

# Tomingley Gold Operations Quarterly Community Update

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## Construction and operations update

### First gold pour – production is now underway!

Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) has reached another major milestone with the pouring of its first gold bar on 14 February 2014. The first pour contained approximately 230 ounces of gold, weighing in at 8.191kg, and represents the opening of a new chapter for the Tomingley mine.

The pour also marks the completion of commissioning and commencement of operations for TGO. Construction of the mill has now been completed, bringing the construction program at the Tomingley site to an end. The focus of TGO activities now turns to maximising mining productivity, completing and optimising processing methods, and managing overall production costs as gold mining begins in earnest.



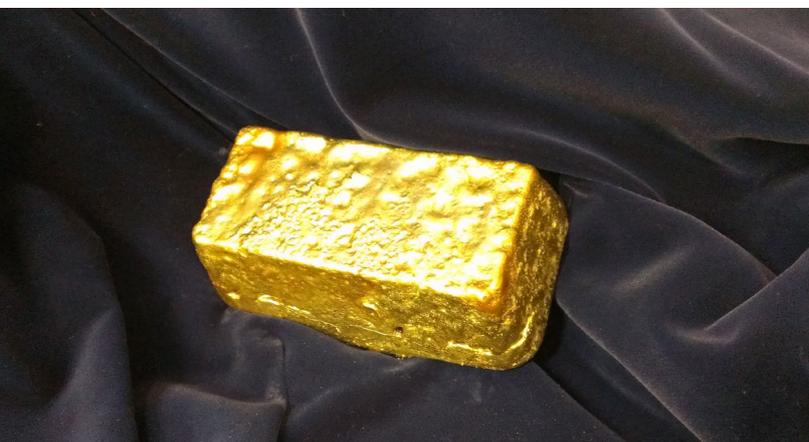
*Mining has commenced*

### Blasting activities

The first blast occurred on 28 February. The trial went well and roads were closed for less than five minutes. Ongoing road closures are expected to occur intermittently for blasting.

The blasting process is intended to break up the rock at the TGO site to make the ore easier to excavate. Unlike a quarry or coal mine, the blasting is not used to move the rock, and is therefore a far less explosive process.

TGO is bound by EPA licence conditions that mandate the noise and vibration levels created by blasting activities. TGO is committed to working with the EPA to ensure that all blasting activities are compliant with these licence conditions in order to minimise the impact of our blasting activities on the local community.



*First gold pour*



## Community update

### Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund – now open for applications

Are you part of a community group working on a project that contributes to community life in Narromine Shire?

You might be eligible for funding through Alkane's Tomingley Gold Project Community Fund.

The fund provides financial support for community that fall into one of the following categories:

- Economic development
- Community connectivity
- Education and training
- Community infrastructure

Eligible projects must be located in Narromine. For more information, or to download an application form, please visit: <http://alkane.com.au/index.php/community/community>, or contact Mark Williams, Environment and Community Manager at Alkane, on (02) 6867 9780.

Applications close on Wednesday 26 March 2014.

## Contacting Us

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

[www.alkane.com.au](http://www.alkane.com.au)

Or you can contact our 24 Hour Community Information Line:

**02 6865 6116**

### Future newsletters – promote your community event

TGO quarterly newsletters were originally developed to keep the community up to date with construction progress at the TGO site. However, early on, it became apparent that the newsletters could also play an important role as a communication tool for the Tomingley community.

Now that the mine has moved into the operational phase, a number of changes to the newsletter format are being considered to ensure that it continues to serve its readers. Chief among these is the addition of a section to promote community groups, activities or projects happening in the local area.

If you are part of a non-profit community group located within the Tomingley Village or its immediate surrounds, and if you would like to promote a community event via the TGO newsletter, please contact Mark Williams, Environment and Community Manager at Alkane, on (02) 6867 9780.

The next issue of the newsletter will be distributed in May of this year.

### Hiring update

Mining crews and full-staff complement is on board, all hiring is now complete.

There are approximately 116 people employed at the Tomingley Gold Operations, with 72% of them residing within the immediate local area (the Parkes, Narromine and Dubbo triangle). There have been 12 people employed from Tomingley and Peak Hill.

There are no positions currently advertised, any future positions will be advertised on our website:

<http://www.alkane.com.au/index.php/careers>