

Tomingley Gold Operations Quarterly Community Update

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Construction and operations update

Update on modifications to project approval (MOD3)

Late last year, Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) lodged an application to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to modify the terms of project approval (referred to as MOD3). Following the public exhibition of the MOD3 Environmental Assessment and supporting documentation in November-December 2015, the company responded to information requests from various government agencies, Narromine Shire Council and an adjoining landowner. These responses are currently under consideration by the NSW DPE (<http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/>). The proposed modifications include a change in location of the entrance to future underground mining activities (known as a portal), establishment of the Caloma Two open cut, and a small expansion to the existing Caloma pit.

Continuation of Waste Rock Emplacement rehabilitation

Progressive rehabilitation of the outside faces of TGO's Waste Rock Emplacements (WRE) –

repositories of waste rock extracted from the pits – is continuing as planned. This involves shaping and contouring the outside walls of earth and rock, adding drainage channels, and sowing pasture vegetation consistent with the Tomingley area.



Rehabilitation: Drainage channels go in prior to treating topsoil and sowing pasture vegetation

These significant works will be intermittently ongoing for the life of the mine. Full details of all rehabilitation commitments can be found in the TGO Mine Operations Plan (MOP), available on the Alkane website (<http://www.alkane.com.au/index.php/current-projects/tgo-environment/management-plans>).

Community update

New Independent Chairperson appointed for TGO Community Consultative Committee

Narromine Shire resident and consultant facilitator, James Hamilton, is the new Independent Chairperson of the TGO Community Consultative Committee (CCC). Mr Hamilton, whose appointment has been endorsed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, replaces Mark Gardiner, who resigned from the position late in 2015.

In addition to his facilitation consultancy, Mr Hamilton operates a mixed farming enterprise in the Narromine region (since 1999). He holds or has held numerous community leadership roles, including Chairman of the local branch of NSW Farmers, Chairman of the Trangie Health Council, and President of the Macquarie Picnic Race Club.

Mr Hamilton's combined community involvement and professional experience in community relations, facilitation, mediation and public advocacy make him ideal for the position of Independent Chairperson, which involves balancing resource, environmental and community interests. Alkane welcomes him to the role.

The purpose of the CCC is to facilitate communication about mine operations and environmental performance, providing a forum for open discussion between mining companies and the community. In addition to the independent chairperson, the CCC comprises representatives of the local community, local council, TGO and other key stakeholders.

All representatives of the TGO CCC are listed with contact details and complete minutes of meetings on the TGO website (<http://www.alkane.com.au/index.php/current-projects/tgo-community/consultation-committee>). Members of the community are invited to approach CCC representatives to bring any topics of interest to the attention of TGO.



James Hamilton of Cultivate Advisory has been appointed Independent Chairperson of the TGO Community Consultative Committee

Narromine High School garden project

TGO was delighted to hear from Narromine High School about the outcome of its recent garden project, which was a recipient of the Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund last November. The fund contributed \$785 to materials for the construction of a series of raised garden beds located in the quadrangle where some plane trees had to be removed.

The project was carried out by a team of Year 10 boys as part of a multi-phase enhancement program for the school grounds. The beds have been planted out with a Gynea Lily in the centre, surrounded by Dwarf Fountain Grass with 'Little Con' Lomandra as the border plant. The beds are being well utilised as seating by students.

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Year 7 students enjoy the new garden beds at Narromine High School