

Dubbo Project Community Newsletter

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At the half-way mark for this year, we are delighted to present the latest news from ASM's Dubbo Project team.

EPCD conditional contract awarded

ASM has awarded Hyundai Engineering Co., Ltd. (HEC) a conditional contract to provide engineering, procurement and construction definition work (EPCD) for the Dubbo Project.



Chair Ian Gandel, with HEC CEO Hyeon-sung Hong

ASM Chair, Ian Gandel, signed the agreement at a ceremony hosted by HEC on the 8th June in Seoul, Korea.

The EPCD includes:

- Front End Engineering (FEED) services
- Early engineering of major vendor packages for inclusion in an Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering standardised estimate (AACE Class 2 capital cost estimate)
- An operating cost estimate
- Detailed project schedule
- Major project plans and FEED-stage engineering documentation



Signing ceremony for EPCD conditional contract, Seoul, Korea

HEC will produce an open book cost estimate for the execution phase of the Dubbo Project on completion of the EPCD work. This will form the basis of an EPC offer from HEC to deliver the Dubbo Project.

We are excited to have HEC join us to progress the Dubbo Project and bring our vision a step closer to reality.

Read the ASX Announcement [here](#).

Modification Report (MOD1) update

The public exhibition period for MOD1 closed on the 19th April.



Six public submissions were received by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, and nine submissions from government agencies.

We are currently preparing a response to these submissions.

Determination is then expected later in the year.

Site office ready to move in!

The Dubbo Project team now has its own office on-site at Toongi.

Undeterred by wet weather, local suppliers completed construction and put the finishing touches to the new office in May.

Thanks go to OSM Transportables, for building construction, and Peter Kinsella Plumbing.

Robson Civil (Dubbo branch) completed the roadworks around the building, and our new fence was provided by our very own Toongi Pastoral Company.

With our Occupation Certificate received, we can officially move in and start making ourselves at home.



Above and below: ASM's newly constructed Dubbo Project site office



Community Consultative Committee takes a tour

The Dubbo Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) met on Monday 2nd May.



Dubbo Project Community Consultative Committee ready for their tour. L to R: Mayor Mathew Dickerson, Janice Hosking, Michael Silver (Chair CCC), Manny Portelli, Royce Munro

Stepping out from the usual meeting venue, the committee met at the corner of Toongi and The Springs Roads for a site inspection of project commencement works.

The committee inspected:

- Dubbo Project site entry roadworks off Toongi Road
- New culvert in Toongi Road Reserve
- Site office building (still under construction at the time!)

NSW General Manager, Mike Sutherland, also showed the group where the Dubbo Project processing plant and upgraded Toongi railway siding will be constructed.

The next meeting of the committee is proposed for Monday 1st August 2022.

School's out and about on the farm



Macquarie Anglican Grammar School Principal Craig Mansour, and TPC Farm Manager, Fergus Job

At the start of June, ASM and Toongi Pastoral Company (TPC) were thrilled to announce our partnership with Macquarie Anglican Grammar School for their Macquarie Agricultural Pathways Program.

This new program will give a targeted group of Year 7 students the opportunity to engage in weekly farm visits to TPC sites, where they will play an active role in day to day farm operations and be introduced to all areas of an environmental and agricultural business.

The students will transition what they learn in the classroom into the real world, and develop the skills necessary for employment in the Agriculture sector directly, or prepare for entry into Tertiary-based programs.

"Together, we are moulding opportunities for students who haven't yet found their 'fit' in traditional education pathways. At TPC we want to engage and inspire these students, and expand the choices available to them, now and later in life."

Fergus Job, Farm Manager at Toongi Pastoral Company

The program will start in July and we look forward to welcoming the first group of students.

Show time in Dubbo!

Over the last weekend in May, ASM was proud to once again support the Dubbo Show.

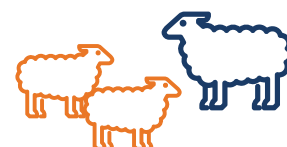
We thoroughly enjoyed sharing a stand with Alkane and talking to show visitors about the Dubbo Project.

It was great to see how interest has grown, as staff were kept busy fielding more questions about the Dubbo Project than previous years.

Toongi Pastoral Company also took part in the show - entering a pen of lambs in the prime lamb competition. They were also involved in the charity auction.



Christian Munge (TPC) discusses the Dubbo Project with visitors at the Dubbo Show



Strengthening bonds between countries at Korean Metals Plant opening

On Thursday 12th May we officially opened our first high purity critical metals plant in Ochang, South Korea.



Opening of ASM's Korean Metals Plant, Ochang, Korea

The plant will produce critical metals and alloys, which, in time, will be supported by feedstocks mined and processed from Dubbo.

This connection with Dubbo was recognised during the official opening with Wiradjuri elder, Peter Peckham, invited to attend the ceremony and share his ancient culture with our Korean guests and team.



Wiradjuri elder, Peter Peckham at opening of Korean Metals Plant

Peter Peckham conducted a smoking ceremony, inviting guests to participate - building the bonds between all our countries – Australia, Korea and Wiradjuri.



Korean VIPs invited to take part in smoking ceremony by Peter Peckham.

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Australian Strategic Materials acknowledges the people of the Wiradjuri Nation, Traditional Custodians of the land around Dubbo and Toongi, and pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.