

## **BRANT NORTH INCIDENT - 20/1/99**

- 0500 Longwall rings 222 to report accident ??
- 0510 Alec Thompson rings longwall for handover report and Les Stelling answers and informs him of accident. Peter McPhail informs control on DAC requesting entonox via the tailgate.
- 0511 Alec Thompson asks Rick Jasperse to take ambulance to longwall. Rick Jasperse informed Alec Thompson he was not familiar with layout of mine. Alec Thompson stops Greg Booth who was driving a LHD and asked him to take ambulance.
- 0513 PSO, Len Poulton, contacts Philip Jackson and informed him of incident, the ambulance and Dr Foley are on their way.
- 0515 Philip Jackson contacts PSO, Alan Kirby, and gets update. ???
- 0515 Philip Jackson contacts Mine Rescue Personnel, picks up Mick Esmond and goes to site.
- 0520 Alec Thompson contacts Murray Wood and Greg Burgess.
- 0530 Queensland Ambulance arrives on site.  
Contacted Sue Murray to attend.
- 0540 Murray Wood arrives on site.  
Frank North and Rick Jasperse are at First Aid Centre.  
Carol Sullivan informed of incident.
- 0552 Alec Thompson contacts PSO and says he will arrange for air evacuation from Control Room.
- 0600 Ian Adams sent underground with Dr Foley.
- 0610 Murray Wood contacts Peter Lynch and leaves message on answering machine.
- 0615 Mick Esmond arrives at Control Room to assist.
- 0618 Sue Murray arrives on site, speaks with Frank North, Margaret North and Rebecca Van Zanden.
- 0620 Murray Wood contacts Mike Caffery.
- 0623 PSO contacted QAS with longitude, latitude, direction and length of airstrip.
- 0625 Philip Jackson asked Christ Moffat to close boom gates. Couldn't close boom gates because they were broken. Jeff Finch was stationed on gates with radio.  
Mick Esmond checked route to airstrip via Oaky North entrance, found

break in conveyor for access at original airport access site, checked with Lacaba if we could use this area for access.  
Checked airstrip for hazards.

- 0630 Murray Wood speaks to Peter Lynch in Brisbane.  
Control asked Sue Murray to stay in first aid unless required.
- 0633 Philip Jackson asked Sue Murray to stay at First Aid Centre and Russell Albury to go to Portal without her.
- 0640 Philip Jackson spoke to Carol Sullivan re Centrecare counselling. Carol said she would handle it.
- 0643 Oxy cutting gear going underground. Eastern main crew contacts Control and advises that they are coming out in the electrician's vehicle. Ross from QAS phone calls ???
- 0644 PSO tries to contact Dysart doctor.
- 0645 Call for Murray Wood from the longwall requesting oxy gear and lifting gear.  
Pit to be evacuated for oxy cutting.  
Philip Jackson offered air bags but offer was declined because of nature of work.  
Murray Wood asked Philip Jackson to update Frank North on situation.  
Control contacts Dr Smyth in Middlemount.
- 0647 Bill Allison contacts Control to advise he is on route.
- 0648 Philip Jackson updates Frank North. Present were Glen Coppo, Rick Jasperse and Steve Clark.  
Control contacts North East crew and advised them to walk to longwall and take a spare vehicle and any extra longwall people not required in that area and to evacuate pit as oxy cutting gear is going underground.  
Eddie Foley rings Control to talk to Flying Surgeon.
- 0630 - Murray Wood spoke to Mike Caffery re incident and oxy cutting  
0700 permission.  
Murray Wood spoke to control to evacuate mine and spoke to Bill Allison.
- 0650 Control tried contacting Dysart Hospital - no good. Rung PSO to ring 013 to get number for hospital.
- 0654 John Finn rung for Tommy Lambley.
- 0655 Chris Hayes rings Control and says he is on site if required.
- 0658 RFDS contacts Control to say aircraft will be on ground at 0740.
- 0702 Control attempted RFDS for call sign and frequency.  
Control contacted PSO about talking to surgeon in the air and could not do.

- 0705 Surgeon contacted Control. Advised surgeon to ring 4984 7434. Ring back if any problems.
- 0707 Eastern Mains crew out of pit.
- 0710 Tony Noonan and Steve Faulkner arrive at work and are briefed. Tony Noonan to organise E-mail to all managers.
- 0712 Murray Wood contacted Philip Jackson re trauma counselling and communicating to other site departments and tells him to give Frank North update.
- 0715 Copy of approval to oxy cut received on fax.
- 0717 A.Goodwin rang control to say he is bringing Adam Clark (REB employee) out and he is to accompany him to First Aid. QAS are also to talk to Adam Clark.
- 0718 Dysart Police contacted PSO. Doctor on his way to hospital. Eddie Foley contacts Control and requests ice, eskies, drinking water and plastic bags to be brought to longwall via the tailgate.
- 0720 Murray Wood contacted Desley Rumpf to enter permission to oxy cut into record book and to tell her to stay by phone.
- 0722 Dr Forbes of Dysart made aware of situation. Called Bob at store to deliver eskies etc to top of ramp. Mike Caffery contacts Control to advise he is arriving at 10-30am and requests he will need all reports for investigation.
- 0723 Control sent Kym Douglass to pick up cap lamps and rescuers for RFDS.
- 0728 Bill Allison and John Finn arrive.
- 0731 Control contacted for vehicle to evacuate Ashley Howarth, Chris Selmer and Shane Jackson. Steve Bullough to arrange.
- 0732 Philip Jackson contacts Constable Michael Hill, Tieri Police, to supply backup. He is coming out to site straight away.
- 0735 RFDS land at airstrip. Mick Esmond contacts Control for vehicle to go underground. Control still getting it ready.
- 0736 Scott Schumacher to longwall to pick up Ashley Howarth, Chris Selmer, Shane Jackson and deliver extra ice.
- 0737 Philip Jackson calls Craig Clark at Oaky North to request security presence at Oaky North entrance.
- 0742 Murray Wood instructed Control all press enquiries to Colin Meyers.

- 0743 RFDS at top of ramp with Mick Esmond.
- 0746 Peter Lynch calls to say all press enquiries to Colin Meyers, Brisbane MIM.
- 0748 P. Simpson contacts Control requesting 6/7 cap lamps to light up area. Sue Murray wants Frank North to go to airstrip to see Brant North before he leaves. Sue Murray is updating Margaret North and Rebecca Van Zanden.
- 0750 Murray Wood informs Control that electrical medical equipment is to go underground.
- 0756 Tieri Police arrive on site.
- 0800 Surgeon and company leave top of ramp. Steve Bullough is driving and Doug Miller is on board.
- 0805 Control notified three bins of ice at top of ramp. No room in TP07. Tony Goodwin at Portal. Tieri Police briefed by Philip Jackson on situation.
- 0807 Longwall contacted Control - 3 space blankets required - Scott Schumacher to take blankets and ice underground. Control instructed Rick Halpin to retrieve PJB from Longwall.
- 0817 Sue Murray contacts Control. A second space blanket found. Mick Esmond to Sue Murray to pick up blanket.
- 0820 Mike 20 contacts Control to say we may have trouble getting under Oaky North conveyor. Don Foster instructed to copy all relevant documents by Murray Wood. Philip Jackson contacts Tony Noonan with update and notes sent out to Managers and Peter Lynch.
- 0830 Murray Wood has discussion with Bill Allison re trauma counselling, accident investigations and return to work on night shift.
- 0831 Philip Jackson contacts Stuart Sulter re list of people involved pre and post incident. Watch for frayed nerves and care of people.
- 0833 Mike Caffery contacts Murray Wood to advise arrival at 10-15am.
- 0837 Murray Wood told Control no-one is to disturb area at longwall.
- 0840 Murray Wood contacted Desley Rumpf re Camry.
- 0846 Adam Clark with Sue Murray.
- 0850 Bill Allison spoke to Murray Wood re statements to be taken in proper manner. Murray Wood indicated Adam Clark elected to return to give statement.

0852 Doug Miller out of pit in TP14.

0853 Rick Halpin out of pit in AMH11.

0859 Scott Schumacher out of pit in TP07.

0900 Mike Caffery contacts Control to say he will be on site at 10-15am.

0910 Longwall contacts Control - patient out of AFC and being moved to ambulance.

0912 Russell Albury contacts Philip Jackson re availability of digital camera and investigation team.

0915 Murray Wood rang Philip Jackson - injured person out and on way to ambulance. X  
Murray Wood contacted Control re when oxy gear and ambulance gear are out - will address day shift.  
Development crews to go down and produce.  
Longwall not to be disturbed.

0922 Rob Medlin of QAS contacted Control for situation update and Ross Gordon to contact ASAP.

0925 Greg Burgess spoke to Murray Wood - injured legs had to be amputated.  
Sue Murray and Frank North taken to airstrip. Eddie Foley to meet them at airstrip.

0935 Rob Wadropp of QAS contacts Control for Ross Gordon to contact him.

0940 Murray Wood spoke to Adam Clark. Adam wants to go underground to help reconstruct accident.

0946 Underground ambulance at top of ramp.

0948 Murray Wood discusses investigation team with Russell Albury and Cec Ivers.

0952 Underground ambulance leaving top of ramp to go to airstrip.

0953 Ross Gordon tells Murray Wood obs are a little low and amputated both legs.

0955 Murray Wood informs Control to tell Maywin oxy is out of pit.

0957 Control contacts Alan Kirby to inform Dysart doctor to stand down.

1000 Control contacted Middlemount doctor.  
Mike Caffery contacts control - on site in 10 minutes.

1005 Mike Caffery contacts Murray Wood - on site in 5 minutes.

Brant North to be flown to Rocky Base Hospital.  
PSO stood down Dysart doctor.

- 1008 Philip Jackson arranges Frank Casey and Paul O'Grady to interview crew members in underground conference room. Philip Jackson instructed Carol Sullivan, Sue Murray and counsellor to check on crew.
- 1010 Murray Wood left message on Peter Lynch's mobile re Brant North.
- 1022 Mike Caffery on site.
- 1030 RFDS leaves site on route to Rockhampton.
- 1032 Greg Burgess contacts Control for Murray Wood to ring him. Stuart Sulter advises Control oxy gear is out of pit and Maywin to go underground.
- 1033 Control advises John Blair - All Clear.
- 1040 Control organises lamps and rescuers for investigation team.
- 1120 PSO advises Control that there is a plane at airstrip to take Frank North and family to Rockhampton.
- 1138 John Davison rang Control, policeman still at gate - advised John Davison to let him go.