

MT ARTHUR COAL SURVEY & SALVAGE PROGRAM

Mt Arthur Coal (MAC) have development consent to expand and continue their existing mine into currently undisturbed areas. Arrow were engaged to develop and implement a process for the heritage assessment of these areas, the salvage and excavation of Aboriginal sites identified within the disturbance footprint, and the update of MAC's Aboriginal heritage GIS.

Working with Aboriginal stakeholders, and within the parameters of MAC's development consent and Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP), Arrow conducted these cultural heritage works within the tight timeframe required but also in compliance with the high standards demanded by community, legislation and MAC's AHMP.

Archaeological fieldwork is an important part of the cultural heritage management process. It helps inform proponents, communities and decision makers on the nature, extent and scientific significance of Aboriginal sites in proposed project areas. Avoidance of these sites is always the preferable option, however, when this is not possible, impacts can be mitigated by thorough recording, collection and excavation programs. Underpinning this archaeological work is an effective GIS operated with skill and accuracy.

Whether your project is at the planning stage or has an approval requiring archaeological management insight, Arrow can help with all your fieldwork and GIS requirements.