

Dubbo Project Community Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the April issue of our Dubbo Project Community Newsletter. The last few months have been busy for the team at Australian Strategic Materials and our subsidiary, Toongi Pastoral Company. Please read on for more information, and remember, if you would like to stay connected or contact us, our details are at the end of this update.

Modification Report (MOD1) public exhibition and submissions

A Modification Report (MOD1) has been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) and placed on public exhibition on the DPE website [here](#).

The MOD1 reflects several Dubbo Project design improvements, resulting from the Optimisation Study completed in December 2021.

Written submissions from the public can be made to the DPE up to 19 April 2022.

Works and activity on site

In the past few months, anyone passing our project site may have noticed some extra works and activity about the place.

An environmental monitoring station has been completed and commissioned on Wychitella.



Wychitella environmental monitoring station

Ground preparation works for a project site office have also commenced, with Wiradjuri elder, Peter Peckham, conducting a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country prior to the works getting underway.



Peter Peckham, First Lesson Cultural Tours

Heads of Agreement signed with Hyundai Engineering Corporation

A milestone for the Dubbo Project has been met with the signing of a Heads of Agreement with Hyundai Engineering Corporation (HEC).

Under the agreement, we have entered into an exclusivity period with HEC to negotiate for the award of Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for the Dubbo Project. This moves us another step closer to a Final Investment Decision and demonstrates the support the Dubbo Project has from key stakeholders in Korea.



ASM representatives Ian Gandel, David Woodall and Frank Moon with HEC Vice President, Kim Yundong (2nd from right)

Mapping carbon estimation areas



As part of our goal for the Dubbo Project to reach operational net-zero carbon, we intend to participate in the Australian government's Emissions Reduction Fund, by registering our Toongi Pastoral Company property as a soil carbon project.

An important step in the registration process involves mapping carbon estimation areas (CEAs). This involves grouping landscape management units to allow for the estimation of carbon in the soil. The CEAs are based on geology, soil type and vegetation.

Once these areas are mapped, baseline testing for soil carbon can be done and land management strategies can be put in place to increase soil carbon. The increase in soil carbon will earn Australian Carbon Credit Units, which can be used to contribute to carbon offsets for the Dubbo Project.

Surveying for Pink-tailed Worm-lizards

In March we welcomed AREA Environmental to site for a survey of the Pink-tailed Worm-lizard's distribution across our property.

This monitoring of the lizard population is part of our commitment to environmental management of the lizard population on the Dubbo project site.



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.

Building drought resilient leadership



With drought an all too common feature of the Australian landscape, it's essential for our communities to have leaders equipped with the latest techniques and skills to manage the challenges posed by drought events. Toongi Pastoral Company Farm Manager, Fergus Job, has been developing his skills in this area, by taking part in the Future Drought Resilience Leaders Program.

Over a period of eight weeks, Fergus joined a group of some 30 plus rural community leaders from an area spanning Wentworth on the Murray, to Broken Hill and Dubbo.

Together the group worked through techniques to help communities navigate change: covering topics such as adaptive leadership, climate science, problem-solving, scenario planning, and personal and community resilience.

The program is run by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation with support from the Australian government's Future Drought Fund.

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