

Tomingley Gold Operations Quarterly Community Update

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Construction and operations update

Gold production hitting targets

Having reached design capacity last May, Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) continues to produce well, with over 41,000 ounces of gold poured from July to December 2014. This keeps the operation well on track to produce between 65,000 and 75,000 ounces for the financial year.

Focus on Caloma pit

The mining focus since July has remained on the Caloma pit on the eastern side of the highway. In addition to mining, the following works are being carried out in the Caloma pit as per a planning application made by TGO:

- rock is being removed from the walls in the upper parts of the pit to reduce the wall angle and improve wall stability;
- some of the waste rock generated by this work is being used to increase the height of the amenity bund between the pit and the town as part of our noise management program (see below).



Noise Management

As reported over the past year, TGO has been executing a strategic Noise Management Plan in consultation with a noise management consultant. Upon completion of major noise management activities in the near future, the company expects a noticeable reduction of the mining noise experienced by residents.

Recent and current noise management initiatives include:

Noise bund between Tomingley village and Caloma pit – The amenity bund in the north-west corner of the Caloma pit is to be extended. It is expected to noticeably reduce noise from the

site penetrating the town under most weather conditions and is planned for completion by the end of March 2015.

New wheel dozer – A new 854 wheel dozer commenced on site in October 2014. This machine provides a huge increase in pushing power to reduce the use of track dozers on night shift, thereby reducing noise issues created by the dozer tracks.



New 854 wheel dozer onsite in the Caloma pit helps manage noise

Shift roster changes – After a second period in which the shift roster was loaded 3:1 towards the day shift to accelerate construction of the noise bunds while minimising noise impact to residents at night, the shift roster has recently reverted to a 2:2 roster with the night shift.

Dust Management

Although not the only source of dust in the town, TGO is aware of being a contributor to the higher dust levels experienced as the weather gets hotter, drier and windier over the summer months. With a view to reducing its impact long-term, the company is trialling various dust suppression aids along haul and site access roads, waste rock emplacements, and other hard stand areas surrounding the processing plant and workshops.

Are you part of a community group seeking funding for a local project?

Alkane's Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund provides financial support for projects that contribute to community life within the Narromine Shire.

To be eligible, your project must fall into one of the following categories:

- Economic development
- Community connectivity
- Education and training
- Community infrastructure

Projects must be located in Narromine Shire. Applications are now open, and close on Friday 6 March 2015.

For more information, or to download an application form, please visit: <http://alkane.com.au/index.php/community> or contact Mark Williams, Environment and Community Manager at Alkane, on (02) 68679780.



Community update

Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund

TGO is delighted to continue supporting local community projects by means of the Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund, which is awarded twice a year on a submissions basis.

The first round of funding was awarded in May 2014, with the major recipient being the Tomingley Sport and Recreation Ground Trust for the purpose of the construction of a new amenities building and rainwater tanks. TGO is pleased to hear that construction is underway, and has been told it will be completed in February 2015.



Construction of new amenities building is underway at the Tomingley Sport and Recreation Ground

In October 2014, the following community initiatives were selected by the TGP Community Fund Panel to receive funding:

Tomingley Sport and Recreational Ground Trust was granted a further \$15,000 for an addition to the amenities block project.

Li'l Tacker Playgroup was granted \$7840 for the purchase and installation of reverse cycle air conditioning units in two rooms at the Old Tomingley School Building.

Narromine Agricultural (Show) Society was granted \$2000 as sponsorship of the Narromine 109th Annual Show, held in August 2014.

Little Athletics Narromine Branch was granted \$1162 for new starting blocks for the athletes.

Mungery Amateur Picnic Race Club was granted \$1000 towards organising and running the 90th annual Mungery Picnic Races, held 5 October 2014.

Submissions are now open for the first round of 2015 applications, with a deadline of 6 March. See advertisement in this newsletter for details and conditions.

Tree planting at TGO

As part of Alkane's environmental commitment, a team of employees and contractors from both TGO and Peak Hill Gold Mine gathered in September 2014 to plant around 4000 tree and shrub seedlings across the TGO site.

The planting took place over about a week and half, mainly in areas along the mine entrance road and between the mine and Tomingley



September 2014: Around 4000 tree and shrub seedlings were planted on the TGO site.



January 2015: A few months later, most of the seedlings are doing well.

village or the Newel Highway. In addition, some seedlings were planted in an area designated as Biodiversity Offset, where TGO will re-establish a eucalypt woodland. In this area, a mix of understorey, midstorey and upperstorey trees and shrubs were planted to ensure the right biodiversity mix.

Contacting Us

You can find out more information about Alkane Resources and the Tomingley Gold Operations on our website:

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