



## STEM STUDENTS EXPERIENCE MINING LIFE

Eight Year 12 students from Corrimal, Lake Illawarra, and Warrawong High found out what a day in the life of a miner looks like as part of a recent visit to Dendrobium Mine.

The 17-year-olds, all studying STEM based subjects and potentially interested in a career in mining, were given a site tour and a rundown of the operation by Dendrobium General Manager Simon Thomas and the Human Resources team.

The eager students also heard from a South32 graduate and apprentice who shared their career journeys, before being escorted underground to experience the mine firsthand.

Working with Department of Education STEM Project Officer Russell Taunton, the visit aims to give students insight before they potentially apply for apprenticeships/traineeships for 2025.



## TYLAH WEST EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) is proud to partner with the Illawarra Housing Trust for the second consecutive year, providing support through our Indigenous Grants Program.

Representatives from IMC were among the sponsors present, handing out certificates to recipients of the 2024 Tylah West Education Scholarship.

53 scholarships were granted to Housing Trust residents to help fund education, training, and employment costs.

The scholarship program was formed in memory of Tylah West, a vibrant young Aboriginal trainee at Housing Trust who sadly passed away in 2015.

With the support of Tylah's family, the scholarship helps remember the inspiring young woman who excelled at her job, worked hard to create a brighter future, and left a lasting impact on all who knew her.



## 96 CANDLES: A SOMBRE REMINDER

The annual 96 Candles ceremony will be held at Windy Gully cemetery at Mount Kembla on Wednesday, July 31, the evening of the 122nd anniversary of the mine disaster.

The service, which will be attended by family members of the victims, Dendrobium mine workers, and the local community, is a sombre reminder of the blast at the mine on July 31, 1902, that claimed the lives of 94 men and boys working underground and two men attempting to rescue survivors after the explosion.



## DEADLY SCIENCE SCHOOL PROGRAM LAUNCH

Representatives from IMC were invited to Corrimal High School for the launch of DeadlyScience's School STEM Program.

The program (funded by IMC) will be delivered at Corrimal, Dapto, Figtree and Picton high schools and aims to encourage Indigenous and non-Indigenous students to explore STEM-based professions.

The initiative will consist of quarterly face-to-face STEM learning sessions showcasing Indigenous STEM perspectives, drawing parallels with Western society learning equivalents.



## ILLAWARRA STEELERS COMPLETE SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Illawarra Steelers junior representative rugby league teams, sponsored by Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, completed a highly successful 2024 season, with three of four teams making the finals.

The U19 girls went through the season undefeated, beating the Newcastle Knights 24-12 in the Tarsha Gale Cup Grand Final. The Under 17 girls finished second on the Lisa Fiaola Cup ladder and only lost two games all season, going down 32-12 to the West Tigers in their semi-final.

After finishing sixth in the regular season, the Under 19 SG Ball Cup boys were knocked out in week one of the Finals Series 44-16 by the Knights. Meanwhile, the Under 17 boys finished 13th in the Harold Matthews Cup.

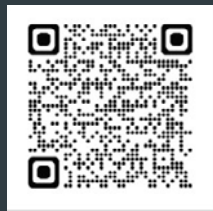
## OPERATIONAL UPDATE DENDROBIUM MINE

Dendrobium Mine has completed extraction of Longwall (LW) 19A and will commence changeout for LW22 in mid-June 2024. There may be additional heavy vehicle movements on Cordeaux Road and more staff on site, with the changeout expected to be completed in early August 2024.

For more information, you can view our Dendrobium Mine Plan on our Community website:

[www.community.south32.net/dendrobium-mine](http://www.community.south32.net/dendrobium-mine).

The progress of this project is available on our Community Portal via the QR code.



## DENDROBIUM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Community Consultation Committee meets bimonthly; the minutes are publicly available on our website. The following items were discussed at our last meeting held in February 2024:

- Sale of Illawarra Metallurgical Coal
- Environment update, including changes to emissions monitoring.
- Operations update, including progress on Longwall 19A, carpark remediation works, and construction of the Gas Drainage Plant.
- Information on the Third Party Coal Processing Project and NRAR Enforceable Undertaking.
- Community investments generated from IMC and the Dendrobium Community Partnership Program, including support for the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council, Figtree AFL Club, and Life Education.
- Farewell to the long-standing chairperson and two CCC members. Recruitment of new members has already commenced.

# MAKE YOUR MARK IN MINING

South32 offers a unique opportunity for apprentices to learn their trade below the surface and create a career pathway in the mining and metals industry.

As an apprentice with South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, you'll complete a Certificate III trade qualification over 4 years, with opportunities available at their Appin and Dendrobium underground mine sites in the following trades:

- Electrical
- Engineering Mechanical
- Engineering Fabrication

Your work with South32 will take you underground, where you will gain the skills and experience you need to complete your trade qualification.



## What's in it for you?

- Gain real industry skills and experience
- Complete a Certificate III trade qualification
- Work alongside skilled tradespeople to develop your skills
- Potential for an ongoing role with South32 upon completion
- Receive ongoing mentoring and support from a Zeal Futures Workforce Solutions Specialist
- Paid work while you study

## How to apply?

Our 2025 Apprenticeship Program will open for applications in July 2024. For more information and to apply, visit [zealfutures.com.au](https://zealfutures.com.au)



## COMMUNITY CALL LINE

Residents who have questions, concerns or complaints about Illawarra Metallurgical Coal's activities are encouraged to contact us through our Community Call Line on **1800 102 210**. You can also email at [illawarracommunity@south32.net](mailto:illawarracommunity@south32.net)

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