

# SONOMA • COAL

# Mining update

Our mine has produced almost 11 million tonnes of coal since the first shipment was railed to Abbot Point Coal Terminal in January 2008.

The mine produces coking and thermal coal products for export to countries such as Japan, Korea, Taiwan and China. Sonoma Coal produces a high quality hard coking coal and a range of thermal coals.

## Benefits

The success of the mine brings great benefit to community, industry and government through more jobs, financial contributions and economic growth. Sonoma Coal, in the four years since 2008, has created a range of opportunities both locally and regionally.

- » 370-400 jobs for Queensland workers, with the majority living between Townsville and Mackay.
- » 90 workers live in Collinsville, Scottville and Bowen
- » about \$15.6 million spent on local accommodation, goods and services by commuting workers
- » about \$229 million spent with local and regional businesses providing mining services
- » contributed close to \$2.5 million to council and the community through rates and grants
- » generated over \$1.6 billion in export earnings for Australia

- » contributed over \$120 million in royalty payments to the Queensland Government
- » more than \$139 million spent on rail and port, creating jobs and boosting the economy

## Health and safety at Sonoma Coal

**Fact: No lost time to injury in past twelve months**

Protecting our workforce from injury and accidents is the highest priority in our operations. Our major contractors, Leighton and Sedgman, are committed to safe and healthy work practices in striving for our zero harm objective. We take road safety and general health seriously by giving regular toolbox talks and offering support with managing fatigue, fitness, emotional wellbeing and nutrition.

With the benefits of mining come inevitable impacts that require careful management. We understand the community is concerned about the impacts of the mine on its neighbouring waterways. Your feedback during consultation about the proposed Coral Creek diversion is helping to form our plans for how best to protect the environmental values of the creek and its surrounds affected by the diversion (subject to approval). Updates about the progress of this proposal will be provided on the website.

## Local and regional job opportunities

Workers living locally or within the surrounding areas means better staff retention and stronger communities. Our contractors employ locals and encourage commuters to live closer to the mine by offering the living away from home allowance to all workers. We engage with local and regional employment agencies and labour hire companies to help increase the number of resident workers. We also work together with training organisations and offer education grants to prepare locals for future jobs on the mine.

**Contact us:** We will continue to provide regular updates like this one about our important community partnerships. If you have any feedback or comments about our community contributions or ideas for how we can do it better, please contact David Nebauer.

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# Community update

## Celebrating

over \$500,000 in community grants so far.

So far, the *Collinsville 2020 Grants Program* has awarded a total of \$510,878 in grants to 41 different community organisations and individual qualifications since the program was launched in 2008.

- » \$62,866 to sporting groups
- » \$155,007 to schools and education
- » \$293,005 to other community groups

*"We are really proud to reach this milestone. By giving \$500,000 to Collinsville and the nearby communities we are helping to build a stronger community and a better place to live and work. It's rewarding to know we are making a real difference."*

**Chris Millard, General Manager - Sonoma Mine Management**



*"This is going to make a real difference to the learning in our school! I can't wait to see the results. Sonoma are very generous and I cannot say enough how thankful I am."*

*Cassandra from  
Collinsville State School*

## Education grants

(up to \$32,000 each)

Sonoma Coal has awarded, to date, four education grants of up to \$32,000 each. We are particularly keen to support local students who are interested in working in the mining industry. We encourage local residents thinking of a TAFE or university qualification in a relevant field to contact us to discuss applying for one of our education grants.

*"I would like to thank Sonoma Coal and their Collinsville 2020 Grants Program as without it obtaining my tertiary education would have been much more difficult."*

*Kathy Macdonald, Bursary Student*

## Collinsville Information

Centre (\$22,000 per year)

We jointly fund the Collinsville Information Centre with Leighton Contractors. This initiative is helping to put Collinsville on the map as an interesting place to visit and to promote local business and services. Peter "Mad Dog" Maddern is a keen supporter of the centre, which gives visitors and locals an insight into his unique tours where you can experience Collinsville and its surrounds through Mad Dog's eyes.

## Meals on Wheels

(\$49,091 to date)

In each year, over 14.8 million meals are delivered by more than 78,700 volunteers to about 53,000 recipients Australia wide in cities, regional and rural areas. Helping people stay in their homes where most are happiest is what is important to this essential community service. The other critical factor is the cook. We have contributed funding to the Collinsville Meals on Wheels cook over the past three years and look forward to continuing this partnership.

## Collinsville Community

Association (\$27,432 to date)

We take pride in supporting such an active, community-focused organisation. The grants have enabled this organisation to continue its valuable work in encouraging community spirit, health and wellbeing through a range of creative and entertaining events and programs. The "Mental Health Week" activities are a valuable additional resource to our onsite health and safety service.

## Hillside Haven (\$41,275 to date)

We provide regular contributions to Collinsville's aged care facility to ensure it can continue to offer its residents the highest quality care, as well as create pleasant, recreational spaces for enjoyment and relaxation. One of the favourite improvements at Hillside Haven is a \$15,000 gazebo and leisure area.

**Apply for a grant**

For more information about how to apply for a grant or who is eligible, please visit <http://www.sonomacoal.com/grants-program.php> or email [grants@sonomacoal.com](mailto:grants@sonomacoal.com).

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