



The Mid-Western Region continues to grow and thrive thanks to mining

Mining continues to play a huge role in keeping our region strong, with new figures showing just how much local mines contribute to jobs, businesses and community life. Together, the mining sector generated \$6.39 billion in economic activity last year and spent \$4.68 billion on goods and services. It caps off a decade of growth, with economic output rising 352% since 2015. It's a contribution that helps keep our unemployment rate one of the lowest in NSW and supports the many industries that make the Mid-Western Region such a great place to live.

Welcome from the General Manager

Figures recently released by Mid-Western Regional Council show that mining continues to provide billions in economic benefits to our region — and no other sector comes close.

The combined economic output of mining in the region totalled \$6.39 billion last year, and reflects a decade of steady growth and ongoing support for local jobs, businesses and services. It's a contribution we're proud to be part of.

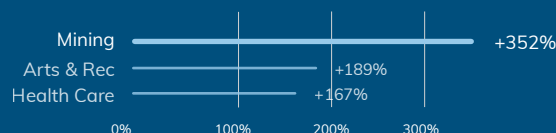
We've also taken an important step in planning for Wilpinjong's future, lodging a Scoping Report for the Wilpinjong Continuation Project with the NSW Government. This begins the formal assessment process for extending mining into Pits 9 and 10, which would allow us to continue operating until 2038. While it's still early days, this work is essential to providing long-term certainty for our workforce and the wider community. We will continue to keep you updated as the process progresses.

It's been great to see our community connections continue to grow. Cassilis Public School students recently visited site for a hands-on look at how mining works, and their enthusiasm was a reminder of how valuable these real-world experiences can be. We're also looking forward to catching up with many of you at the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days in July, where we'll again be joining our neighbours from Moolarben Coal and Ulan Coal to share the story of mining's role in our region.

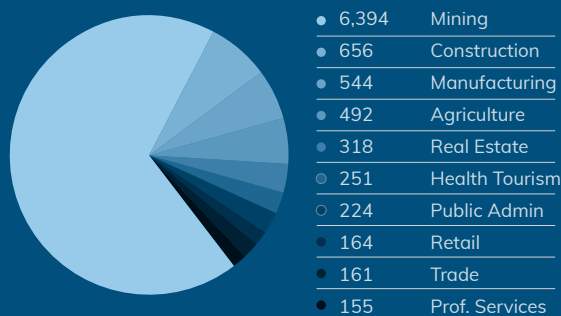
As always, thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to the months ahead and to continuing the strong partnerships that make this region such a great place to live and work.

Mark Eaglesham, General Manager

Increase in Economic Output 2015-2025



Top 10 Industries economic output (\$M)



Annual Value of Goods & Services Production



Source: Economic and Business Profile for the Mid-Western Region, May 2026.



On-site activity continues as we plan the next phase of the mine

Project update: Continuation Project progresses

Wilpinjong has taken the next formal step in planning for the future of the mine, lodging a Scoping Report with the NSW Government for our Continuation Project. This report outlines our proposal to extend mining into two new areas east of the current operation — known as Pits 9 and 10 — which would allow the mine to continue operating for around 4.5 more years, to 2038.

The proposal builds on the already-submitted Modification 3, which seeks approval to continue mining in the Pit 8 Extension area until 2033, followed by backfilling and rehabilitation works through to mid-2034. The new State Significant Development (SSD) application is the next

step in progressing the Wilpinjong Continuation Project, identifying additional coal reserves within our existing exploration lease for assessment under the formal SSD process.

The Scoping Report also outlines the key environmental and social studies that will now be undertaken — including assessments of noise, air quality, water, biodiversity, traffic, heritage and community impacts — to inform a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). These studies will consider both the project's direct impacts and how it interacts with nearby operations such as Moolarben Coal and Ulan Coal, as well as renewable energy projects in the region.

Community feedback will play an important role throughout this process. The Scoping Report notes that early consultation has already highlighted the importance of employment certainty, as well as community interest in managing amenity impacts such as noise and air quality. Further engagement will continue as the EIS is prepared.

This application is an early step in a long assessment process, and we will keep the community updated as the project progresses.

If approved, some features of the project would include:

- Maintain current employment levels for our workforce through to 2038.
- Use existing infrastructure wherever possible, including the coal handling plant, rail loop and water systems.
- Add new operating areas and a small number of new facilities, such as a mine infrastructure area near Pit 9 and a haul road crossing over Wollar Creek.
- Continue progressive rehabilitation, with a final landform designed to return the area to native woodland.



Scan the QR code to read the full Scoping Report for the Wilpinjong Continuation Project.

Local students get a close-up look at mining



Cassilis Public School students recently swapped the classroom for the coalfields, taking part in a hands-on visit to Wilpinjong Mine that gave them a close-up look at how mining works in their own backyard. Production Administrator Leigh Hartigan said the visit was a great opportunity for students to broaden their understanding of the diverse career pathways available in the region beyond traditional farming.

The visit gave students the chance to see equipment up close, learn how coal is mined and moved, and explore the

many different jobs that keep a modern operation running. They also enjoyed a presentation on the microbat colony, a geological display and insights from our Geologist, a drone demonstration, and a guided pit tour — all designed to bring classroom learning to life and show how environmental care and rehabilitation are part of everyday operations.

For Leigh, giving students real-world experiences is an important part of learning. She said opportunities like this help children connect what they learn in class with what they see in their community, particularly in areas relating to native wildlife and science, which the school will now link back to the curriculum.

The students came armed with plenty of questions, from how big the trucks are to how coal is used and what happens after mining finishes. Their enthusiasm showed just how engaged young people are when they're given the chance to explore something new.

Leigh said she sees strong value in schools and local mines working together, especially in a region where mining plays such a big role in supporting families, jobs and local opportunities.

"The response from everyone who attended was overwhelmingly positive."

Getting ready for the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days

We're gearing up for one of the biggest community events of the year — the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days, held on 10-11 July — and we're excited to be back on site with our neighbours from Moolarben Coal and Ulan Coal.

The Field Days are a real highlight on the regional calendar, bringing thousands of people to Mudgee to explore local businesses, farming displays, demonstrations and community stalls. We always enjoy being part of it, setting up a space where people can stop in, say hello and chat with us about our work and our plans to continue mining in the region until 2038.

Our team always has a great time meeting people from across the district — whether it's long-time locals, families visiting for the weekend or people curious about how mining supports the region's future.

Come see us on site! We'd love to catch up, share what's happening at Wilpinjong and hear what's happening in your world too.



The two-day event is always a favourite for locals and visitors alike

Celebrating 20 years of service — Paul Rohrich



Paul has spent 20 years digging deep — in more ways than one

Paul Rohrich has been part of Wilpinjong almost since day one, joining the mine in 2007 as part of the second intake. With a background in quarrying and blasting, he quickly became a key member of the early team and has since worked across drill and blast, crew supervision and technical services. Today, he's a coal quality engineer and one of the mine's longest-serving employees.

Paul says the strong safety culture is one of the reasons he's stayed so long. "Safety has always been at the forefront, even back then," he says. He's also proud to have watched the operation grow from a small crew to a workforce of around 700 people.

For Paul, the connection to Mudgee is just as important. He raised his four children here and values the role mining

plays in supporting the region. His partner, Megan, also works at Wilpinjong as a multi-skilled operator.

Outside of work, Paul is well known for his fundraising efforts, taking part in events like Movember, Shave for a Cure and Beyond Blue campaigns — sometimes sporting memorable haircuts in the process. His motivation is simple: "We are very lucky to be in the industry we are in. I like to share that with people who are not so fortunate."

After nearly 20 years, Paul remains a steady presence at Wilpinjong — committed to his work, his community and the people around him.

Community information and feedback

Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Our CCC members share information about our mine with the community and provide us with community feedback. Minutes of quarterly meetings are on our website. New members can apply to join the CCC.

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Monthly 'Have a Chat' sessions

When:

First Thursday of the month - 1:30 to 4:30pm

Where:

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Members of our leadership team will answer your questions or hear your concerns over a cuppa.

You can just drop in.



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