



illawarra coke company

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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New Member for Keira tours Corrimal Cokeworks



Ryan Park, NSW State Member for Keira, (second from left) was shown around Corrimal Cokeworks in the run up to the March 2011 NSW State election by ICC Managing Director, Rex Wright (far right) and ICC Environment Manager, Ruth Churchill (far left)

Managing Director's Report

Market Update: Coal

Rex Wright reported that since the CCCCC meeting in December 2010 when the price of coal in the third quarter was down, in the fourth quarter the price went back up again.

As from 1 April 2011 the price of coking coal reached the highest contract price ever recorded.

The price of coal has also been influenced considerably by the impact of the floods in Queensland.

Market Update: Coke

ICC's major Japanese customer was affected by the recent tsunami. Everyone evacuated the facility but they ended up with a metre of water through the plant, which caused quite extensive damage. As a consequence they brought forward a scheduled shut down to undergo repairs and maintenance. The plant should be back up and running in June.

Fortunately the wharf at the shipping harbour escaped major damage and no workers lost their homes. They are experiencing electricity blackouts - which are happening everywhere.

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Corrimal Cokeworks Community Consultative Committee Minutes

Monday, April 4 2011,
Meeting

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Date of Next Meeting:

Monday, June 6, 2011 at 11am

Rex Wright went on to report a recent visit he made to Europe to meet with an ICC customer.

Europe, unlike Australia, has been greatly affected by the global financial crisis and as a result the end users of steel (such as the motor industry), do not want to hold stock. This has a flow-on effect to the steelmaking industry, which is not running at full capacity to avoid excess steel. Germany is going well, but in the remainder of Europe the economic climate is generally very nervous.

Valerie Hussain commented that ICC is really affected by the world economy.

Rex Wright agreed that the world coke market has been impacted by both the global financial crisis and natural disasters.



Photographs above & below: NSW State Member for Keira, Ryan Park, during his tour of Corrimal Cokeworks with ICC management

Environment Manager Update

Public Meeting on Corrimal Leagues Club DA

Ruth Churchill said together with Wendy Jack she had attended a public meeting on 7 February 2011 convened by Neighbourly Committee 4 to discuss the Development Application lodged with Wollongong City Council to redevelop the Corrimal Leagues Club site.

The meeting supported ICC's submission to Wollongong City Council objecting to the proposal on a number of grounds.

Valerie Hussain - a convenor of the Neighbourly Committee 4 - informed the CCCCC meeting that a Residents Action Group has been formed. Neighbourly Committee 4 has offered the Residents Action Group their support if necessary but they have heard nothing more. The community meeting was convened because a number of nearby residents did not know about the proposal.



Carbon Price Update

Ruth Churchill said the Community Representatives would probably have heard news about the possible introduction of a carbon price in Australia.

The Garnaut Update Paper 6: Carbon pricing and reducing Australia's emissions, published on 17 March 2011 set out:

- Australia should play its proportionate part in global emissions reductions.

- The Australian Government is committed to at least a 5% reduction relative to 2000 levels by 2020.
- An economy-wide price of carbon is necessary in Australia.
- An emissions trading scheme is preferred with a period of fixed pricing at the start (\$20-\$30 per tonne).
- Revenue from carbon pricing should be used to reduce the cost to the economy.

Ruth Churchill said a figure of \$800 a year per household has been discussed in the media, but the Government says it is too early to know.

Noel Causer asked how \$30 per tonne is going to make a difference?

Ruth Churchill replied that by putting a price on carbon it is an incentive for people to use it more wisely.

Noel Causer asked why everyone in Australia is not doing that now?

Ruth Churchill explained that no one is going to commit money to a large investment without knowing exactly how much it is going to cost.

Rex Wright said the biggest carbon producers are not in Australia. Australia only produces 1.6% of world carbon emissions. If everybody in Australia stopped emitting carbon, the levels from other countries would swamp it within a month.

If ICC stopped producing coke it would be made in another country likely to be one that has lower environmental standards. However, Australia should play its part and reduce its carbon emissions.

Ruth Churchill said that according to our National Greenhouse Gas Inventory - Kyoto Protocol Accounting Framework, industry produced less than 20% of Australia's carbon emissions in 2008.

Noel Causer said he doesn't fully understand it.

Joe Bonanno remarked that he didn't think the tax would get passed as the Australian people have shown what they think at the last couple of elections.

Valerie Hussain said the ordinary people in the street don't understand what is being proposed.

Rex Wright said Australians are confused because of the Government's consistent policy to use the per capita statistic

on emissions. This means people do not fully comprehend what they are being told. What they are not being told is it will only work if consumers also change the way they live.

Landscaping

Ruth Churchill showed a photograph of a new row of trees being planted along the front of the Corrimal Cokeworks site in Railway Street.

ICC is working slowly along the creek to tidy it all up. The first step is to clear the weeds, particularly the lantana.

Noel Causer said his wife sends her congratulations on cleaning up the block.

Operations Manager's Report

Production

Carlo Madaschi, reported that production for the year to the end of March was above budget.

They usually have one or two ovens out at a time with different issues.

Maintenance

- They had three pumps out for maintenance. They used backup pumps until the work was completed.
- Maintenance has been undertaken on C1 south flue.

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Paul Comelli Passes Away

Corrimal Cokeworks Community Consultative Committee Community Representative 2000-2011

It was with great sadness that the Illawarra Coke Company learned of the death of Paul Comelli on April 5, 2011.

Paul was an active Community Representative on the Corrimal Cokeworks Community Consultative Committee (CCCCC) from January 2000 until his passing.

Paul was held in high regard by the other members of the Committee and was frequently nominated as the spokesperson for the Community Representatives to present their report at the bi-annual Residents meetings when they were convened by Wollongong City Council.

In December 2002, Paul - along with the other Community Representatives on



Paul Comelli, Corrimal Cokeworks Community Consultative Committee Representative 2000-2011

the CCCCC at that time - was presented with a Gold Award for Outstanding Effort at the 17th Anniversary Annual Awards presentation of Wollongong City Council's "Rise and Shine" Environmental Improvement Programs.

Although wheelchair bound this was no obstacle to him joining in the regular tours of both of ICC's cokeworks at Corrimal and Coalcliff; and he fully utilised his training in metallurgy to ask insightful and pertinent questions on behalf of the community he represented.

"He happily volunteered his services to participate in the regular Committee meetings and always demonstrated a willingness to learn about the Cokeworks activities," says ICC Managing Director, Rex Wright, "his valuable contribution will be greatly missed."

- The shuttle feeder chain has been replaced.
- They have undertaken repairs on the bathhouse roof.
- Sections of roof in the powerhouse have been replaced.

Community Representatives Report

Feedback from the Community

- Noel Causer said he had spoken to two ladies in the units nearby the Cokeworks and they seemed quite happy.
- John O'Brien reported Corrimal Railway Station has had a makeover including new paint work.
He continued that in May CityRail are starting work on the level crossing in Railway Street to widen and improve it. When completed it will be similar to the level crossing at Woonona.
CityRail intend starting on one half of the level crossing and then doing the other half later. There will also be new platforms and gardens.
- Valerie Hussain said that at the Residents Meeting held at Corrimal Leagues Club an invitation had been extended to local residents to take a tour of the Cokeworks.
- Rex Wright asked John O'Brien if the station gets much graffiti?
John O'Brien informed him graffiti is more of a problem at Towradgi railway station.



General Business

Rex Wright reported they had received a letter from Ryan Park when he was standing as Labour candidate for Keira in the NSW State election.

In the letter he asked a number of questions about Corrimal Cokeworks operations and the impacts on the community.

ICC invited him to take a tour of the Cokeworks, which he accepted and he visited the Cokeworks in March 2011 before the results of the election were known.

Date of Next CCCCC Meeting

The date for the next CCCCC meeting was set for Monday 6 June 2011 at 11.00am in the Corrimal Cokeworks Boardroom.



ICC is progressively landscaping the front of its Corrimal Cokeworks property along Railway Street. The first plantings of native trees commenced in February 2011

