

Tomingley Gold Operations Quarterly Community Update

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Construction and operations update

Official opening of Tomingley gold mine

After just over a year in construction, the Tomingley gold mine was officially opened on 21 March by the NSW Minister for Resources and Energy, Anthony Roberts MP. The event was also attended by local landowners and community leaders, who we thank for their ongoing support, along with construction teams and employees of Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO).

The gold mine marked commencement of operations on 14 February 2014, when



TGO Staff, Official Opening

the first gold bar was poured, following the successful commissioning of the process plant. Gold production has continued and the core focus of activities has been maximisation of mining productivity, completion and optimisation of the process plant and overall production cost management.

As we head towards completion of site works and ramp up other activities, TGO is committed to working with the local community to minimise the impact of issues such as dust, noise and water management.



NSW Minister for Resources, Official Opening



Noise consultant engaged for review

Actions to alleviate mine noise

TGO's Environment and Community Manager, Mark Williams, has been in discussion with residents in Tomingley Village and on surrounding rural properties about concerns regarding noise. The company appreciates the co-operation of the surrounding residents while it works on actions to alleviate this concern.

A noise consultant has been engaged, and TGO is also working with equipment suppliers and manufacturers to implement the most effective noise controls as quickly as possible.

Actions that have already been implemented include:

- Change in site procedure to ensure dozers are "walked" in low gear from one work area to another to minimise track noise.

- Improvements to the design of the noise bunds on the waste rock emplacements.

Additional noise controls that the company is working towards include:

- Installation of "Ex Q" (extra quiet) add-ons to the Caterpillar 777 haul truck fleet.
- A review of the tracked dozer and wheel dozer fleet. This will involve larger machines working more efficiently and with less noise.
- Changes to ramp designs in pits and on waste rock emplacements, along with the acquisition of additional GPS control systems on graders and dozers to help improve the surface of the haul roads, pit floors and waste dumps. Improved running surfaces will result in fewer gear changes and less engine revving, further reducing noise.

To support and validate these actions, TGO is planning to deploy noise monitors over a 10 week period. These will be located at various key locations on surrounding premises for two weeks at a time to collect real-time noise data. Mark Williams will be in contact with property owners to make arrangements where applicable.

Once again, the company thanks all residents for their feedback and patience as this concern is addressed.

Community update

Appointment of Community Consultative Committee Chairperson

The appointment of an independent chairperson for the Tomingley Gold Project (TGP) Community Consultative Committee has been made. A shortlist of candidates was compiled from the 11 expressions of interest received, and a recommendation made to the Director General of the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure. On the 14th of May the Director General's endorsed the selection of Mark Gardiner as the committee chairperson, who will commence in the role at the May meeting.

Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund

A total of 12 applications have been received for the first round of the TGP Community Fund, which supports projects within the Narromine Shire related to economic development, community connectivity, education and training, and community infrastructure.

The applications have been considered by the four members of the TGP Community Fund panel – comprising General Manager Greg Lamont and Councillor Tony Ellis from Narromine Shire Council, alongside Operations Manager Sean Buxton and Environment and Community Manager Mark



Community, Official Launch

Williams from Tomingley Gold Operations.

Announcement of the successful applications will be made following the meeting of the Narromine Shire Council on the 14 May 2014. The second round of funding applications will close at the end of July 2014, with further information being advertised closer to the date.

Tomingley West Road upgrade

It has been necessary to upgrade the Tomingley West Rd near the entrance to the TGO site to accommodate the traffic and heavy vehicles associated with the operation. This is proceeding according to schedule, with bitumen sealing completed on Tuesday 29 April. It is anticipated the finalisation of the drains and remediation of the road corridor will be finalised by the end of May, weather permitting.

Millenium Hawk wins Alkane Resources Tomingley Picnic Cup

Alkane Resources congratulates the owners and team of Millenium Hawk, the winning horse in the inaugural Alkane Resources Tomingley Picnic Cup, held on Saturday 26 April. Ridden by jockey Ricky Blewitt and trained by Kylie Kennedy, Millenium Hawk is owned by Keith and Toni Pender from Bathurst, Cathy and Mark Bouchier from Narromine, and Sue and Glenn Wallace, also from Narromine.

As a proud supporter of the Tomingley Picnic races for more than 12 years, Alkane Resources was delighted to sponsor Race 5 at the event, which is an annual highlight on the community's social and sporting calendar. To commemorate the occasion and the company's future involvement, Alkane Resources has created a perpetual trophy comprising a gold geologist's pick. Alkane staff also enjoyed volunteering at the fundraising barbecue, which supported the local catholic school.



Plenty of smiles for the owners and team of the Millenium Hawk, the winning horse in the inaugural Alkane Resources Tomingley Picnic Cup (left to right): Sean Ashcroft (Geology Manager TGO), Ricky Blewitt (jockey), Kylie Kennedy (trainer), Ken Bermingham (TGO), Keith Pender (owner), Cathy Bouchier (owner), Jacob (front - friend of Mr and Mrs Pender), Toni Pender (owner), Mark Bouchier (owner), Sue Wallace (owner) and Mollie Pearse (friend).

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