

ERC SNAPSHOT – August 2025

Stawell Gold Mines – Environmental Review Committee

Rehabilitation Plan Update

Laura Chibnall from Grounded Resource Advisory provided an update to the ERC regarding the post mining land tenure.

Work is currently being undertaken to update the Closure Plan that was last submitted to the Earth Resources Regulator (ERR) in 2021. The plan will be resubmitted to the ERR in 25/26.

The Closure Plan is a requirement under the MRSD Act 1990 and requires SGM to remove all infrastructure and remediate land (unless otherwise agreed) and return to pre-mining condition post closure.

Laura also shared that the Future Opportunities Study, originally initiated in 2013, was updated in 2024.

There are a number of areas for consideration in regard to future use of the land, including:

1. Mining & Emergency Training Centre
2. Solar Farm
3. Mine rehabilitation research Federation University Future Regions.

SGM in the Community

The SGM Community Engagement team recently hosted our Mid-Year Community POP IN information session week.

This forum gives locals the chance to chat with our team about current and future activities, discover more about the regional exploration projects, and hear the latest developments from the Stawell Underground Physics Lab (SUPL).

The Community POP IN also featured “Capturing Gold” a photography exhibition by the Stawell Camera Club, displaying images of our local gold mining legacy from modern day to the historic.

This creative display added an interactive element, offering another avenue to engage with our community.



Q2 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 Q2, SGM was compliant with all environmental monitoring aspects, except for seven environmental incidents all of which were fully closed out.

All were classified as having negligible, minor or moderate impact.

Assorted Items

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

- All blast readings were within regulatory requirements.
- Recordings of slight dust increases line up with regional events.
- Chris Aitken from AECOM presented findings from his recent total cyanide (TCN) investigation at the August ERC meeting. An increase in results in several unconnected areas around site triggered the investigation.

Chris provided a comprehensive overview of his findings and concluded that:

- Multiple lines of evidence indicate that there has not been a real change to ground chemistry.
 - Rapid spread of detections is inconsistent with groundwater flow rate.
 - Broad changes to groundwater chemistry at the site have not occurred.
 - Sampling error or bias is very unlikely.
- The findings are consistent with positive interference from thiocyanate, a known issue, and a change to the way the samples have been analysed by the Lab.
- SGM has launched a new website. The old Community Hub information is housed on the new website, with the old address redirecting people to the new location.
- 1,980 tube plants were recently planted at the David Pit rehabilitation site. SGM partnered with Project Platypus and Greenfingers regarding the supply of plants and tree guards.
- SGM have also partnered with Wimmera Catchment Management Authority (WMCA) to plant out eroding sheep paddocks with native trees and shrubs. Rip lines have been erected and planting will occur across 2.5 hectares of land. BGLC will supply the tube stock of approx. 2,500 plants.



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