

Community Newsletter

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A message from KEPCO Bylong Australia's Chief Operating Officer

Welcome to Issue 26 of the Bylong Coal Project Community Newsletter.

KEPCO Bylong Australia (KEPCO) continue to wait for determination of the Project application by the Independent Planning Commission (IPC). The delay in the Project application determination has been frustrating for all stakeholders however we remain confident that a decision will be made soon.

We have been speaking to the local community and understand that people are keen to have the Project application determined. We are committed to following through with the Project and thank Project supporters for their ongoing encouragement.

A number of KEPCO funded community initiatives and events were delivered in recent months in Rylstone, Kandos, Mudgee and Gulgong. We have proudly supported the local community groups running these programs, projects and events and are heartened by the positive effects they create for locals. Read more about these community initiatives on page 3 and 4 of the newsletter.

KEPCO looks forward to receiving positive determination of the Project in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



Bill Vatovec - Chief Operating Officer

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Site Activities

TARWYN PARK REFURBISHMENT WORKS

KEPCO has breathed new life into an interior room of the Tarwyn Park Homestead, located on the Tarwyn Park Farming Complex at Bylong. The homestead was constructed in 1926, with KEPCO purchasing the property in 2014. Recent refurbishment works to the room included major structural repairs including installation of new foundations, installation of a damp course in existing foundations, entire replacement of the deteriorated flooring and ceiling, repair of subfloor electrical cabling and fireplace hearth damage, painting and leadlight door panel lamination. All renovations followed strict conservation and heritage management practices and principles.

A Draft Historic Heritage Management Plan (Draft HHMP) has been prepared for the Project to guide the management of all heritage sites or items within and in the vicinity of the Project boundary. The Draft HHMP includes a Draft Conservation Management Plan (CMP). The CMP provides a sound practical conservation management framework. It details the ongoing conservation measures to be implemented to conserve the heritage values of Tarwyn Park. The HHMP and the CMP will be reviewed and updated following the granting of Development Consent.



Pictured: Stages of the refurbishment works to an interior room of the Tarwyn Park homestead

AGRICULTURAL UPDATE

With rainfall received earlier this year in the Bylong district, some respite has been provided to local graziers and pastoralists. Despite this, rainfall remains well under long term averages. In response, KEPCO has continued to implement conservative and sustainable agricultural practices, ensuring that agricultural productivity is balanced against sensible land management. The KEPCO Farm Team on 31 May completed its final cut of Lucerne for the season, having produced approximately 4,500 large bales for market. After some light grazing, Lucerne paddocks will now be rested in preparation for the 2019/2020 season.

KEPCO continues to operate its beef cattle enterprise, running both breeders and trade cattle. The Farm Team has delayed the planting of winter fodder crops, which would normally support the cattle enterprise, due to poor rainfall. To mitigate this, KEPCO trade cattle will graze existing fodder paddocks supplemented by hay as required.

The Farm Team has recently undertaken improvements to fence and water infrastructure. A number of fence lines have been replaced whilst maintenance activities have been carried out on others. KEPCO is currently in the process of installing real time monitoring within stock water storage tanks. Real time monitoring is more efficient and will allow the Farm Team to review water levels remotely. The improved infrastructure will ensure the ongoing success of the agricultural enterprise.



Pictured: Cattle

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GULGONG'S HENRY LAWSON HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The annual Henry Lawson Heritage Festival was held over the June long weekend in historic Gulgong. Attendees enjoyed a range of activities including Cobb and Co. stagecoach rides, street markets, art and photography exhibitions, grand parade, music, vintage car display, a scarecrow stroll and live performances.

KEPCO proudly sponsor this event and congratulate the Henry Lawson Society on a successful day.



Pictured: Event attendees enjoying a ride on the Cobb and Co. stagecoach

RYLSTONE HEALTHONE - SAVING LITTLE ONES FIRST AID INFORMATION SESSION

On 30th of April 2019, HealthOne at Rylstone facilitated the running of a first aid information session for parents, families and carers of young children in the Kandos/ Rylstone area.

KEPCO fully funded 10 positions in the Saving Little Ones first aid information session which were allocated to families in the Kandos/ Rylstone area. Extra positions were also available at a discounted price. The course was a four hour session by Leading First Aid and was open to anyone caring for young children. The course allowed participants to learn tips and tricks on how to care for a sick child, including how to respond to common first aid emergencies such as; CPR, choking, allergies, anaphylaxis, burns, asthma, envenomation and more.

A huge thank you the great group of participants who were very enthusiastic and keen to learn.



Pictured: Participants at the HealthOne first aid information session
Image supplied: HealthOne Rylstone

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KANDOS PUBLIC SCHOOL ELECTRONIC WHITEBOARD AND PLAYGROUND UPGRADE



Pictured: Cassie Jones (Project CLO), Bill Vatovec (KEPCO COO), Tod Morley (Kandos PS Principal), Kylie Pendlebury (Parent and Citizens – President) and Kandos Public School students

KEPCO recently contributed to the funding of an interactive whiteboard and an upgrade to playground equipment for Kandos Public School.

The whiteboard is used as a learning tool in the classroom to engage students in a flexible, user-friendly way. The whiteboard is especially useful in smaller rural schools, to broaden connectivity and provide ease of access to education resources that would not normally be available.

The playground upgrade will assist teachers to continue implementing rich learning activities through improved and innovative infrastructure.

“We are already putting the interactive whiteboard to good use and looking forward to installing a new playground. Thank you KEPCO for your support for local primary schools.”

– Tod Morley (Kandos Public School Principal)

WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER CHARITY GOLF DAY

KEPCO personnel participated in the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Charity Golf Day on the 17 May 2019 held at the Mudgee Golf Course.

KEPCO proudly supports the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. This highly valued service is vital to the community and enables free rescue flights to people in need.



Pictured: KEPCO proudly sponsored the event