

Community Update

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This is our regular update as part of our commitment to keep our neighbours informed about our plant.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many businesses, including ours, but we have remained open, keeping all our local staff in jobs.

The pandemic and bushfires earlier this year have reminded us of the importance of community, and we continue to support community organisations whenever we can.

Nick Moretti | Newcastle Plant Operations Manager

Helping to keep the Westpac chopper in the air

Koppers has celebrated five years of supporting the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service through workplace giving. Australian staff (including at our Mayfield plant) have donated \$25,000 from their wages to this life-saving service that has been doing it tough during the pandemic.

To lend your support visit rescuehelicopter.com.au

Bushfire relief

When the bushfires hit, Koppers Australia supported two important recovery organisations, WIRES and BlazeAid.

Staff at our Mayfield plant and other facilities held fundraising BBQs, with Koppers chipping in additional funds to take donations to just over \$30,000. BlazeAid was able to purchase this fully equipped trailer and WIRES rehabilitated wildlife.

Our colleagues in the US donated an extra \$US6,800 to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal.

For more information on our community support visit our website's news page.



Firstchance fundraiser

Mayfield charity and our neighbour, Firstchance, is having a trivia night to fund its Little Ones Playgroup on 19 September 2020.

Koppers has donated one of the major prizes a luxurious weekend for two in Sydney.

Firstchance supports kids with a disability or developmental delay and their families.

Visit www.firstchance.org.au/Event/fundraisingtrivia-night-2020



Plant upgrades to prevent incidents



Installing new pressure sensors and vent sensors is part of the action we took following two pollution incidents at our plant in 2019. We also updated operating procedures and re-trained staff. Since installing the new equipment, we have not had a similar incident.

Our team is continuing to improve the plant's performance through ongoing pollution reduction programs in conjunction with the EPA.

Since 2008, Koppers has spent \$40 million on projects at the plant. We spend around \$5 million a year on repairs and maintenance.

46 Years of service - David Willis

Congratulations to one of our Mayfield plant's control room operators, David Willis, who has clocked up 46 years of service. Things have changed during David's career. When he started, he monitored clocks and dials which have been replaced by a bank of computer screens.

David will retire in November. We thank him for his outstanding service and wish him all the best in the next chapter of his life.



SMS alert notifications service available

Responding to feedback from local stakeholders we are setting up a system to let you know if we have any emergency drills, or real emergencies. We will keep a list of mobile phone numbers and will send a text message before an emergency drill, which will help neighbouring businesses prepare for potential traffic impacts from emergency vehicles, and let neighbours know what is going on.

In the unlikely event of an emission from site or other emergency, we would use the same system to advise you.

If you'd like your mobile number added to the list, please call 1800 066 243 or email CMCinfo@koppers.com.au

COVID-19 safe

We've implemented measures at our plant to help keep staff, visitors and the community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. They include social distancing, handwashing, limiting external visitors, ceasing on-site meetings, staggered shifts and staggered meal breaks. Most importantly, every staff member has kept their job and their usual hours.

New Website Koppers.com.au

Visit Koppers Australia's new website for news and updates from our Mayfield plant and other plants.



Community Reference Group meets

Our new community reference group (CRG) had its first meeting via video conference in July.

The group discussed the CRG's terms of reference to help us share information with you as well as gain input and feedback.

Community representatives – Rick Banyard, John Hayes, Chris Tola. Local business representatives – Sarah Kiely (Port of Newcastle), Marie Caruana (Firstchance), Paul Adams (Major Projects Group), Wade Hammond (Suez).

For more information and minutes of the meetings visit koppers.com.au/community



What does Koppers do?

Koppers beneficially reuses coal tar from Australian steelworks to produce coal tar pitch - an essential raw material for Australian aluminium smelters.

We also make other products for wood preservation, rubber products manufacturing and concrete additives for construction.

Koppers employs 60 local people, making us an important contributor to the local economy and to the Australian manufacturing sector.

We hold an Environment Protection Licence and are regulated by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Koppers monitors emissions and reports them on its website and to the EPA.

Our plant has successfully operated for 50 years, 24 hours a day.

Contact us

If you have a question or feedback please get in touch!

If you notice an odour or emission you think may be coming from our plant, please let us know so we can respond.



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