



## **Heritage building cleaned and cared for by GPM**

**Lidsdale, 11 October 2021:** Since taking ownership of the Wallerawang Power Station site north of the Castlereagh Highway in September 2020, the Generator Property Management Pty Ltd (GPM) team has completed several revitalisation projects.

Most recently, works have been completed on care-taking the heritage barn located on Skelly Road.

The barn previously served as a coach stop and later as a dairy. Although known as “Hospital Farm Barn”, the association with any hospital is unclear. What is clear is its representation concerning the history and economy of the area.

While the exact age of the barn is unknown, the structure is listed under the NSW Heritage Act, and all works carried out met those standards required when maintaining structures listed on the act.

The work undertaken included replacing burnt rafters and removing rubbish, extensive mowing and tree pruning works, installing new fencing, and roof sheeting. Additionally, asbestos pipe removal was also carried out.

Managing Director of GPM, Stephen Saladine, said: “The dedication of the team to preserve this structure and its integrity is a credit to all involved.”

Other works carried out around the site over the past year of ownership include extensive vegetation clearance works around the boundaries. In consultation with locals and in order to comply with the latest fire prevention rules and regulations approximately a depth of 50 metres has been cleared behind property boundaries near houses in Lidsdale.

These land clearing works also included clearing an area that impeded visibility at the Skelly Rd and Castlereagh Highway intersection.

The GPM team has also worked closely with the Department of Agriculture to facilitate habitat restoration after the bushfire for a Purple Copper Butterfly colony.

The Purple Copper butterfly is listed as an endangered species under the Environment Protection, and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) and is considered a matter of national environmental significance.

GPM owns the areas of the former Wallerawang Power Station site north of the Castlereagh Highway, comprising an area of approximately 528 ha.

Since taking ownership of the site, GPM's key focus has been planning for the safe closure of the Kerosene Vale Ash Repository and the Sawyers Swamp Creek Ash Dam and then appropriately remediating the balance of the site for permanent closure.

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