

Dartbrook Newsletter



Construction of Dairy Commences

Australian Pacific Coal (AQC) is pleased to advise that works are well underway at Garoka Dairy on the construction of a new 50 cow rotary platform and milking shed.

The works commenced in October following the grant of Development Approval from Muswellbrook Shire Council.

The milking shed, measuring 22m x 30m, has been constructed and will house the new system and processing equipment.

The concrete flooring is being poured with the installation of modern milking equipment thereafter.

It is expected that works will continue throughout November and December with a planned completion date of mid-January 2018. Dairy operations are expected to utilise the new facilities shortly after. AQC has worked very closely with local dairy farmer "Butch" Smith to ensure minimal disruption to his dairy operations.

LONG WALL REMOVAL

Since taking ownership of the Dartbrook Mine in May 2017, AQC has reviewed various areas of stored equipment to identify those items with limited remaining operating life or value. Removal of disused equipment is a priority for AQC to clean up the site and improve general access and safety of mine site working areas.

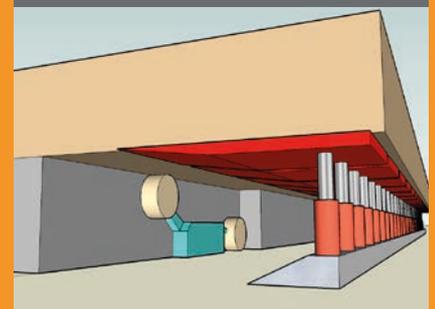
The first piece of the disused longwall machinery has been dismantled and loaded onto a semi-trailer for removal from the Dartbrook Mine site. Works commenced in October with approximately 120 chocks to be removed. The disused machinery will be recycled at a regional processing plant rather than disposed as landfill.

Removal of the disused chocks is expected to be completed by mid 2018.

Roof support sections in storage



An example of how a roof support section is used underground



Roof support section being dismantled



Loading dismantled longwall section to move offsite

ENVIRONMENTAL FIELDWORK

Throughout November and December 2017, AQC is undertaking a variety of environmental fieldwork activities in and around the Dartbrook mine site.

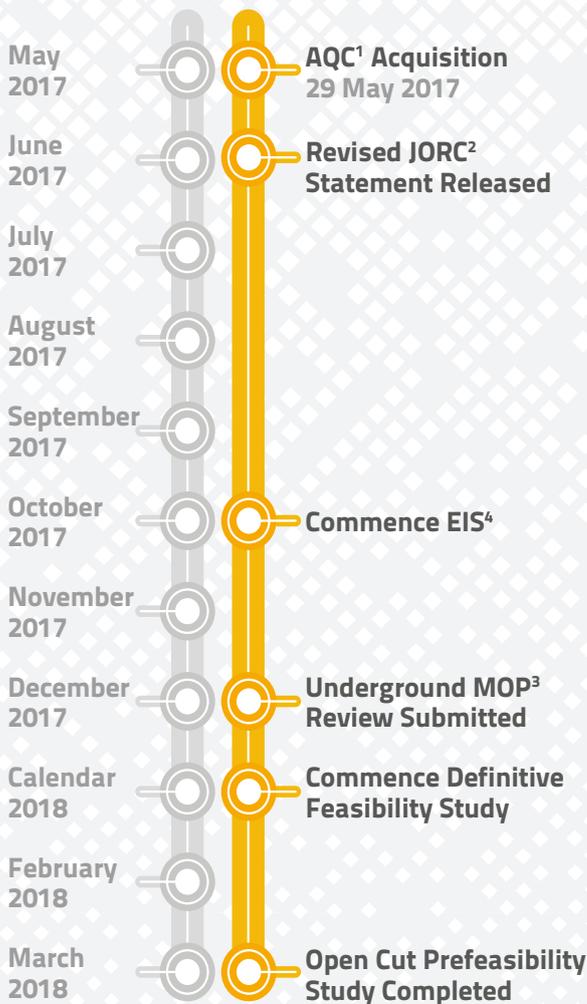
Activities will include vegetation surveys, soil testing, groundwater bore monitoring, noise modelling and further exploration activities.

Local landholders and residents have been notified and where necessary, approvals to access private property obtained. It is not anticipated that any of these activities will impact the local community.

Further fieldwork may also be undertaken in 2018 to collect background environmental monitoring data for future environmental studies.

Planning for a limited exploration drilling program is also underway for commencement in the first quarter of 2018.

If you have any questions about this fieldwork, please contact the site office for further information.



¹ Australian Pacific Coal

² The Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves

³ Mining Operations Plan

⁴ Environmental Impact Statement

Note - The scheduled dates are for planning purposes and as such can be subject to change

Sponsorships and Donations

Australian Pacific Coal's Sponsorship and Donations Policy and Application Form are now available on the Company website for community groups in the local area to access.

Australian Pacific Coal is committed to the local community and is keen to hear from any local community groups who would like to partner with the Dartbrook Mine to support their organisation for upcoming events or fund-raising activities.

For further information, contact the community information line on 1300 131 058 or visit www.aqcltd.com

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting with one of our Project Team, please contact us at either our corporate office in Brisbane or at our Mine Site Office at Dartbrook as follows:

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