

# Dubbo Project Community Newsletter

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## Exploring opportunities at Orana Youth Forum

**The Orana Youth Forum in November brought together more than 200 young people from around the Orana region to hear from business, industry leaders, universities, and training providers about the jobs and career paths of the future.**

ASM and Toongi Pastoral Company (TPC) were delighted to participate in the inaugural event, taking an exhibition booth alongside more than 30 other organisations – all showcasing the many opportunities available.

Organised by Regional Development Australia Orana (RDA Orana), the Youth Forum targeted students in years

10, 11 and 12, with the objective of addressing the unique challenges faced by young people in today's competitive job market, and inspiring them in their decision-making.

TPC's General Manager Farming, Fergus Job, was on hand to speak to participants and provide insight into the work conducted at TPC and the planned operations at the Dubbo Project. The Dubbo Project mine and processing plant will support ~1000 jobs during the construction phase and up to 270 local jobs when operational.

RDA Orana has set a date for 26 August for the 2025 event.



General Manager Farming at Toongi Pastoral Company, Fergus Job (left), was on hand to discuss the opportunities that ASM and TPC can offer.

## AGM update

**ASM held its 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November.**

The AGM provides shareholders with the opportunity to speak with Board and Management about the Company's strategy, performance and opportunities, and vote on the Company's resolutions – all of which were passed.

ASM Managing Director and CEO Rowena Smith provided an overview of activities from the year and presented the Company's latest updates and objectives.

You can watch a recording of Rowena's presentation on our [YouTube channel](#).



Managing Director and CEO Rowena Smith presented ASM's recent activities at the Annual General Meeting in Perth.

# New faces on CCC

**ASM's Community Consultation Committee (CCC) is a critical channel for engagement and cooperation between ASM and our community partners and stakeholders.**

The most recent CCC meeting was held at the end of October, when we welcomed a couple of new faces to the Committee.

Fergus Job, General Manager Farming at Toongi Pastoral Company (TPC) has joined the CCC to replace ASM's former General Manager, NSW Mike Sutherland. Additionally, community member Janice Hoskins has stepped down and is replaced by Luke Tomlin. Sincere thanks to Mike and Janice for their valued contribution and support in their capacity as CCC members in recent years.

You can read a few comments from our newest community member, Luke, below.



Fergus Job has joined the Dubbo Project's Community Consultation Committee.

## Q&A with Luke Tomlin

### **Tell us a bit about yourself and your relevant experience.**

I am from the 'Top End' and moved to Dubbo in 2017. I have been a member of the Dubbo Field Naturalist & Conservation Society (DFNCS) since 2022 and I have recently joined the committee to help with environmental education, conservation and advocacy work in the Dubbo region.

Most of my professional career has been in the electrical and renewable energy industries, though I have recently retrained and completed a degree in Environmental Science and Management with Charles Sturt University. As a result, I have a good understanding of the many perspectives involved in projects such as the ASM Dubbo project.

### **Why did you want to join the CCC?**

I believe transparent and honest community engagement is vital as Australia transitions to a renewable energy future, with critical minerals projects such as this one playing an important role in this transition.

The CCC is important as it provides the opportunity for community concerns to be raised, discussed and dealt with in a respectful and organised manner. It also helps keep companies accountable to their environmental protection obligations.

I am looking forward to engaging with ASM into the future as the project progresses.



Luke Tomlin is also a member of the Dubbo Field Naturalist & Conservation Society.

## Get in contact...

The Dubbo Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) facilitates communications about mine operations and environmental performance, providing a forum for open discussion between ASM and the community. It comprises an independent chairperson, along with representatives of the local community, local council and ASM. Minutes from all CCC meetings are available on the [ASM website](#).

### **Community Information Line**

To register a concern, please call the Community Information Line which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

**Business hours:** (02) 6882 2866

**After hours:** 0427 267 305

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# MAPP graduates build skills for the future

## Congratulations to our third year Macquarie Agricultural Pathways Program (MAPP) graduates!

Once again, this year's cohort from Macquarie Anglican Grammar School have impressed with their enthusiasm and ability as they undertook a range of hands-on learning experiences supported by the ASM and TPC teams.

This year, as an additional part of the program, the students were fortunate to participate in Fire Cadet training, supported by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS).

This additional aspect of the course provided participants with the opportunity to learn new and valuable skills that promote leadership, teamwork and initiative, foster community responsibility and service, and provide practical life skills.

Having received their Fire Cadet certificates from NSW RFS – including TPC's own Christian Munge and Orana District Manager Dave Millsted – the students enjoyed a well-deserved graduation evening with their families at the Toongi Hall!



Christian Munge (back row, second from left) and Dave Millsted (front row, right) with MAPP graduates as they finish their NSW RFS cadet training.

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