieve this. Bulk shaping and topsoiling of specified areas across site commenced in January.



Near Neighbour Amenity Resource

HVO focuses on a proactive, open and honest approach when communicating with neighbours about issues relating to environmental amenity (dust, noise, light, blasting) in regards to HVO's operation. In 2018, under sink water filter kits and water

tank cleaning were offered to a number of near neighbours. Through consultation with the CCC we have decided to extend this offer to HVO near neighbours in 2019. Please contact Merri Bartlett (merri.bartlett@hvo.com.au or 0455 782 292) to register your interest for this initiative.



Community Grants Programme

HVO supports applications for local donations and sponsorships that have a local community benefit. In 2018, HVO provided \$57,464 to 16 local projects and initiatives.

HVO also continued its partnership with Jerrys Plains Public School providing funding for their pre-school programme in 2019.

Round 1 of the 2019 Community Grants program opens on 8 April 2019 and closes on 6 May 2019. If you or a community group are interested in applying for funding, please go to <https://hvo.smartygrants.com.au/HVO2019RoundOne> or contact Merri Bartlett on 0455 782 292 for further information.



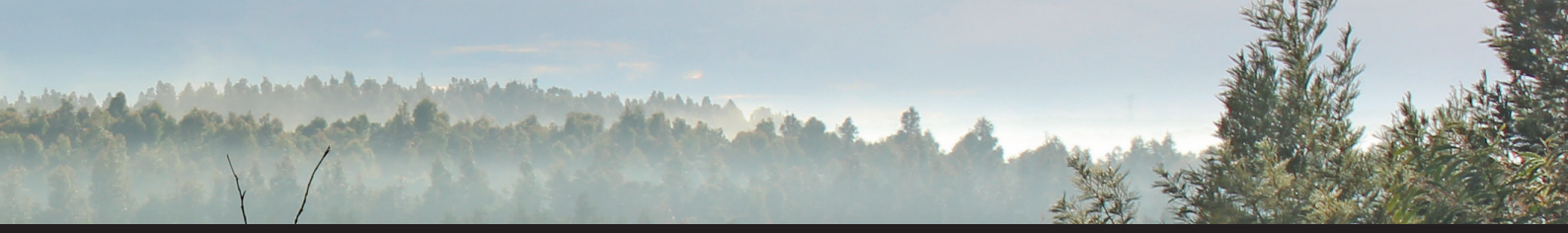
A donation was given to the Singleton Fire Brigade Social Club for the Singleton Christmas lolly run.



Bush Dinner Dance organised by Singleton Council and the Disability Advisory Committee in celebration of International Day for People With a Disability.



Wildlife Aid Upper Hunter Valley bringing Australian Wildlife Displays to kindergarten pupils.



Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The first CCC for the year was held 20 February. Topics of discussion included mine operations, environmental performance and community relations. CCC business papers, presentations and minutes from previous meetings are available via InSite, which can be accessed:

<https://Insite.hvo.com.au/>. Alternatively, if you require a hard copy, contact us.

The HVO CCC meets regularly with the next CCC meeting scheduled for Wednesday 29 May. The forum provides for open discussion between the community, Singleton Council and HVO.

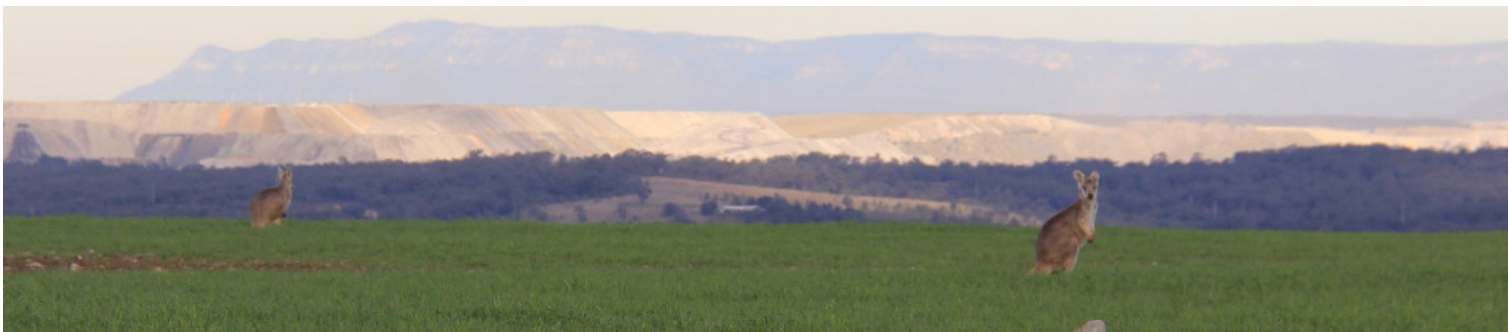
Community members on the HVO CCC include; Brian Atfield, Di Gee, David Love, Dr Neville Hodgkinson, Janelle Wenham, Todd Mills, Jeannie Hayes, Michael Wellard and Councilor Hollee Jenkins. The CCC is independently chaired by Dr Colin Gellatly AO.

Feral Pest Management

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

The 2018 programme included:

- 263 feral pigs culled
- 1372 kangaroos culled
- 1080 baiting summer/autumn programme targeting wild dogs and foxes
–255 baits were taken



2019 Community First Aid Course

The course is run for our employees but is also being offered to our near neighbours to attend and will be held at the HVO Emergency Response Training Ground. Courses will be held on Tuesday 9 April, Tuesday 14 May and Tuesday 11 June. To book a position contact Paul via email, paul.scrace@hvo.com.au



Truck Attenuation Programme

Since 2012 HVO has been progressively attenuating its fleet of haul trucks to minimise noise. In 2019, HVO is scheduled

to complete fitment of a further 13 sound attenuation kits to haul trucks with all the haul fleet to be sound attenuated by the end of 2019.

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.

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 / 7 days a week

HVO and Insite Websites

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>

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