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As Malabar restores the former open-cut mine (now known as Maxwell Infrastructure) to pastures and native woodland, it has been in conversation with its neighbours and local farmers about alternative uses for the land as it is made productive and available for future generations.

Malabar Chairman Wayne Seabrook said the introduction of the cattle demonstrated an encouraging trend toward mining and farming working together.

"The cattle are coming along well and have put on weight since coming to site. It’s pleasing to see all the cattle thrive on the rehabilitated land, given the drought conditions being experienced in the Hunter Valley," he said.

"The land we are rehabilitating was grazed prior to mining and we’re now showing that it can be returned to healthy grazing pastures. Bringing the steers onto the land is just one small example of where mining and farming can work together productively for the benefit of the environment and the local community," he added.

Local agist Bob Parish purchased the cattle from Coolie Angus, a beef cattle business based in the hills of Merriwa, with Malabar providing the land, water and fencing for grazing.

"It’s great collaborating with a responsible mining company that understands the importance of grazing for farmers and their cattle," Mr Parish said.

Having the steers on the rehabilitated pasture is also expected to benefit the land. It should allow greater control over weed species, promote species diversity and reduce the risk of bushfire.

Rehabilitated pasture can also provide more feed for stock during the drier conditions than the non-rehabilitated land.

More than 6,000 mining industry professionals and 2,000 exhibitor personnel are set to take over Sydney’s Showgrounds across three days from August 27-29 in what is Australia’s largest and longest running mining exhibition and conference.

Over 500 exhibitors will set up shop for the exhibition which brings together decision makers and mining leaders from across the world.

For a first in Aimex, five of Australia’s biggest mining companies will also come together to create the Aimex Mining Pavilion, Centennial Coal, Glencore, Hancock Energy and Whiteman Coal will outline their own enterprises, connect with suppliers and drive their own recruitment strategies.

For the second year, a free-to-attend multi-stream mining conference will be embedded within the exhibition providing visitors with a unique opportunity to hear from mining innovators and disruptors at the same venue where the technology is on show.

The Aimex Conference brought to you by Davey Rickford Enaex, will focus on key themes surrounding the changing of mindsets and how to survive the impact of future technological, social and environmental changes. The conference will also look at the rise of automation and robotics and the use of AI and VR to enhance safety training for staff amongst other topics.

The recent Federal election results showed that regional Australia is often forgotten in the discussion about the most important issues that face our Nation. For Singleton and surrounding areas that’s all about change, with an opportunity for some world class leadership development being offered on 25 June, in partnership with the Singleton Business Chamber.

“One of my favourite quotes from US leadership guru, John C Maxwell is ‘Everything rises and falls on leadership’. Greg tells us. “Basically, it sums up my philosophy of leadership. All the good, the bad and even the ugly that happens in our businesses, our organisations and institutions, our community groups and our governments, all comes back to the quality of the leaders.”

“I strongly believe that most people want to be better leaders, they just don’t know where to start. For the past 20 years I have been facilitating organisations and people to get better at leadership.”

On Tuesday 25 June, in partnership with Singleton Business Chamber, Greg will be hosting the Becoming Better Leaders One Day Workshop, Becoming better Leaders, at Singleton Rollys Park Club, with Bickford Enaex, will also look at the provision of mindsets and how to survive the impact of future technological, social and environmental changes. The conference will also look at the rise of automation and robotics and the use of AI and VR to enhance safety training for staff amongst other topics.

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Greg RMowbray is a Leadership speaker, author, mentor and consultant who is bringing a world class leadership development opportunity to Singleton.

Established leaders all over Australia over the past 15 years. It focuses on a couple of key things.

Firstly, Greg focuses just on what important leadership is in the success of organisations. There is strong evidence that the better the leader, the better the results.

Next, Greg contrasts leading versus managing. “Many of us think we are doing really well, and we might be, but what we are really doing is just managing. We point out the big difference between the two,” the expert says.

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Champion horse rider 26-year-old Lauren Brown has moved from strength to strength as she strives towards her goal of representing equestrian Australia at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic games.

Our now local Muswellbrook girl grew up on a crop and sheep farm in Western Australia with her, as she puts it, “non-horsey family.”

Lauren jumped on her neighbour’s pony at just 8-years-old and never looked back as her passion for horses developed into a true love. “I have always had a love for animals - horses just took the cake,” Lauren said.

Journaling her own goal after goal, Lauren has really made a name for herself in the riding scene. Lauren represented Australia at the 2017 Prince Philip Mounted Games in America for 3rd place and at the 2019 World Cup in America winning the riding section.

Browne also won the CCIW Star at the 2017 Perth International 3DE and completed her first CCI5 Star at the Australian International 3DE in 2018.

The young riding star isn’t stopping there, aiming to compete at the highest possible level. “After representing Australia at a Pony Club level, I now strive to represent Equestrian Australia,” said Lauren.

“At 16-years old, you can just want to ride your horse and get it up and down, but it’s super exciting to be able and competing at a level where you are representing our country. I am definitely thinking about the Olympics.”

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