

# Tomingley Gold Operations Quarterly Community Update

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## Construction and operations update

### Tomingley Gold Operations has reached design capacity

After the first gold was poured in February 2014, Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) has ramped up to full design capacity as of the end of May. With 16,348 oz of gold poured during the Quarter (April to June), mining and processing are now operating at the rate of 1.2 million tonnes per annum ore throughput.

Mining operations have continued in Wyoming Three and Caloma pits, with positive mine to mill reconciliations to date for both grade and tonnage – exceeding the projected milled gold ounces by 15%.

With TGO at design capacity, focus is on continuously improving the business – in particular site safety and environmental performance, mining productivity, processing recovery and site operating cash costs.



*WRE 2 noise bund in place*

### Noise Management

TGO is continuing to work as per the Noise Management Plan. This includes a push to complete the first 15 metre lift of the noise bund at waste rock emplacement (WRE) 2, ongoing review of measures to reduce equipment noise, changes to mining operational equipment behaviours and working closely with the community. To ensure effective progress in these areas, TGO has been continuously working with a noise consultant.

**Shift roster change:** For a period during July-August, TGO has temporarily changed the shift roster to minimise the amount of machinery working during the night shift – equipment operating on the night shift has been halved, with the day shift increased accordingly. This is allowing TGO to progress development of the noise bunds on the Waste Rock Emplacements (WRE's) during day shift more quickly. These bunds are designed to be a noise barrier between the mine equipment and adjacent dwellings, particularly during the night shift. Once they are in place, TGO should be able to return to night shift operations, with minimum impact to residents. The current roster is planned to be in place until the end of August, however, TGO will continue to monitor noise and review the roster accordingly.

**Dozer effectiveness:** Another noise control measure TGO is putting in place involves the procurement of a 854 wheel dozer. This machine will provide approximately four times the pushing capacity of the current 834 wheel dozer, and will further reduce the use of tracked dozers on night shift.

We thank all members of the community for your feedback and patience, and remain committed to addressing these issues.



*834 Wheel dozer to be replaced*

### 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

Projects must be located in Narromine Shire.

Applications are now open, and close on Friday 29 August 2014.

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 Tomingley Gold Operations, on (02) 6867 9780.



## Community update

### TGO trees helping new fish habitats in the Macquarie River

Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) is playing a key role in a collaborative project between the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), Central West Local Land Services, Alkane Resources and private landholders to rehabilitate a section of the Macquarie River between Wellington and Dubbo.

The relocation of 120 trees from TGO into the Macquarie River will help reinstate woody habitats (snags) that are an important component of a healthy river system, as they form critical habitats and spawning sites for native fish – including the threatened Blue-nose cod (Trout Cod). The project is expected to result in a natural increase in population as fish breed in the new habitat and become more resilient.

TGO was delighted to find such a worthwhile means of recycling the grey box trees, which needed to be cleared from the site of what is now the Wyoming One pit. In March and April last year, the trees were pushed over carefully to preserve the root ball, and have been progressively transported to the river as needed for the

resnagging project. The on-ground works have ramped up in recent months and the work is expected to be completed in August.

**Community event:** The NSW DPI, supported



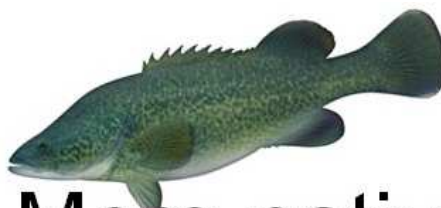
*Resnagging in action*



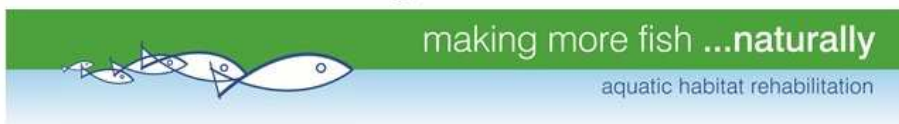
by Central West Local Land Services, is hosting an open day and fisheries resnagging demonstration outside Dubbo, Saturday 23rd August, 8-11AM – including a BBQ breakfast. 33R Warrie Rd Dubbo. **See flyer on the next page.**

# Do you want to see Aquatic Habitat Rehabilitation in action?

Come to the NSW DPI – Fisheries resnagging demonstration



## More snags = More native fish



- Find out why fish need snags
- Watch new habitat being created
- Learn what else can be done to improve aquatic habitat

- **When: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**  
8 – 11 am – BBQ breakfast provided

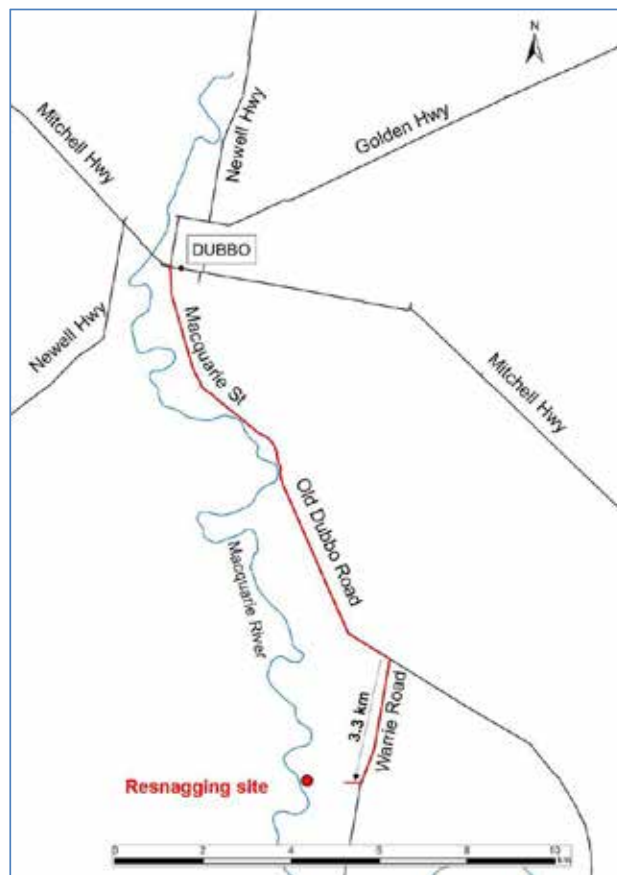
- **Where: 33R Warrie Road, Dubbo**

- **Look for the banner!**

- **Supported by Central West Local Land Services**

RSVP for catering:

20<sup>th</sup> August to [Rodney.Price@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Rodney.Price@dpi.nsw.gov.au)



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### **Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund**

Following a strong round of applications for the Tomingley Gold Project (TGP) Community Fund, the TGP Community Fund Panel was delighted to select the following six projects to receive funding:

**Tomingley Sport and Recreation Ground Trust** has been granted \$85,000 towards construction of a new amenities building to provide wheelchair-friendly facilities including a new kiosk and toilets, plus rainwater tanks for ground watering.

**Tomingley Picnic Race Club** has been granted \$3,000 as sponsorship of hospitality services for the annual Tomingley Picnic Cup race day.

**Ngarru Mayin Elders Aboriginal Corporation** has been granted \$2,540 towards the repairs of the Historical Museum building in Narromine, where they display Aboriginal historical and cultural items and hold community events.

**St Augustine's Parish School Parents and Friends** has been granted \$1,000 as sponsorship of the Biennial Art Show fundraising event.

**Narromine Car Club** has been granted \$500 as sponsorship of the annual car show and shine.

**Narromine Branch of the Country Women's Association of NSW** has been granted \$200 to support a schools public speaking contest.

The applications were reviewed by the TGP Community Fund panel, which comprises General Manager Greg Lamont and Councillor Tony Ellis from Narromine Shire Council, alongside Operations Manager Sean Buxton and Environment and Community Manager Mark Williams from Tomingley Gold Operations.

## **Contacting Us**

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

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