

This is our first update to our neighbours and the community for 2021.

## More environmental and performance improvement projects



Koppers is investing around \$1M on additional projects this financial year to improve its operational and environmental performance.

Some of the projects are listed below.

- A new \$113,000 software system and console to better monitor plant performance and alarms.
- A \$100,000 project to enable the plant's spare hot oil furnace to have capacity to thermally oxidise fumes. The plant's licence was upgraded by the EPA in 2020 to require that all fumes from the site's tanks be scrubbed and oxidised prior to emission.
- A \$236,000 project to replace existing mechanically sealed pumps with seal-less magnetic drive pumps to further reduce the potential for emissions.
- A \$300,000 project to improve the site's fume control system including fitting fail safe valve actuators to scrubber tanks, automating all manual fume pressure valves and furnace safety shutoff valves and a new fume fan to direct vapours from the Naphthalene Tank Farm to the reboiler.
- A \$240,000 Emergency Hatch Replacement project to prevent emergency vent emissions by installing 19 new, and better sealing, vents. This is a first stage, with more stages to follow.

**These projects are in addition to the \$5M Koppers spends annually maintaining its Newcastle plant.**

## Support for Zara's House

Local community organisation, Zara's House, now has a BBQ where local women can cook, gather, and share an understanding of various cultures.

Our plant manager, Nick Moretti, presented Sister Di, Zara's House Founder and 2017 Newcastle Citizen of the Year, with the BBQ earlier this year.

Zara's House is an important place of welcome where refugee women meet Australian women, to share hospitality, ideas, culture, learning and local opportunities. Its Jesmond Centre opened in 2019. **To support its work, visit [zarashouse.org.au](http://zarashouse.org.au)**



## First Chance fundraisers

**Our neighbour, Firstchance, is having a fundraising trivia night on May 1 and a gala ball on August 21.**

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

Visit [www.firstchance.org.au](http://www.firstchance.org.au) for details.

## Meet the team – Nick Moretti



Plant manager Nick Moretti has worked for Koppers for 41 years.

He's managed the plant for 14 of those years. Nick started as a trainee Industrial Chemist in the laboratory.

You may know of Nick as the co-founder of Newcastle's Italian Film Festival. His family hails from Italy's Marche/Lazio regions. As well as bringing great Italian film to Newcastle, the festival raises funds for the Motor-Neurone Disease Association of NSW.

## EPA prosecution

Koppers pleaded guilty to breaching its licence in the Land and Environment Court, following NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) prosecution for incidents in October 2018 and May 2019.

In February, the Court ordered us to pay a fine of \$82,500. The EPA determined that the money go to the Port Stephens Koala Hospital. In sentencing, the Judge said "Koppers is a corporation of good character such that this is a mitigating factor which I take into account."

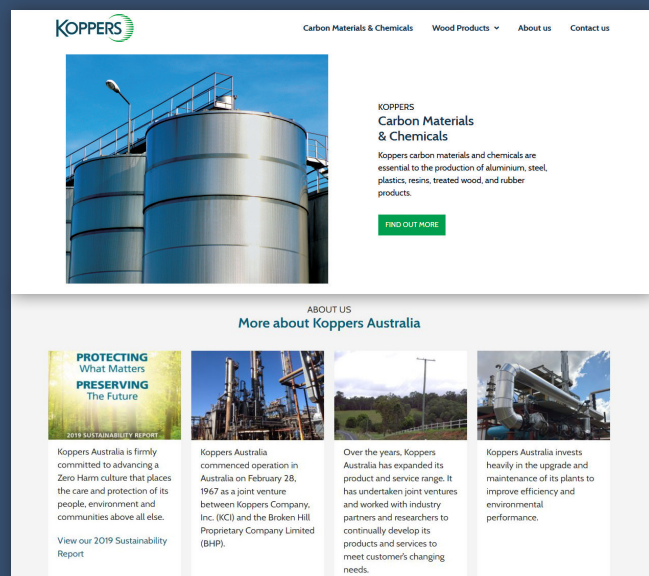
Koppers' team apologises for the incidents and for the odours the plant's neighbours experienced. We have worked closely with the EPA, to install additional equipment and improve systems to prevent those incidents from occurring again.

## Stay up to date – koppers.com.au

Koppers Australia's website has information about our chemicals business and our wood products business.

Did you know that Koppers is one of Australia's largest suppliers of treated wood poles, engineering and piling timbers, and landscaping and viticulture products?

We employ a total of 150 people in Australia across six sites.



## Community Reference Group update

Our community reference group (CRG) has now met three times – in July and October 2020, and in February of this year.

Andrew Humphries from local company, SUEZ, has replaced his colleague, Wade Hammond on the CRG.

The group has received updates from Koppers about the plant's operations and gained answers to questions they and other community members have had for Koppers. The meetings keep Koppers' staff up to date with activities of the plant's neighbours.

**For information on the CRG, its members, and the meeting minutes, visit [koppers.com.au/community](http://koppers.com.au/community). You are welcome to apply to join the CRG.**

## SMS alert notifications service available

Our SMS alert system is now up and running to let you know about emergency drills and the unlikely event of a real emergencies or plant emissions.

The new system means we can more quickly let neighbours know what is happening and to prepare for any traffic impacts.

**If you'd like your mobile number added to the list, please call 1800 066 243 or email [CMCinfo@koppers.com.au](mailto:CMCinfo@koppers.com.au).**



## What does Koppers Mayfield plant do?

A team of 60 at Koppers' Mayfield plant beneficially reuse 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.

## Contact us

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



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