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Meaningful community contributions



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World Gold Council Community Support Program.

Stawell Gold Mines (SGM) successfully secured funding for Stawell's local Schools Breakfast Club initiatives and Stawell's Inter Church Welfare Cottage through the World Gold Council's (WGC) Community Support Program. The (WGC) Community Support Program aims to make meaningful contributions to communities that host gold mining operations by supporting important local assistance programs.

The SGM Community Engagement Team identified key areas within the Stawell region that met the WGC's Community Support Program criteria, resulting in a generous contribution of \$75,000 to benefit local initiatives. This funding will support two critical programs in Stawell: The Breakfast Club initiatives at four of Stawell's primary and secondary schools, and the Stawell Inter Church Welfare Council Cottage, both of which play vital roles in the community.

The Stawell Inter Church Welfare Council Cottage provides emergency relief to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. The Cottage offers immediate support to meet basic needs during times of crisis, while upholding the dignity of those seeking help. Assistance includes food hampers, supermarket and chemist vouchers, fuel and V/Line (public transport) coupons, second-hand clothing, overnight accommodation, and meals. With the support of the WGC's contribution. The Cottage can continue delivering essential aid and remain a vital lifeline for those facing difficult circumstances.

The local Schools Breakfast Club programs offer a supportive environment where students can enjoy a healthy breakfast before school, fostering physical and mental well-being. These programs contribute to better attendance, behaviour, social skills, and overall academic outcomes. The funding will ensure that these clubs remain accessible to all students, regardless of background or circumstance, and continue providing a positive start to their day.

SGM is proud to be an active and supportive member of the Stawell community and is thrilled to help secure this funding for two initiatives that directly benefit local students, their families and others in need. By supporting the Breakfast Clubs and the Stawell Inter Church Welfare Council Cottage, the World Gold Council's contribution will have a lasting impact on the region's well-being and resilience.



St Patricks Primary School

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Stawell Primary School



Stawell Secondary College



Stawell Primary School



The Cottage Volunteer Team



**THE COTTAGE IS OPEN
MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
10AM-12.30PM
20 SLOANE STREET STAWELL
DONATION TO THE COTTAGE CAN
BE ACCEPTED AT THESE TIMES**

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Easter in Stawell

Main St Extravaganza | Classic Cars | Stawell Gift Carnival



The Easter long weekend in Stawell is a vibrant celebration for the community and region. Stawell Gold Mines (SGM) was proud to support and participate in a range of events and activities throughout the weekend.

Epiroc Boomer on Display

Each Easter Saturday, the Main Street of Stawell comes alive with the Easter Extravaganza, featuring live music and family-friendly activities. As part of the festivities, SGM showcased our Epiroc Boomer Jumbo drilling machine, which drew plenty of interest from visitors eager to climb aboard and explore it up close.

Classic Cars Showcase

SGM contributed funds to support Pomonal's Good Friday Classic Showcase - a rare private collection of world-class cars and memorabilia. This special event offered the community a unique opportunity to view the collection while raising funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

The weekend provided a fantastic opportunity for the SGM Community Engagement team to attend a variety of events and connect with our local community.



Epiroc Boomer Jumbo drilling machine.



Open to the public the rare private collection of world-class cars and memorabilia.

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Bill McManus Backmarkers Final

Stawell Gift Partnership

The Stawell Gift, is Australia's oldest and richest short-distance running race, has been held every Easter long weekend in Stawell since 1878. Now in its 143rd year, the iconic athletic carnival draws thousands of runners from across the country. The headline event is the Powercor Stawell Gift, run over 120m up a slight gradient with the final traditionally held on Easter Monday. Unlike the World Championships or Olympic Games which are conducted on synthetic rubber surfaces, the Stawell Gift is run on a grass track.



Jason Richardson (Seven Sport) post-race interview with winner Hudson Downes



Bill McManus winner Hudson Downes & SGM Community & Environmental Manager Cameron Hope

Stawell Gold Mines was proud to once again partner with the 2025 Powercor Stawell Gift, sponsoring one of the most coveted backmarkers races: the Bill McManus Backmarkers 400m. This ongoing sponsorship reflects our commitment to supporting the local community and celebrating its rich sporting heritage.

The Bill McManus Backmarkers 400m commemorates the legacy of William "Bill" McManus, an exceptional athlete who competed at the Stawell Gift from 1899 to 1908. Considered one of the greatest all-around runners of his era, McManus won over 100 races nationwide.

Congratulations to Hudson Downes on a stellar performance, taking first place in the event. Ryan Atkins and Brayden Attwood also delivered impressive runs, finishing second and third respectively.

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Stawell Clay Target Shooting Complex

Set for revival with strong community support



The Stawell Clay Target Shooting Complex is on track for a full revival after years of inactivity, thanks to a strong partnership between Stawell Gold Mines (SGM) and the newly formed Stawell Clay Target Complex Inc. (SCTC) Committee.

This community-led initiative has seen significant progress over recent months, with both organisations working side by side to restore the facility and return it to full operation.

Key works already completed by SGM include a full electrical upgrade, collaboration with Project Platypus for weed control, and the engagement of local contractors for fencing and grounds maintenance. The SCTC Committee has also hosted multiple working bees over the past six months, playing a crucial role in moving the project forward.

In another major step forward to reopening, SGM recently assisted the Club in the purchase of two Signature Skeet 550 clay capacity carousel machines - bringing the complex even closer to operational readiness.

With continued support and momentum, the goal is for the complex to host gazetted clay target shoots by early 2026, in line with the official Victorian Clay Target Association (VCTA) shooting calendar.

Once fully revived, the Stawell Clay Target Shooting Complex will once again serve as a valuable recreational and sporting facility for the local community.



The Club welcomes all past members, current shooters, and newcomers, whether you're licensed, learning to shoot, or trying the sport for the first time.

For more details contact: 0428 549 263

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Victorian Women in Resources Awards

Celebrating Excellence



Recipients of the 2025 Victorian Women in Resources Awards

Exceptional Woman in Victorian Resources

Georgia Denisenko,
Director, Just Outcomes

Exceptional Young Woman in Victorian Resources

Ashleigh Mostert, Environment and Community Officer,
Stawell Gold Mines

Woman in Resources Technological Innovation Award

Malgorzata Sikora, Data Science Lead,
Newmont Corporation

Agnico Eagle Gender Diversity Champion in Victorian Resources Award

Dona Carter, Group Project Delivery Manager,
Titeline Drilling

VHM Outstanding

Tradeswoman / Operator / Technician Award

Jessica Mitrovic, Shotcreter,
Agnico Eagle Fosterville Gold Mine

Congratulations to our SGM Environmental & Community Advisor Ashleigh Mostert for winning of the Exceptional Young Woman in Resources Award at the 2025 Victorian Women in Resources Awards.

Hosted by the Minerals Council of Australia, the Victorian Women in Resources Awards celebrate and promote diversity within Victoria's minerals industry. These awards honour professional success, leadership, and advocacy by women across the sector, aiming to showcase role models and encourage more women to pursue careers in mining.

The Exceptional Young Woman in Resources category recognises women under 30 who have demonstrated exceptional promise and achieved significant milestones in their careers. Ashleigh's passion and achievements stood out in a highly competitive field.

Ashleigh relocated interstate to take on her role at Stawell Gold Mines. Reflecting on her journey, she says:

"It was a leap of faith moving to Victoria to pursue my dream of working in mining, but it's been worth it in every way. I couldn't have asked for a more supportive workplace and team, all driven by a shared commitment to achieving the best outcomes for both people and the environment."

SGM congratulates all nominees and winners for their inspiring achievements, showcasing the significant contributions women are making across all levels of the resources sector.

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Powering the Future

Epiroc Electric Loader joins the SGM fleet

In a continuation of our long-standing partnership with Epiroc, Stawell Gold Mines (SGM) is proud to announce the arrival of the Epiroc Scooptram ST18 SG fully battery-electric loader, a significant milestone for the SGM operations and demonstration of SGMs commitment to developing sustainable mining practices with the fully battery-electric loader now integrated alongside SGMs current fleet of diesel underground machinery.

With an 18 tonne bucket capacity, the ST18 SG is Epiroc's newest large-scale fully battery-electric underground loader. Unlike traditional diesel-powered equipment, this loader produces no emissions, no exhaust gas, significantly reduced heat output and operates with remarkably low noise levels. It offers the same or exceeds the powerful performance as the diesel counterpart whilst providing improved environmental and employee workplace conditions.



Epiroc Scooptram ST18 SG Battery Electric loader
image courtesy of Epiroc Australia Pty Ltd

Purpose-built for the rigorous demands of large-scale underground operations, the battery-electric ST18 SG represents a significant leap forward in mining technology. Its arrival marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter as SGM commences underground trials with this loader, exploring the opportunities of battery-electric over diesel powered vehicles.



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Operators at SGM are currently undergoing specialised training to safely and effectively integrate the battery-electric loader into daily operations, working alongside conventional machinery.

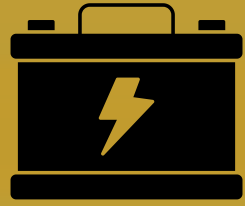
“At SGM, we are deeply committed to building a more sustainable future for mining,” said Cameron Hope, SGM Environment & Community Manager.

Australia has a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 43% below 2005 levels by 2030, and to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. SGM emissions are typically those realised through electrical power generation and diesel equipment operation. Electrical power generation is sourced off the states grid with SGM dependent on renewable energy generation & grid transmission to achieve reduction targets. Reduction of the remaining emissions will be addressed with the adoption of new technologies such as diesel over electric drive and battery driven initiatives presently being explored through SGM’s heavy mining fleet.

Epiroc and Stawell Gold Mines (SGM) are united by a shared vision of driving innovation and technological advancement in the mining sector with the partnership focused on enhancing underground mining operations with an emphasis on safety, productivity, cost-effectiveness, employee well-being, and environmental responsibility - ensuring this valuable collaboration continues well into the future.



THE FUTURE SWITCH



Employee Health & Safety

Significantly reduced heat, noise, vibration and diesel emissions compared to diesel vehicles improved working conditions underground.

Operational Costs

Lower maintenance and fuel costs than the diesel equivalent.

Maintenance

Fewer moving parts and the absence of combustion engines, leading to reduced maintenance requirements.

Air Quality

Zero emissions, significantly improving air quality in underground mining operations and reduced the need for extensive ventilation systems.

Quieter Operations

Quieter than diesel vehicles, creating a more comfortable and safer work environment.

Environmental

Reduces greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to a smaller carbon footprint.

Charging

The Epiroc Scooptram ST18 SG Electric Loader utilises the same vehicle charging technology as the units used at public charging stations.

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SUPL UPDATES

Livestream Event

SUPL was proud to host a livestream teaching event for teachers, students, and science enthusiasts around the world, the event was attended by 224 people in 8 countries.

Local secondary school teachers joined us underground at SUPL, while Brandon Rodriquez presented onsite and Jackie Bondell and Isa Mohammed joined online—bringing their expertise to a truly global audience.



The event was organised by the Center for Collaborative Education in partnership with the Dark Matter Centre, OzGrav – ARC Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery, the Caribbean Institute of Astronomy, and the Stawell Underground Physics Laboratory.

Recording of the event can be viewed on YouTube: Astronomy Across the Globe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIPItDVH1Is>



New science underground!

We've just installed a seismometer deep within the Stawell Underground Physics Laboratory (SUPL) as part of a collaboration with AuScope and researchers from The Australian National University.

This new capability allows us to monitor seismic activity from one of the quietest and most shielded environments in the country—1 kilometre beneath the surface. It's a big step forward in understanding the Earth's subtle movements and refining data for both geoscience and physics.

The data is freely available at AusPass (auspass.edu.au) with the station name "M8.SUPL".

Pictured: Dr Sima Mousavi (ANU) with the newly installed seismometer in SUPL.

Characterising radiation levels in SUPL

In April, SUPL was visited by Juniper Bedwell-Wilson a Radionuclide Metrology Scientist with Australia's Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) to install detectors to characterise the radiation levels in our lab.

SUPL is designed to have an ultra-low radiation background — critical for rare-event physics experiments like the SABRE dark matter search. Measuring just how low that background is helps us understand and optimise the conditions for world-class science!



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SGM Mine Rescue Team

Blue Healers Shine at 2025 Victorian Mines Rescue Competition

Congratulations to the Stawell Gold Mines Emergency Response Team, the Blue Healers, on their outstanding performance at the 2025 Minerals Council Victorian Mines Rescue Competition (VMRC), held from March 28–30 at Mandalay's Costerfield Gold Mine in central Victoria, northeast of the township of Heathcote.

The Blue Healers achieved an impressive third place overall out of ten competing teams. Their standout results included:

- 2nd place in First Aid
- 3rd place in the Fire Scenario
- 2nd place in Overall Safety
- Team Captain Brad Winton placed 3rd in the Team Captain's Award

The VMRC is a comprehensive three-day event that tests and builds mine rescue and emergency response capabilities. Teams across Victoria, New South Wales, and Tasmania compete in a series of simulated emergency scenarios, showcasing their skills, teamwork, and readiness.

Emergency Response Teams play a vital role in ensuring the safety of mining operations. Our SGM Blue Healers Team is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers from across the SGM workforce who train year-round to maintain the highest standards of emergency preparedness. Their success at this year's VMRC is a testament to their commitment, skill, and teamwork.

Well done to the entire Blue Healers team!



Brad Winton, Mick Hanna, Charlotte Carlsen, Josh Pitman
Seth Blake, Taylor Milner, Claudia Millear, Nick Milley, Dick London



MINE DEVELOPMENTS

Blasting Activity

Stawell Gold Mines continues full scale gold production, with underground development and production blasting continuing in several areas of the mine.

UNDERGROUND WORKINGS

The Blasting Locations Map shows in green the approximate areas where production and development blasting will occur over the coming months with the current blast monitoring network highlighted in yellow.

TYPICAL FIRING TIMES

Development firing

7 days a week

5:30 to 6:30 am/pm

Stope (Production) firing

7 days a week

5:30 to 6:30 pm

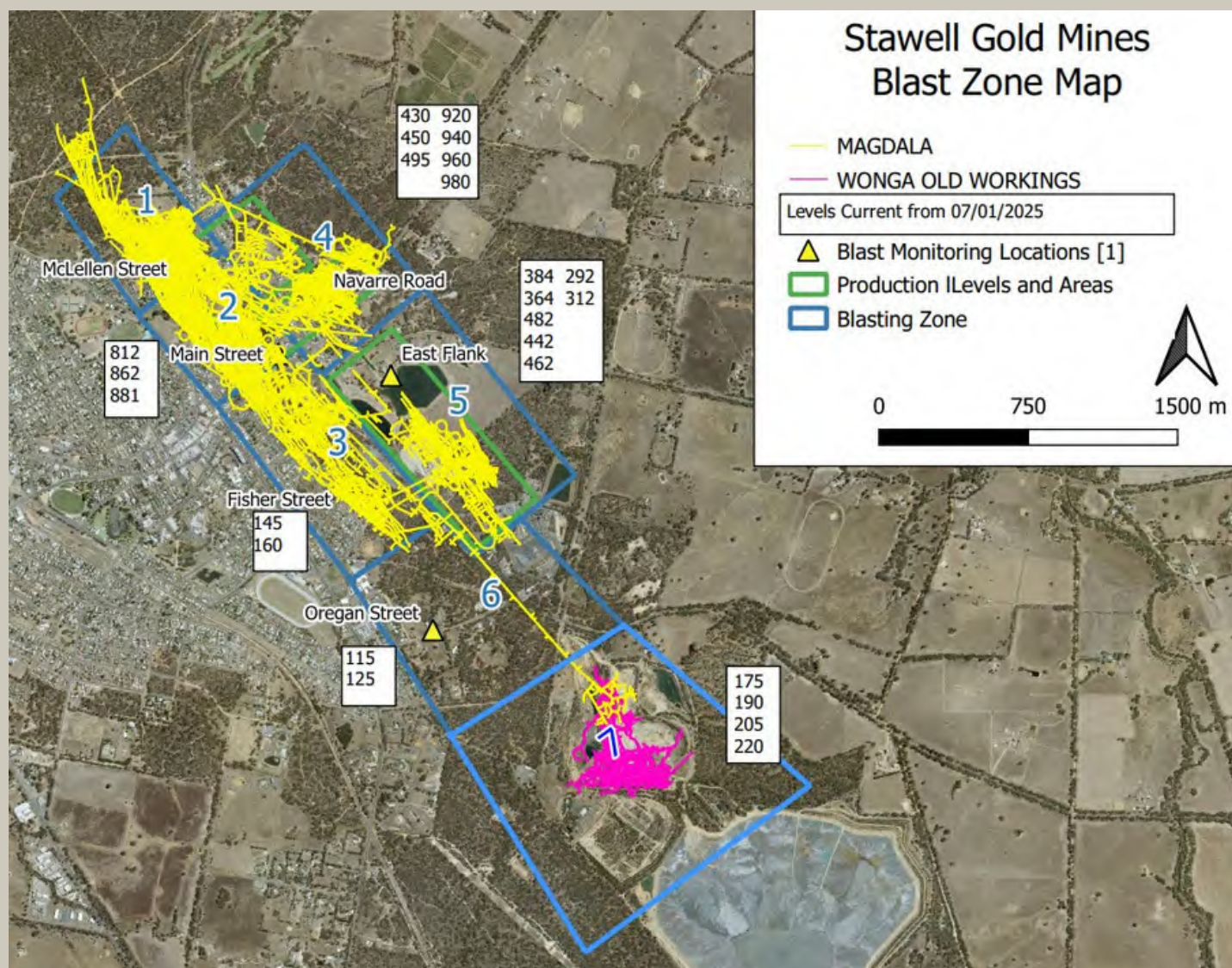
BLAST NOTIFICATIONS

SGM offers a blast notification text message system that sends residents SMS notifications in advance of planned production firings.

Residents who would like receive blast notification is encouraged to contact Stawell Gold Mines.

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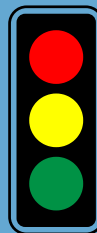
Reefs Road Speed Limit Reminder

Please be advised that the speed limit for the entire length of Reefs Road is **50 km/h**

Reefs Road is a high-traffic, narrow road that serves as the main access to the Stawell Gold Mines, with continuous mine vehicle activity operating 24 hours a day.

Adhering to the 50 km/h speed limit is important for the safety for all road users.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT NOTICE



Mining Truck Access across Leviathan Rd and Bulgana Rd Intersection.

SGM continues to utilise public road access between the Wonga Open Cut site and the main site, with traffic control measures in place to exclude all traffic from the intersection while trucks are moving between sites.

Every effort is being made to ensure that any disruption is minimised, however some short delays may be incurred at this intersection.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TIMES
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
7.30AM – 4.30PM
APPROXIMATELY



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OBSERVATION DECK



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THE OBSERVATION DECK OFFERS A UNIQUE INSIGHT INTO THE EXPANSIVE SURFACE AREA PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OPERATIONS AND THE UNDERGROUND PORTAL.

THE UNDERGROUND PORTAL

PEER INTO THE ENTRANCE OF THE MINE, IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE ONE OF THE HUGE MINE VEHICLES DESCENDING INTO OR EMERGING FROM THE NETWORK OF UNDERGROUND TUNNELS.



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