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Tomingley Gold Operations Quarterly Update

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OPERATIONS

Open cut operations to finish in 2018

Open cut mining at Tomingley Gold Operations is scheduled to be completed in the July – September quarter of 2018. This is in line with the original project schedule, which saw all four open cut pits mined.

TGO continues to investigate the mineral resource under the Wyoming One pit via a drilling program, to determine the most profitable approach to underground mining. We'll have this done around the end of October, and then we'll look to make a decision at the end of the year. In addition, regional exploration continues for longer term development opportunities around Tomingley and down to Peak Hill.



Open cut mine

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ENVIRONMENT

Biodiversity management and feral cat control

As part of our commitment to improving biodiversity in the Tomingley area, certain areas onsite at Tomingley Gold Operations are designated as biodiversity offset areas. This means ongoing efforts are made to revitalise vegetation and grow or introduce populations of native wildlife.

An important part of this process is controlling the presence of noxious weeds and feral animals in these biodiversity offset areas. Feral cats are a particular problem, being the number one predator of many native birds and mammals. Some of these local species – such as the Superb Parrot (*Polytelis swainsonii*), Grey-crowned Babbler (*Pomatostomus temporalis*), and the Fat-tailed Dunnart (*Sminthopsis crassicaudata*) – are listed as threatened or vulnerable in NSW.

TGO's trapping program includes the placement of baited traps in various locations. While in place, these traps are checked daily by the environmental team. When a cat is trapped, it is checked initially for a collar and returned to the owner if identified, or else transported to a vet in Dubbo for microchip identification. Where it is clear that the cat is not domesticated, the cats are then humanely euthanised.



Feral cat trap



Superb Parrot



Grey-crowned Babbler



Fat-tailed Dunnart (photo by Museum Victoria)



Tomingley Cup winner (Photo credit Sarsfield Thoroughbreds at www.racingphotography.com.au)

COMMUNITY

Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund

The successful recipients of the Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund for the first half of the year have been announced this month.

The Tomingley Picnic Race Club has been assigned \$5000 in sponsorship of its annual race day. Lil Tackers Playgroup will also receive \$791 for a BBQ and gazebo, and Narromine Country Women's Association \$200 in support of a public speaking event. The balance of funds for this half-year will again be held over to support a larger scale future project in Tomingley.

Applications are now open for the second round of 2017 funds, closing on Friday 25 August – see advertisement in this issue. To be considered, applications must be from within Narromine Shire and benefit or demonstrate connection to the Tomingley Community.

Tomingley Cup

Alkane and TGO congratulate the team behind the winning horse, As Easy As, in the Alkane Resources Tomingley Cup, held on Saturday 22 April, 2017. Owned and trained by Sarah Mcilrick (image above - left), the 8YO brown mare was ridden by Samara Johnson. Also pictured above (L to R) are Emma Rees (Secretary of the Tomingley Picnic race Club), Sean Buxton (Alkane Resources) and Jason Hartin (President of the Tomingley Picnic Race Club).

CONTACTING US

You can find out more information about Alkane Resources and the Tomingley Gold Project on our website:
www.alkane.com.au

Or 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 the Narromine Shire and provide benefit to or demonstrate connection to the Tomingley Community.
Applications are now open, and close on Friday 25 August 2017.

For more information, or to download an application form, please visit:
<http://alkane.com.au/index.php/community> or contact Mark Williams, Environment and Community Manager at Alkane, on **(02) 68679780**.



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