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Tomingley Gold Operations Quarterly Update

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Successful summer shutdown

After nearly six years of continuous operation, the TGO processing plant got a well-earned break for eight weeks over summer. The plant was placed into care and maintenance mode in mid-December, allowing the TGO team to complete a major overhaul and service, before successfully restarting in mid-February.

We've replaced rubber skirtings, valves and bearings, checked metal parts for corrosion (and

replaced where needed), poured new concrete – just to name a few of the scores of maintenance activities that have taken place.

This shutdown period also allowed us to build up stockpiles of underground ore, which has been accumulating during development of the mine. Ore was first extracted from stopes in December. The plant has resumed operations, processing a mix of underground ore and residual low-grade stockpiles.



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Other site activities

While the processing plant underwent maintenance, the underground development continued as planned, with excellent progress. We've also expanded the underground team to man the second jumbo (and supporting equipment) purchased last year.

A surface drilling program to test the upper extents and continuation of one of the ore zones has also been underway. Comprising 21 holes (approx. 5000m), the drill program is now nearing completion with the surface drill planned to commence work elsewhere on site.

TGO's progressive site rehabilitation of the waste rock emplacements (WRE) has now concluded. Our surface rehabilitation contractor (Revegetation and Erosion Control Services, 'Reveg') completed outstanding rehabilitation works associated with the WREs in December. This work consisted of topsoil placement, seeding, strawing, construction of drainage and water drop down structures. Reveg completed demobilisation from site in January.



TGO has completed rehabilitation works on the WREs

Tomingley Gold Extension Project

Resource definition drilling is continuing in the gold corridor located just to the south of TGO. This is part of an intensive exploration program aimed at providing additional ore feed, either at surface or underground, for future processing at TGO.

Drilling at the Roswell deposit was recently completed and the first Inferred Resource announced. Drilling is continuing at the San Antonio and El Paso deposits, with the first Inferred Resource for San Antonio anticipated in March.

TGO has also submitted an application to develop the proposed exploration drive from the existing underground operations (Wyoming One) to the San Antonio and Roswell deposits, following approval from the Regulator. As part of this, we have purchased a farm property to the immediate south of TGO, where a vent rise is planned.

Overall, the extension project continues to look encouraging, and TGO is expediting the process to move to mine development of the Roswell and San Antonio prospects. We've commenced consultation with some of the key stakeholders, including landholders and regulators as part of the approvals process.

If the project looks economically feasible, the next steps would be to commence an application to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, followed by environmental studies (including an Environment Impact Statement), landowner discussions and obtaining all the required approvals and licences for an underground and open cut mining development.



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New TGO Environmental Coordinator

We're pleased to introduce Dave Pritchard as our new Environmental Coordinator. Dave commenced at TGO in early January and assumes all environmental responsibilities on site, including all environmental monitoring, reporting and compliance activities, community liaison programs and general environmental advice.

Over a 30-year career, Dave's considerable experience includes regulatory, technical and advisory roles with a number of NSW government environmental agencies and in the private sector as a consultant. This includes extensive involvement with several metalliferous mines and numerous coal mines in the Mudgee and Hunter Valley regions. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Analysis) from Charles Sturt University and a Masters of Environmental Management and Sustainability from the University of Newcastle.

We are very fortunate to have someone of Dave's experience and qualifications join the TGO team, reporting to the WHS & Environment Manager, Ken Bermingham. We welcome Dave and his family to Dubbo, after relocating from Newcastle.



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Supplier of the month

This month we want to take a moment to thank one of our long-term suppliers, Griffins Leading Edge, who supply two-way radios and backup support for radio system at Tomingley Gold Mine.

The level of service and support from this company has been outstanding. They provide efficient solutions and always ready to help.

Thanks to the whole team at Griffins Leading Edge! Griffins Leading Edge, Jaycar stockist, has been servicing Parkes, Forbes and district since 1954. They specialise in 2-way Radios, Security Systems & Antenna Systems among other things.

If you'd like to contact Griffins Leading Edge, give them a call on 02 6862 2593 or find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/GriffinsLeadingEdge/>.



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Minibus for Narromine Jets

Last year, TGO and its contractors got together to raise money towards a new team minibus for the Narromine Jets Rugby League Club. Our General Manager Operations, Simon Parsons, was delighted to hand over the keys to the bus to Archie Harding, President of the Narromine Jets Rugby League Club, on Thursday 19 December at Narromine Oval.

“We are most grateful to all those who made this happen and really appreciated the support of local business for the sport we love,” Mr Harding said.

“So many players now can benefit by getting to games and opening up many opportunities for personal and sporting development. In the extremely tough times of the drought that we are experiencing, socialising and being involved in sport is so important for maintaining mental health.”

TGO donated \$1000 and encouraged its contractors to also donate \$1000 each, raising \$12,000. The contractors were: Aquawest, Hardy Mining, JLE Electrical, EMECO, Sullivans Mining & Hardware, SNF Australia, LKA Staffing Solutions, Jennmar, Dubbo Powerhouse, Tega Industries, and Revegetation and Erosion Control Services. Coates Hire was also involved by providing signage for the bus.

Community Consultative Committee

The TGO Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has established its schedule of meetings for 2020. The purpose of this committee is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of TGO, representative of the local community, Narromine Shire Council and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to TGO’s operations, environmental performance and community relations.



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It is also the role of the CCC to keep the community informed of these matters. Over the last year, discussions have encompassed:

- Water security for Tomingley village
- Electricity subsidies for eligible Tomingley residents
- Availability of traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities
- Voluntary Planning Agreement and community funding – especially encouraging applications for the funding of suitable projects through the Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund (see below).

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Minutes of CCC meetings are available on the Alkane website. The 2020 CCC meeting dates are:

- Thursday 20 February
- Thursday 21 May
- Thursday 20 August
- Thursday 19 November

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 second round of funding for 2019 was awarded to the Narromine Agricultural Show Society, the Tomingley Sport and Recreation Ground trust, Mungery Recreation Reserve and the Narromine Clay Target Club.

The **Narromine Agricultural Show Society** received \$3000 for assistance with running the annual Narromine Show, which took place 30-31 August 2019. We're proud to support this important community event, which has been running for over 100 years. It celebrates outstanding stock and agricultural practices, and provides an environment for our community to kick back, relax and socialise. This year's event takes place 4-5 September 2020.

Mungery Recreation Reserve received \$6,930 for painting and beautification works to the historic Mungery community hall, which has served the community for 97 years. It is hoped this project, which will be carried out in the coming cooler months, will make the hall an attractive location for more community events.

The Narromine Clay Target Club received \$2,000 to assist with running a championship event. With the ongoing drought hitting members hard, TGO was pleased to support this largely self-funded club at one of its major clay target events of 2019.

The **Tomingley Sport and Recreation Ground Trust** received \$18,000 for dam de-silting and associated earthworks to improve the water supply at the Tomingley recreation ground and race track. The dam supplies irrigation water for the lawn, racetrack and recently approved primitive camping area at the ground. The project was completed last October in time for rain catchment in November.



The dam de-silting project at Tomingley recreation ground and race track has boosted the water supply for campers

Submissions for the first round of 2020 funding are now open and will close 15 March. Please see the advertisement in this newsletter, or [Alkane's website](http://www.alkane.com.au).

Contacting Us

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

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Or you can contact our 24 Hour Community Information Line:

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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

To be eligible, projects must be from within Narromine Shire and provide benefit to or demonstrate connection to the Tomingley Community.

Applications are now open, and close on Sunday 15 March 2020.

For more information, or to download an application form, please visit: **alkane.com.au/TGOFund** or contact Ken Bermingham, WHS & Environment Manager at Tomingley Gold Operations, on **(02) 6867 9780** or at **info@tomingleygold.com.au**.

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