

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

THE MINING INDUSTRY AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES



# YUNAGA MINE SERVICES

## OVER COMING THE ODDS

### Singleton Man Trapped Under Collapsed Wall.

These are the headlines that splashed across the local and Newcastle Herald papers back in 1990, the accident happened at Liddell Colliery a underground mine in the upper Hunter. I was trapped by the chest, and had 4 broken ribs and a dislocated leg. The accident put an end to my dreams as a professional rugby league player, and I would not be here today if my workmates had not worked as a TEAM to rescue me.

After rehabilitation and lots of support from my family and workmates I returned to work two(2) years later with a different outlook on life and the determination inspire other Aboriginal people to never give up. And I stand here as a proud Wonnarua man from Singleton in the Upper Hunter Valley to talk about Yunaga Mine Services.

## COMPANY DIRECTORS

Laurie and Victor Perry are the directors of Yunaga Mine Services with Laurie being responsible for the operational management of the enterprise.

Victor Perry's role in the organisation is the delivery of Cross Cultural Training and create Indigenous employment to the mining industry. He has also been selected by the NSW Minister for Environment and Conservation to serve on a select committee to advise the Minister on matters affecting Aboriginal Cultural and Heritage under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

## INTRODUCTION

Yunaga Mine Services is an entity created by a joint venture between the Upper Hunter Wonnarua Council (UHWC). The formation of this company provided an avenue to further expand the services provided to the regional coal mining industry.

Our core business activities of Yunaga is to play a central role in the provision of environmental rehabilitation, management, and general labour services to the Hunter Valley mining industry and in doing so provide employment and training opportunities for local Aboriginal people. We have a total workforce of fifteen (15) full time employees.

Yunaga is also a proud and active member of Mandurah the first Aboriginal Business Chamber in Newcastle.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF BUSINESS

- Yunaga Mine Services were winners of the 2005 New South Wales emerging Aboriginal business awards.
- Previous employees have gone on to work with major mining companies operating in the Hunter Valley utilizing the company's employment and training programs.
- Ashton Coal mine near Singleton has played a major role in the employment and training of Indigenous people living in the Hunter Valley. Yunaga Mine Services congratulate them for giving the Indigenous community this opportunity.

## MINING OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

### Archaeological:

- Surveys
- Reports
- Site Preservation
- Site Monitoring
- Cultural Heritage assessments
- Developing processes to engage Aboriginal community
- Archaeological training
- Registered Native Title consultants

### Rehabilitation Services:

- Chisel Ploughing
- Seed Spreading
- Fertiliser Spreading
- Deep Ripping
- Tree Planting
- Site Environmental Maintenance

### Fencing:

- Contract Fencing
- Security Fencing
- Stock Proofing
- Stock Yards
- Vermin proof Fencing

### Mining Operations:

- Hose down and spillage clean up
- Tailings Dam Operation
- Traffic Control
- Water Management
- Trades Assistance
- General Labour -

## Workforce

We currently have 15 employees who have provided services to our past & present clients including:

- BHP Billiton –Hunter Valley Energy Coal
- Henry Walker Eltin
- Coal & Allied Operations
- Warkworth Mining Limited
- SCE Mining Services
- UCC Energy
- Ashton Coal Operations
- Australian Coal Processing
- Wambo Coal Terminal

## Capability

- Yunaga Mine Services possess all of the necessary equipment to carry out the above services.
- All work is performed in accordance with our own safety Management plans and site specific requirements where applicable.
  - Site Vehicles
  - Tractors
  - Slashers, Rippers, Spreaders, Augers
  - Fencing Rammers
  - Kanga Loader
  - Chain Saws
  - Weed Spraying Equipment
  - Hand Tools

## REFEREES

- Ashton Coal Operations
- BHP Billiton
- Hunter Valley Energy Coal
- Wambo Coal Terminal
- Coal & Allied Operations
- Roche Mining
- SCE Mining Services
- Warkworth Mining Limited
- UCC Energy
- Australian Coal Processing
- Xstrata Coal –Mt Owen & Ravensworth
- Anglo Coal

\* References are available upon request



## Upper Hunter Wonnarua Council Trading As

### UPPER HUNTER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE SINGLETON NSW

#### THE WAY FORWARD FOR ABORIGINAL AND NON ABORIGINAL PEOPLE BUILT ON MUTUAL TRUST AND RESPECT

The Upper Hunter Skills Development Centre is a unique concept that has been developed to support a local Aboriginal vision. While the core benefit will be derived initially by the Wonnarua people and people living in the Wonnarua area it will benefit others who reside and look for work within the geographical reach of the centre.

It will deliver an alternative path to sustainable jobs for Aboriginal people throughout the NSW Coal belt (extending across the Hunter Valley South of Newcastle to Tamworth/ Gunnedah area, and West of the Liverpool Ranges.

Initially the target market of the centre will be the coal mining industry, incorporating mining companies and those that provide services to the mines. This sector encompasses many areas of skills shortages. When this market becomes saturated, which is not expected in the short or medium term the centre will target other industries or to service the mining industry in other locations.

#### MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

##### OUR MISSION

The UHSDC provides a range of value adding services to employers, prospective Aboriginal employees and employment network organisations.

Our actions are focused on improving outcome development for all parties and promoting and addressing the economic disadvantages experienced by Aboriginal people of regional Australia.



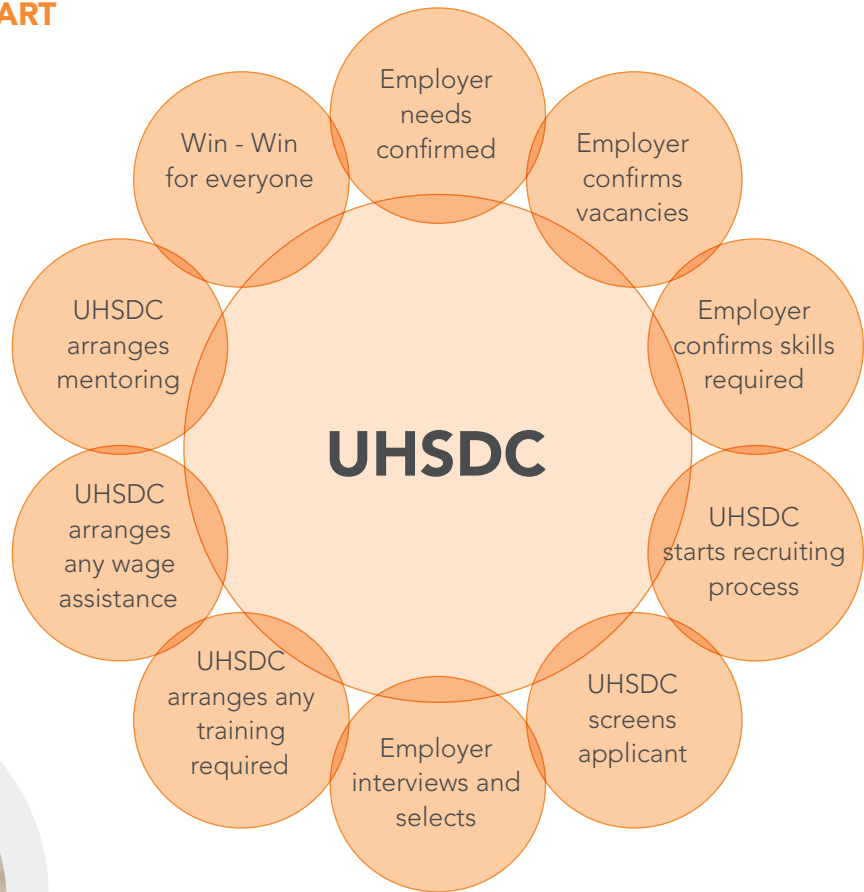
##### OUR VISION

To enhance the economic base of local Aboriginal communities so that they can achieve recognition and self empowerment in an environment of Mutual Understanding and Respect.

##### CORE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

- Accessing the Indigenous unemployment pool through liaison with Job Network.
- Members, Local Aboriginal Land Councils, Indigenous Employment Centres.
- Community Development Employment Programs and other people placement agencies.
- Networking with other Indigenous organisations to provide a broader access to opportunities for unemployed Indigenous people.
- Working with the Mining sector employers to create agreed job roles.
- Determining training requirements and responsibilities with host employers in Pre-Vocational Training.
- Deliver Cross Cultural Training to main stream employers/ and Indigenous people.
- Mentoring those involved in Indigenous employment activities through the centre, to minimise and mediate any concerns and conflicts that may arise.

## UHSDC RELATIONSHIP CHART



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