

# Tomingley Gold Operations Quarterly Community Update

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## Construction and operations update

### Public exhibition of application to modify project approval

In November, Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) lodged an application to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to modify the terms of Project Approval. The Environmental Assessment and supporting documentation (including detailed consultants' reports on dust, noise and water management impacts) will be on public exhibition at the Narromine Shire Council offices from **Wednesday 25 November until Thursday 17 December 2015.**

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.

TGO hopes to receive permission to commence Caloma Two activities in 2016. Community members are welcome to view and comment during the public exhibition period. Mark Williams, TGO Environment and Community Manager, is available by

appointment at the council offices to talk through the documentation and answer any queries. His contact details are [mwilliams@alkane.com.au](mailto:mwilliams@alkane.com.au) or 6867 9780.

**Relocation of portal** – TGO's initial application indicated future underground mining operations, predominantly at the Wyoming One deposit. TGO is now seeking approval to relocate the mine portal to the Caloma One pit (instead of Wyoming One). It is considered that the relocation of the proposed portal will not alter the mine's existing parameters in relation to noise, dust or vibration.



Operations underway at Wyoming One pit

**Caloma Two open cut** – All environmental impacts associated with the proposed Caloma Two open cut were assessed as part of the original application, although permission for the Caloma Two open cut was not initially sought. The location of the Caloma Two pit will be south of the existing Caloma pit, away from the town, and will not utilise any additional equipment. TGO does not anticipate any increased impact of noise or dust, both of which will be monitored and managed closely.

### Waste Rock Emplacement rehabilitation

In keeping with the company's Mine Operations Plan (MOP), TGO has commenced progressive rehabilitation of the outside faces of 'Waste Rock Emplacement Two' (WRE2) – one of three repositories of waste rock. The primary aim of the works is to

stabilise the outside walls of earth and rock, as well as rehabilitate with pasture species that are consistent with the Tomingley area.

The rehabilitation process involves several engineering and landscaping stages, including:

- excavation of the slope to the ideal gradient (to control soil erosion)
- installation of rock-lined drainage channels and structural reinforcement
- application of topsoil and soil treatments
- seeding with pasture species

These significant works will be intermittently ongoing for the life of the mine. The initial works at WRE2 (spanning 2.2 hectares) will be used to establish the methodology and procedures for future site rehabilitation works. This round of works at WRE2 will continue for about a month, and in around March-April 2016 similar works will commence at WRE3.

### Other works in progress

Both the Residue Storage Facility wall lift (second stage) and construction of the noise bund between Tomingley village and the Caloma pit have been completed. The noise bund has been spread with topsoil and seeded with pasture grasses as part of its rehabilitation, which will also maintain stability of the bund and visual amenity.



TGO has commenced rehabilitation of 'Waste Rock Emplacement Two'

### Wyoming Three completion

Mining operations ceased in the Wyoming Three pit during November, as all economically viable ore has been retrieved.



### Community update

#### Opening of amenities block at JD McGaw Recreation Grounds

Representatives of Alkane and TGO were delighted to attend the official opening of the new amenities block at the JD McGaw Recreational Grounds in Tomingley on 22 September. The project received \$94K in funding from the Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund during 2014, and was completed in time for the 2015 annual Tomingley Picnic Races, held in April.



Cutting the ribbon on the new amenities block

The new building, which includes male and female toilets with shower and disabled facilities, as well as a canteen and undercover servery area, was opened by the Honourable Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier and Member for Dubbo. Assisting him to cut the ribbon were (left to right in above image): Mike Sutherland, Alkane General Manager NSW; Glen Pugh, President of Tomingley Racecourse and Recreations Reserve Trust;

Councillor Tony Ellis from Narromine Shire Council; Sally Bouchier, TGO Administration Supervisor; and the Honourable Troy Grant MP.

### Clontarf representatives visit TGO

A group of nine boys representing the Clontarf Foundation visited TGO on 20 October. The visit was designed to give the boys information about career mining opportunities in the region and improve their understanding of modern mining. In addition to a tour of the TGO site, the boys were entertained by stories from some of the employees. The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal men (Years 7 to 12).



Boys representing the Clontarf Foundation survey the Wyoming Three pit

### 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 second round of funding for 2015 was awarded in November to the following community initiatives selected by the TGP Community Fund Panel:

- **Tomingley Picnic Race Club** was granted \$5,000 as sponsorship of the 2016 Tomingley Picnic Races.
- The **Narromine Agricultural (Show) Society** was granted \$2,000 as sponsorship of the Narromine Show.
- The **Narromine Ministers Association** was granted \$1,000 in support of the annual Narromine district community carols.
- **Narromine High School** was granted \$785 for a garden project.

The balance of the funds from this half year is to be held over to support a larger scale future project in Tomingley.

### Contacting Us

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

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