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From the Managing Director's chair



Thank you!

After years of hard work and planning, coal mining operations are officially underway at Wilkie Creek.

As a company, we are very grateful for the support and faith support shown by local residents and business operators in what has been a very challenging period getting to first coal.

Finally we are seeing the rewards for all the hard work that has gone into the mine and we can't thank everybody enough for sticking by us.

I would also like to thank our wonderful staff for getting us to this point.

As you will read in this newsletter, Queensland Rail has received Ministerial approval and has signed the Access Agreement to enable the first shipment of NWE coal to occur early in the second half of the year, utilising the West Moreton Coal rail system servicing the Port of Brisbane

We have also signed the Rail Haulage Agreement with Aurizon. QR, Aurizon and Queensland Bulk Handling (Port of Brisbane) are our strategic partners in our logistics infrastructure.

In another significant milestone, we are pleased to announce that finance for the project is expected to close shortly as arranged by Archibald Capital and Imperial Capital – clearing the way for current and future operations.

We are currently expanding our workforce as production ramps up. This edition has several stories and profiles on new and existing team members that I hope you enjoy, and an article about how we are giving back through a new Community Fund.

Happy reading!

Gary Williams
Managing Director



Mining now underway at Wilkie Creek

New Wilkie Energy (NWE) is pleased to announce the commencement of coal mining operations at our Wilkie Creek project.

This is the re-opening of the mine previously operated by Peabody Energy. The mine has been on care and maintenance since 2014. Peabody Energy sold it to NWE in July 2021.

The project currently employs approximately 300 fulltime staff and contractors. Capital works are continuing and are expected to be completed over the coming months.

The workforce is expected to increase to 350 in the subsequent 12 to 18 month period.

New Wilkie Energy Managing Director Gary Williams said NWE had a close working relationship with the local community

and Western Downs Regional Council, and looked forward to building its local workforce and integrating with the local towns of Dalby and Chinchilla.

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“Now that critical milestones have been attained, finance for the project is expected to close shortly as arranged by Archibald Capital and Imperial Capital.

“The execution of the New Wilkie Coal development is a credit to the project team and the hard work of our employees and commercial partners,” Mr Williams said.

Wilkie Creek is forecast to produce approximately 2.4 million tonnes per annum of high-quality thermal coal, destined for markets in Asia.

“We are looking forward to entering into long term agreements with Asian power stations,” he said.

NWE's vision is to become an Australian energy producer that offsets the carbon emissions inherent in the coal business with large scale renewable energy projects over the longer term.

NWE intends to utilise former mining areas at Wilkie Creek as the initial renewables (solar) development project. NWE is a substantial land owner at Wilkie Creek.

The Company is exploring wind and solar approvals to operate in the southern QLD renewable energy zone in addition to the Wilkie Creek area, as part of the QLD Government's renewable energy targets.

Wilkie Creek has historically demonstrated a strong tradition of rehabilitation work, having previously achieved progressive certification for nearly 90 hectares of open cut mine area as part of a commitment to the environment and sustainable mining operations.

In collaboration with local landholders, this rehabilitation land has been utilised for neighbouring pastoral activities.

□ 'Mining now underway at Wilkie Creek' [continued from page 3]



Rail infrastructure nearing completion



Extracted coal will be washed through our under-construction wash plant, stockpiled on site and then hauled by road about 14km to our train loadout facility.

From there, the coal is loaded via the feed hopper to the train loadout structure, which is currently under construction and expected to be completed in June.

NWE is pleased to report that the rail infrastructure upgrade is processing - EOM May.

Works will be completed by Martinus Rail, allowing us to load 42 wagons and two locos, equivalent to approximately 2,000 tonnes per load.

Martinus Rail is an Australian owned and family operated company specialising in the delivery of rail infrastructure and systems. We could not have chosen a better partner for this project for their professionalism and ability to meet tight timelines and shutdown schedules.

NWE appoints Senior Coal Marketing specialist **Ben Plant**



Ben Plant

Managing Director of New Wilkie Energy Group, Gary Williams, has announced the appointment of Ben Plant to the position of Executive General Manager Marketing.

Ben is a long-term senior coal marketing specialist and has previously worked for major mining companies in business development and commodity trading in Brisbane, Melbourne and Singapore.

He has worked for international banks in commodity trading. For six years he led the Mitsubishi Coal Trading team at Mitsubishi Corporation RtM International in Singapore.

Ben's previous roles have also included Deputy Global Head of Thermal Coal for Standard Bank (Singapore), Coal Marketing Manager for BHP Billiton (Singapore), Senior Analyst for Coal Business Development with BHP Billiton (Melbourne) and Senior Financial Analyst in Risk Management and Trading for Rio Tinto Coal (Brisbane).

Ben joins the NWE team at a time when production has commenced at the Wilkie Creek mine.

"Ben's vast experience in coal marketing and trading will be invaluable for New Wilkie Energy with mining now underway and logistic infrastructure agreements in place for future export."

"In addition to Wilkie Creek, Ben will also contribute to the development of our Corvus coal asset," Mr Williams said.

Chris joins team as **CHPP Manager**

New Wilkie Energy is pleased to announce the appointment of senior coal quality engineer, Chris Evans, to the position Coal Handling Preparation Plant (CHPP) Manager and Coal Processing Manager, based on-site at Dalby.

Chris will be responsible for overseeing the operations and maintenance of the coal handling and preparation plant and managing the processing of raw coal into a clean, saleable product.

He brings a wealth of industry experience to the role, previously working as a coal quality engineer with Whitehaven where he was involved in resource development, mine planning, project management, operations management, planning and execution across multiple operations.

Chris has also worked for MACH Energy's start up at Mount Pleasant where he was involved with coal quality and logistics.

He said he was attracted to NWE because of the variety of the role, with coal now under production at Wilkie Creek and the Corvus project coming on in the future.

"The diversity of the role is very appealing, including operations, design and construction and coal quality.

"I have experience in start up mines and have been heavily involved in pre-feasibility works, sorting out trains, logistics, materials handling, processing and understanding the quality of coal coming out of the ground. I guess you could say it has been my bread and butter for the past five years," he said.



Chris Evans

JR returns home to further mining career

The New Wilkie mine has been a happy homecoming for coal quality supervisor "JR".

JR was one of the founding workers when the mine was under operation by previous owner Peabody Energy and when the site was put into care and maintenance in 2014, had to look further afield for his career.

He worked at the Curragh Mine in Blackwater for seven years, a period he says he enjoyed, however he always longed to be closer to his home town of Dalby.

"I am a Dalby local. My family is back here; my house is here and this is where the kids go to school. It is great to be able to drive home each day," he said.



"I'd definitely had enough of the camps and all the travel by the end."

JR has been back at NWE for approximately 15 months and has seen the workforce grow to approximately 300 fulltime staff and contractors.

"When I first arrived back there was about three people to a crew and now, with first coal, it's closer to 30.

"I know a lot of people who are keen to move back home," he said.

Digging in with the new Liebherr 9200

It's all systems go at Wilkie Creek with state-of-the-art machinery digging in to facilitate the production of first high-grade thermal coal now underway and bound for future export.

Powering through tonnes of work is the new Liebherr 9200 which we commissioned in March.

Offering the biggest payload in its class, the excavator is equipped with 14 cubic-metre bucket capacity.

We are currently running this machinery 24/7 as production increases.

In the longer term, the Liebherr 9200 will be put to work assisting our dozers as New Wilkie Energy expands its mining area.



Working with local communities

As a company, we are very grateful for the support and faith support shown by local residents, business operators and the community in general in what has been a long journey getting to first coal.

We are very proud to be an active part of the local community – and we will always endeavour to show our support in the same way the community has supported us.

As a way of giving back, NWE is pleased to announce that we have budgeted for the next financial year to establish a Community Fund, which we will kickstart with \$200,000.

A delegate each from NWE, the local council and the community will form a committee to manage the fund, assess requests and facilitate the distribution of donations to worthy groups across Dalby and the surrounding townships.

While we are putting the Community Fund together, the donations are still flowing. We recently kicked in \$1000 for Football Dalby, to help the age five to 16yr soccer teams chase their goals.

From the soccer pitch to the pasture, NWE is always eager to cooperate and co-exist with our neighbours.

Did you know that NWE has provided approximately 500ha of rehabilitated land from former mining sites for cattle grazing?

This arrangement has been in place for around 10 years and it is something we will be looking to continue and expand on into the future, proving that mining and agriculture can work together.

Member for Callide visits Wilkie Creek

We were very pleased to welcome Member for Callide, Bryson Head MP, for a tour of our Wilkie Creek operations recently.

Mr Head was full of support for the newly re-opened mine, saying he will continue to stand by the industry which helped provide local jobs and funds for healthcare, roads and education.

"In less than a couple of months, we'll see trains getting loaded from the conveyor over the Warrego Highway that thousands of people drive under each day," the MP posted on social media.

"New Wilkie Energy is taking on a different approach for the future of the site.

Not only does this mine have historic, world leading rehabilitation, it will become a renewable energy producer at the end of life."



Bryson Head MP

Road upgrade underway

New Wilkie Energy has worked closely with Western Downs Regional Council to undertake an upgrade of the road linking the mine entrance to the Warrego Highway where the train load-out pad is situated.

The close working relationship with the Council has been fundamental in bringing the NWE mine back to life, delivering economic and employment benefits to the local townships of Dalby, Chinchilla and beyond.

The road upgrade consists of a reformation of the carriageway, stabilisation and asphalt works which are expected to be completed by the end of May.

Brett gives new meaning to 'safety behind the wheel'



Brett Robertson

NWE employee Brett Robertson gives new meaning to safety behind the wheel. The experienced mine worker comfortably wears two hats at Wilkie Creek, as a newly qualified haulage operator and an experienced emergency response team (ERT) leader.

"I am a hands-on person and always wanted to get involved in the day-to-day operations," Brett said.

"At the moment I am hauling overburden coal but I am looking forward to expanding my skills and working up to dozers and loaders," he said.

In addition to his operating work, Brett performs the important function of ERT leader, always ready to ensure the safety

of workers and minimize the impact of emergencies or accidents should they occur.

Brett lives on the Gold Coast and is based at the Chinchilla Camp on week on, week off basis.

He said he was contemplating moving to Dalby, however for the time being quite enjoyed the commute.

"I did six years of my life working FIFO, so a three-hour drive is nothing, I actually like the downtime," he said.

"I enjoy the feeling of being around a new mine, there's a great sense of camaraderie."



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NWE also holds interests in a large renewable development project to be constructed in association with mining activities at the Wilkie Creek coal mine. NWE intends to be a platform for sustainable energy through the development of coal mining assets in conjunction with renewable energy projects.



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