

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING #70  
Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023  
ACOL Administration Office, Glennies Creek Road, CAMBERWELL.**

**Attendees**

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	(MMH) Chairperson
John McInerney	(JM) Community Representative
Clr. Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA) Singleton Shire Council (SSC)
Michael Bestic	(MBe) Community Representative
Phillip Brown	(PB) Company Rep (Environment & Community Superintendent)
Cameron Eckersley	(CE) Company Rep (Environment & Community Coordinator)
Mick Bartlett	(MBa) Company Rep (Acting Operations Manager)

**Apologies**

Aaron McGuigan	(AM) Company Rep (Operations Manager) – A/L
Debbie Richards	(DR) Community Representative

**1. Opening and Welcome**

*The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:07 pm. MMH also welcomed MBa (Acting Operations Manager) in AM's absence.*

**2. Apologies**

*PB passed on apologies from AM. DR sent apologies.*

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by Community Representatives**

*No change to Committee Members' pecuniary interests previously declared.*

**4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

*Minutes from the meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, were accepted as a true and accurate record.*

**Moved:** Godfrey Adamthwaite **Seconded:** John McInerney

**5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

- a. Slashing in Camberwell – PB provided an update to the land management works in Camberwell*

**6. Correspondence**

- a. 12/12/22 – MMH email reply to Independent Environmental Auditor (GHD)*  
*b. 23/1/23 – MMH email to CE confirming 2022 CCC meetings had been held in accordance with development consent and CCC Guidelines*

**7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities**

**7.1 Ashton Operations Update**

*Refer to presentation*

- MBa provided update on commencement of workings into RUMEx mining area.*

**7.2 Monitoring and Environmental Performance**

*Refer to environmental monitoring handout .*

**7.3 Community Complaints and response to complaints**

*Refer to presentation*

**7.4 Environmental Activities Update**

*Refer to presentation*

- Brief discussion impacts of subsidence on Lemington Road and other non-Ashton road closure/impacts.*

– Update provided on ongoing archaeological works onsite, with general discussion regarding what the works entailed and general cultural heritage management at Ashton. PB suggested inviting site archaeologist to next CCC meeting to provide an overview of cultural heritage. Committee agreed this would be valuable.

#### **7.5 RUMEX project**

Refer to the presentation.

– MBe asked why MLs needed to be part transferred, PB provided explanation. General discussion about the RUMEx resource.

#### **7.6 2023 Ashton Coal Community Support Program**

Refer to the presentation.

#### **7.7 Camberwell Update**

Refer to the presentation.

– JM asked out what ‘Asset Management Program’ was for Ashton owned properties in Camberwell. PB explained it was routine property maintenance to ensure tenanted properties are tenatable. Discussion about proposed properties for demolition in 2023.

#### **8. General Business**

Nil general business raised.

#### **9. Actions**

– PB to invite archaeologist to attend June CCC meeting to provide cultural heritage overview at Ashton Coal.

#### **10. Proposed remainder 2023 Meeting Schedule**

Next CCC meeting: 22 June 2023 commencing at 1:00pm.  
(October 26)

**MEETING CLOSED at 1.42 pm**



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# Business Arising

*a. Slashing in Camberwell*

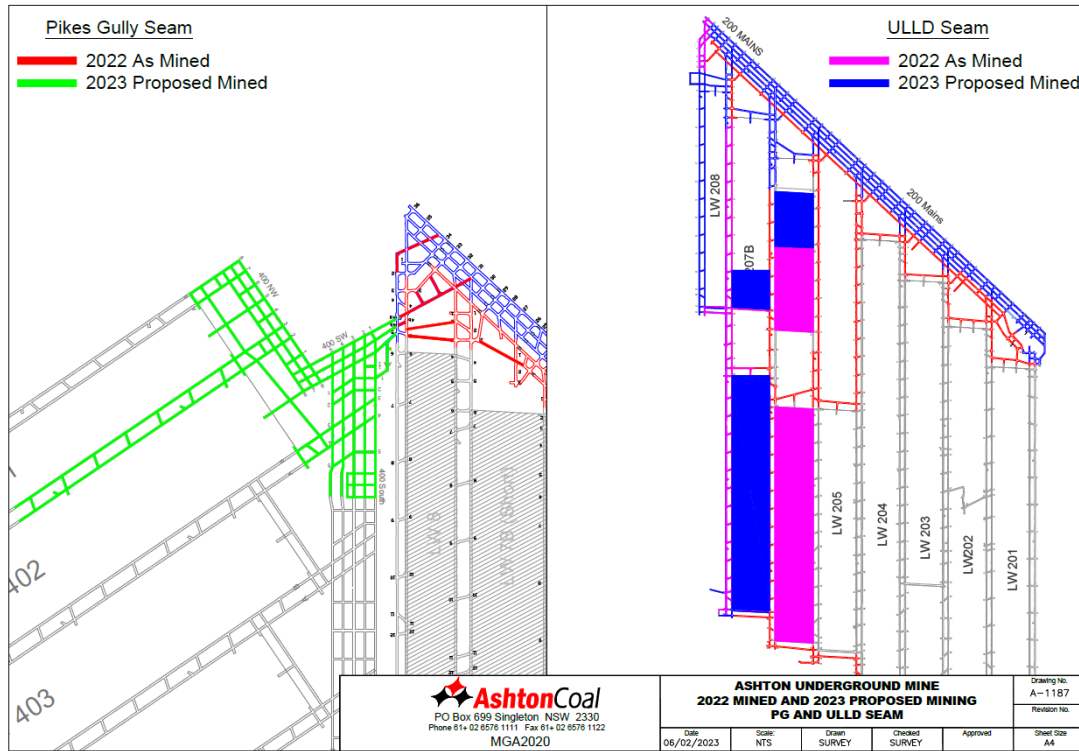
# Ashton Mine Statistics YTD 2022

## Ashton Coal Key Statistics`

	<b>2023 Budget</b> (31.01.2023)	<b>2023 Actual</b> (31.01.2023)
<b>ROM (Mt)</b>	<b>0.271</b>	<b>0.281</b>
<b>Product Coal (Mt)</b>	<b>0.117</b>	<b>0.121</b>
<b>Total Coal Sales (Mt)</b>	<b>0.120</b>	<b>0.130</b>
<b>Total Recordable Injuries (TRI)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Employees (FTE)</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>277.43</b>
<b>Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Environmental Incidents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



# Current Mining Plan



# Environment Monitoring Data

- Refer to monitoring data attachment

# Complaints and Incidents

- There have been no community complaints since the last meeting and none received in 2022.
- There has been one environmental incidents since the last meeting where a small hole in the Borehole Pump 6 pipe was made by an excavator. The water was contained within the trench and the area cleaned up.

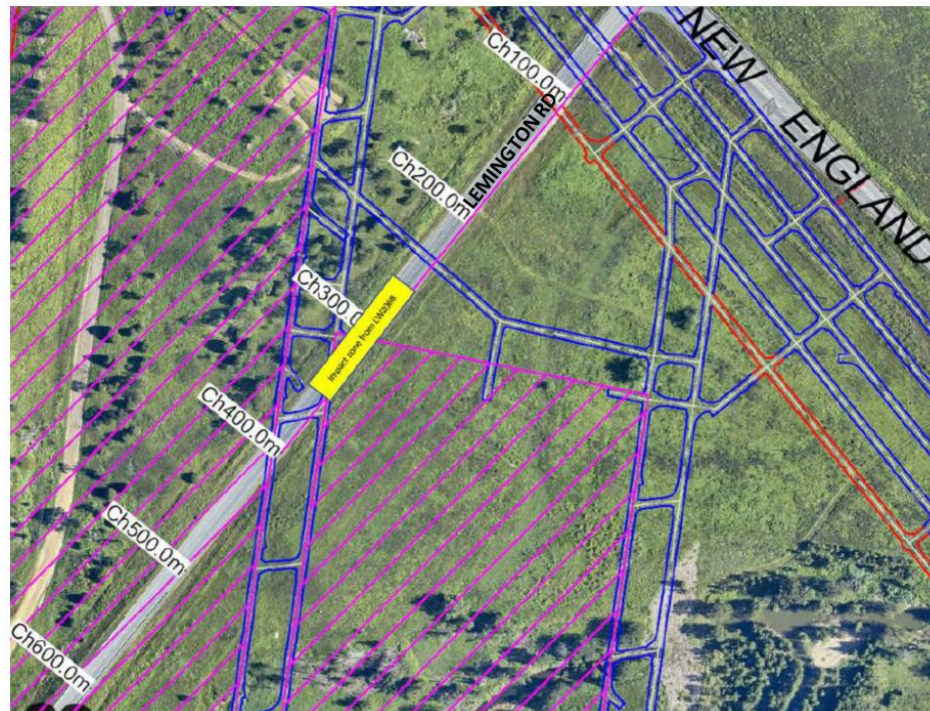


# Environmental Update

- Monthly groundwater monitoring undertaken.
- Monthly noise monitoring undertaken. No issues identified.
- Ancillary approvals progressing (Mining Lease, Management Plans (etc.)).
- Works are upcoming on raising the western block banks in Bowman's Creek.
- Unannounced inspection carried out by Department of Planning and Environment Compliance inspector who "observed no significant dust or other issues".
- Inspection undertaken by Auditors conducting the three yearly independent environmental audit.

# Environmental Update

- Lemington Rd Subsidence Monitoring and Maintenance Program
  - A-Plus Contracting conducting monitoring and maintenance works which commenced 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 – ongoing for the next several months until subsidence impacts have ceased.
- Maintenance repairs will be ongoing (24/7) with traffic controls in place.



# Environmental Update

- Aboriginal Community Consultative Forum held in December.
- Archaeological salvage works – LW207A.
  - Throughout February, our archaeologist (Liz Wyatt) from Stratum Archaeology has been onsite with representatives of the Registered Aboriginal Parties to continue artefact salvage works ahead of mining in LW207A. The current excavation has yielded ~100 artefacts/m<sup>2</sup> and is ongoing.





# 2023 Ashton Coal Community Support Program



Presentation 28th February

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OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

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Community groups the  
for funding to support projects,  
alternatives that help make a genuine  
difference to the Singleton Region.

If you have a project or idea with the potential to benefit others across the areas of health, community, environment, arts, culture, education or training, please visit: [www.ashtoncoal.com.au](http://www.ashtoncoal.com.au)

**Applications close  
on 4th November 2022**





# Camberwell update

- 33 Residential Tenancy Agreements
- 11 Dwellings in Asset Maintenance Program
- 16 Vacant residential lots
- 2 Commercial agreements
- 10 rural areas occupied
- Aggregated rural land Glennie St – occupied under license agreement
- Significant damage to driveways has occurred during recent prolonged wet weather. Progress of rectification works ongoing
- Three dwellings identified as future demolition projects in the village (refer locations in image below – 4 Powditch St, 24 McInerney Rd & 4 Dawson St). Anticipated timeframe Q3 2023.

**Any Questions?**