

Illawarra Coal

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Illawarra Coal again wins top award for saving water

Illawarra Coal has been recognised by Sydney Water for the second year running, with Dendrobium Mine receiving the award for best water saver in the Sydney Water supply area which includes 1.7 million homes and businesses.

The Company, which operates three longwall coal mines in the Illawarra region, took out the Largest Volume Reduction Award for its Dendrobium Mine operations at Sydney Water's annual Every Drop Counts Business Program Awards ceremony held in Sydney last night, and follows Appin Mine's success last year.

The Award recognises Illawarra Coal's water savings made at the Dendrobium operation for the financial year with the installation of a \$100,000 pipeline which enables recycled water from old mine workings to be pumped to pit top facilities for use on the surface.

John Brannon, General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, said the Company is very proud to receive the Award for the second year, which is recognition of Illawarra Coal's commitment to water conservation and sustainability.

Illawarra Coal's General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said the utilisation of good quality recycled water across all of Dendrobium's operations has significantly reduced the Mine's need for Sydney Water.

"Using recycled water across all of Dendrobium's operations has significantly reduced our demand on the Sydney Water supply from 90 Megalitres a year to approximately 20 Megalitres," he said.

"That's the equivalent of saving almost 70 Olympic sized swimming pools of water each year."

Mr Brannon added that this is one of several innovative projects that Illawarra Coal has recently implemented across all of its sites.

The completion of Dendrobium's pipeline project, coupled with Appin Mine's Water Filtration Plant and West Cliff Mine's WestVAMP power plant, highlights Illawarra Coal's commitment to reducing the Company's environmental footprint of its mining related activities.

Illawarra Coal is a member of Sydney Water's Make Every Drop Count campaign which, since it was launched in 2001 has attracted more than 340 members and generated savings of about 24.1 million litres of water per day or 8.7 billion litres a year.

The program awards recognise organisations and individuals who achieve significant water use reductions and demonstrate a commitment to water conservation.

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