



Tomingley Gold Operations Quarterly Update

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Mining Operation of the Year

Tomingley Gold Mine was named Mining Operation of the Year in the 2018 NSW Minerals Council Suppliers Awards in March. Managing Director of Alkane Resources, Nic Earner, said the award was a tribute to the workforce and contractors, and also to TGO's outstanding consultation and integration with the local community.

Factors contributing to TGO's award win included:

- Local infrastructure improvements, including the community hall upgrade, sealing of village streets, new works at the Tomingley Racecourse and Recreation Reserve, and top-up bore water supply to the village.
- Upskilling of the local workforce (170 employees) and close working relationships with contractors.
- Production of 69,000 ounces of gold in FY17, despite severe rain affecting operations.



Troy Grant MP, Ken Birmingham, Nic Earner, Ian Gandel, Kathleen Pizzi, and Mark Williams accept the award on behalf of TGO

**Open cut closing;
underground potential TBA**

TGO’s open cut mining is on schedule to finish in Q1 FY2019. Rehabilitation works continue (see below). Meanwhile, TGO has been exploring underground gold reserves. Numerous prospects have been identified around the region and test drilling has occurred. TGO will release an updated statement by the end of May, defining the extent of underground reserves.

Rehabilitation by air

Tomingley residents and travellers along the Newell Highway will have noticed significant changes to the waste rock emplacements (WREs). TGO has almost completed works on WRE2 (western side of highway) and is making good progress on WRE3 (eastern side). To overcome the challenge of ongoing dry conditions and establish vegetation cover on the WREs, TGO engaged Commercial Helicopters from Mudgee to efficiently apply granular fertiliser without disturbing any existing vegetation.



Commercial Helicopters from Mudgee apply fertiliser to promote vegetation cover on the waste rock emplacements

Bird boxes to boost biodiversity

As part of our commitment to improving biodiversity at the mine site, TGO's environment team recently installed bird nesting boxes in habitat areas surrounding the mine. Historic land-clearing and firewood collection practices have depleted old trees with hollows in which native birds would naturally nest. The nesting boxes are designed to discourage pests, such as starlings, and attract native species such as the vulnerable Superb Parrot. They were produced by the team at the Peak Hill Men's Shed. In late spring, the boxes will be inspected via camera to assess their usage.



(L-R) Jon Lamont of TGO, Dick Baxter, Barney Cook and Peter Dunn at the Peak Hill Men's Shed collecting bird boxes



A nesting box in place, ready for native residents

Rusty and Rodney win Alkane Resources' race

In April, galloping gelding Rusty Motorbike won the 1500 metres Tomingley Picnic Cup. The event was proudly sponsored by Alkane Resources. The win brought trainer Rodney Robb's total for the day to four. Organisers were pleased with the great turnout for the annual race meeting.



(L-R) Betty Millgate, Trainer Rodney Robb, horse Rusty Motorbike, Strapper Brett Robb, Alkane representative Cameron Hope and President Jason Hartin at the presentation of the Tomingley Picnic Cup

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