

ERC SNAPSHOT – May 2025

Stawell Gold Mines – Environmental Review Committee

Q1 2025 Environmental Monitoring

Environmental monitoring allows SGM to assess its performance in relation to a range of environmental aspects that include air quality, blasting, noise, water, and regulatory notices.

During Q1, SGM was compliant with all environmental monitoring aspects, except for eleven environmental incidents. All were classified as having negligible, minor or moderate impact.

Stawell Underground Physics Lab (SUPL)

Kim Mintern-Lane presented on progress over the last 12 months. Highlights include:

- The team has recently expanded with the appointment of Steve Rushbrook as SUPL Laboratory Officer.
- SUPL continues to attract interesting projects and has lifted its profile by presentation at conferences and hosting events. Over 220 people from 8 countries tuned in for the Beyond The Stars Livestream event.
- A local project group obtained funding to undertake a feasibility study to establish a Science Outreach Centre in Stawell – styled as a Dark Matter Experience Centre.

SGM in the Community:

The Stawell region comes alive each year with four days of Easter festivities, and Stawell Gold Mines was proud to again be involved with events across the weekend, providing a fantastic opportunity for the SGM Community Engagement team to get out about and attend many great events and connect with our local community. SGM supported Pomonal's Good Friday Classic Showcase, displayed our Epiroc Boomer Jumbo at the Main Street Extravaganza, and sponsored the Bill McManus Backmarkers 400m race at the 2024 Powercor Stawell Gift.



Assorted Items

SGM and ERC members provided updates on a range of items:

- SGM has recently purchased a new monitor to replace the old monitor located near the Tailings Storage Facility 2. The old monitor will be kept as a spare.
- All blast readings were within regulatory requirements.
- Recordings of slight dust increases line up with regional smoke and haze events.
- There has been an increase in results for Total Cyanide concentrations in recent times in unconnected areas. SGM has undertaken a range of investigate steps to get to the bottom of the issue. Community members noted they want to be confident that the results of sampling can be counted upon into the future. An independent consultant, AECOM, is conducting additional investigative activity and will report their findings and recommendations at the August ERC meeting.
- SGM has reestablished the MINNEWS to provide additional information to community members. It will be produced every 6 months and can be found on the SGM website - [here](#)
- Earth Resources (ERR) provided a presentation on compliance work undertaken by ERR in Victoria. There are 1110 mines and quarries with a bond and 276 exploration licences in Victoria. The scope of compliance includes risk to environment, public safety, land, property and infrastructure. ERR has launched a Rapid Risk Assessment campaign to increase visitations to sites across the state. This helps determine if the compliance focus is on the right risks in the right regions.



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