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Easter Traditions & Community Connections

All roads lead to Stawell over the Easter weekend, with long established traditions of bringing together visitors, families and friends to celebrate and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere across the region.

Stawell Gold Mines was thrilled to join the town’s celebrations at the Main Street Easter Extravaganza and continue our sponsorship of the highly coveted Bill McManus Backmarkers’ 400m Handicap race at the Stawell Gift Easter racing carnival.



As dawn broke over Stawell Easter Saturday morning our SGM Mining Team were busy setting up the Epiroc Boom drill rig and the Kovatera underground vehicle ready for the day.



Main Street Extravaganza

The Easter Extravaganza once again brought the heart of Stawell to life with entertainment, displays and activities for all ages.

Stawell Gold Mines was proud to be part of the community celebration, showcasing two impressive pieces of underground mining equipment, the Epiroc Boomer M20 jumbo drill rig and the Kovatera heavy-duty utility vehicle, purpose-built for the demanding conditions of underground hard-rock mining.

The machinery display attracted plenty of attention, with visitors of all ages eager to climb aboard, explore the equipment and learn more about modern underground mining, alongside gemstone fossicking and kids activities.



Stawell Gift

SGM continued its partnership with the Stawell Gift as sponsor of the Bill McManus Backmarkers Handicap 400m. This prestigious race showcases some of Australia’s elite 400m runners and remains a key feature of the Easter weekend carnival at Central Park. Congratulations to Fraser Stott on his impressive victory in the 2026 event.

SGM values its ongoing support of the Stawell Gift athletics carnival and the deep connection the iconic event shares with the region’s proud mining legacy.



Bill McManus winner Fraser Stott & SGM’s Cameron Hope



Supporting Our Community

SGM Grants – Donations – Sponsorships

Stawell Gold Mines is proud of the strong community relationships built over decades of operating in Stawell. We remain committed to supporting our community through sponsorships, donations and our bi-annual Community Grants Program, helping fund local projects, schools, sporting clubs, events and fundraising initiatives that benefit Stawell and surrounding communities.

Recipient Stories

Backing Grassroots Sporting Clubs

Stawell Gold Mines continued its support of our local football and netball clubs, the Stawell Football & Netball Club (Warriors) and the CKS Swifts Football Netball Club.

Our ongoing sponsorship reflects our commitment to strengthening the communities in which we operate and recognising the important role grassroots sport plays in regional Victoria. Every Saturday throughout the season, these clubs bring families, friends and the wider community together, creating the social, cultural and sporting heartbeat of our town.

Run by dedicated volunteers, local football and netball clubs provide opportunities for people of all ages to stay active, develop skills, build friendships and feel connected. From coaches, trainers and umpires to committee members and canteen volunteers, these clubs thrive because of the passion and commitment of their local communities.

Stawell Gold Mines is pleased to support both clubs ensuring these important community organisations continue to thrive for generations to come.



Central Park Stawell





Stawell Gold Mines recently welcomed members of the Ballarat & Region MG Car Club as part of the club's regular weekend touring program.

The SGM Community Team enjoyed the opportunity to share more about the history of mining at Stawell Gold Mines as well as providing insights into the workings of a modern day underground gold mining operation, with the observation deck offering a unique view for our visitors into the expansive surface area production and processing operations and to the underground portal.



MG Car Club Weekend Run

The Club Members travelled from Ballarat and across Western Victoria, including Ararat and Portland, showcasing an impressive collection of MG vehicles, ranging from beautifully restored pre-war classics to modern models, providing a spectacular display of these iconic British cars.

NEXT
COMMUNITY
POP IN WEEK

JULY 27TH - AUGUST 1ST
98 MAIN STREET STAWELL

As part of our ongoing community engagement activities, our regular SGM POP IN information sessions are a great way to meet the Community Engagement team ask questions, and learn more about SGM's mining operations and ongoing activities.

FEATURING
1875 STAWELL
IN VIRTUAL REALITY



YOUR CHANCE TO STEP BACK IN TIME



J Ward Jailbreak Fundraiser
Supporting Cottage By The Sea

Stawell Gold Mines was proud to support the inaugural J Ward Jailbreak Fundraiser, joining the local community to raise funds for local primary school students to attend Cottage By The Sea's Take a Break program at Queenscliff.

Established in 1890, Cottage By The Sea is an independent children's charity that has a long history of providing short-term care, support and positive holiday experiences for children in need.

SGM's very own James Sullivan joined a group of local "inmates" taking part in the fundraiser, with participants challenged to raise enough funds to secure their release. With James's bail set at \$2,000, he went above and beyond, raising an incredible \$5,000 and earning his early release for "good behaviour."

The event raising an impressive \$26,000 to support local Year 5 students from across the region to participate in Cottage By The Sea programs over the next 12 months.

Congratulations to everyone involved in making this fantastic community fundraiser such a success and for helping create valuable opportunities for local children.





SGM Emergency Response Team

At Stawell Gold Mines, the safety of our people is our highest priority, and our Emergency Response Team (ERT), proudly known as the Blue Healers, plays a vital role in ensuring our site is prepared for any emergency.

The Blue Healers are a dedicated team of volunteers from across the SGM workforce who commit countless hours to training and developing the specialist skills required to respond to mine site emergencies. Their commitment, teamwork and professionalism help ensure the highest level of emergency preparedness across our operations.

ERT members undertake rigorous practical and theoretical training throughout the year, participating in realistic rescue scenarios designed to simulate the challenges of underground mining emergencies. This ongoing training ensures the team remains confident, capable and ready to respond whenever needed.



Many team members also complete nationally recognised qualifications, including the Certificate III in Emergency Response and Rescue, equipping them with the skills and knowledge required to operate safely in high-risk environments.

The Blue Healers continually challenge themselves by participating in events such as the Victorian Mine Rescue Competition. These competitions provide valuable opportunities to test their capabilities in realistic emergency scenarios while working alongside other mine rescue teams and public emergency service agencies. The experience gained helps strengthen teamwork, refine rescue techniques and maintain the high standards expected of mine rescue personnel.

Stawell Gold Mines is incredibly proud of the commitment and dedication shown by our Blue Healers. Their willingness to volunteer, continually train and be ready to respond demonstrates the strong safety culture that exists across our operation.



Central Victorian Mine Rescue Group Ballarat Gold Mine Training Day

On 10 July 2026, representatives from Stawell Gold Mines participated in Twin Cylinder Breathing Apparatus training in Ballarat as part of the Central Victorian Mines Rescue Group's ongoing commitment to emergency preparedness across Victoria's mining industry.

The training ensures mine rescue teams can respond rapidly, work seamlessly together, and operate in accordance with established regional rescue standards during an emergency. Regular joint training not only strengthens technical skills and teamwork but also builds valuable relationships between neighbouring mine rescue teams.

The day also provided an opportunity for some friendly inter-mine competition and good-natured banter, reinforcing the strong camaraderie that exists within the Victorian mine rescue community.

Congratulations to the Blue Healers team members who represented Stawell Gold Mines with professionalism and enthusiasm, and to all participants who contributed to another successful day of learning, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

Andrew Shaw
SGM Senior Safety Advisor & ER Coordinator





SAFETY AWARDS



The SGM Safety Awards bring the entire workforce together to celebrate our shared commitment to workplace safety and recognise employees who consistently demonstrate outstanding safety leadership and behaviours. These awards acknowledge those who help create and maintain a safe working environment, strengthening our workplace culture and inspiring others to make safety a priority every day.

As part of the event, the SGM Safety Team welcomed workplace safety advocate Helen Fitzroy as the guest speaker. Helen shared her deeply personal story of losing her husband in a workplace fatality, offering a powerful reminder of the far reaching impacts such tragedies have on families, workmates and the broader workplace.

Helen’s honest and inspiring presentation reinforced the importance of looking out for one another and maintaining a strong safety culture. Helen is widely recognised as one of Australia’s most respected workplace safety advocates, and her message left a lasting impression on everyone in attendance.



HAC Awards

“Hazard Action Checklist”(HAC) identifying workplace hazards. Presented to employees who consistently demonstrate excellence in identifying workplace hazards and taking appropriate actions to eliminate or control them

Safety GAIN Awards

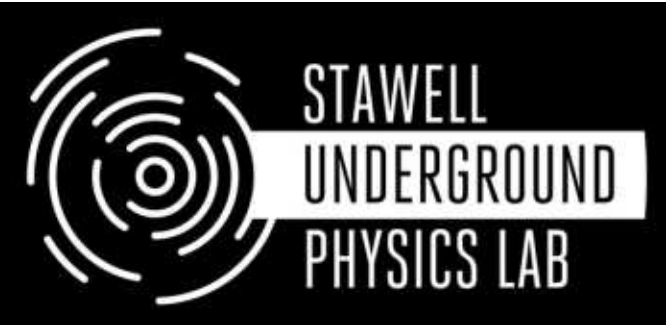
Proactive commitment to workplace safety. Presented to employees who consistently demonstrate excellence in completing jobs or tasks safely, efficiently, and correctly.

Positive Safety Behaviour Awards

Recognition of exceptionally high standards of workplace safety. Presented to employees who consistently demonstrate a strong commitment to workplace safety

Safety Award nominations are submitted via a “Hazard Action Checklist” (HAC) by Managers, Superintendents, Supervisors and fellow workmates and voted by the Health and Safety Representative Group.

Aidan Schumann - **GAIN**, Steve Fox - **Positive Safety**, Paul Hayward – **Winner Positive Safety Award**, Brad Carnovale – **GAIN** John Hibberd - **Positive Safety**, Ethan Rimon – **GAIN** , Cory Gilbert – **Positive Safety**
Adam Mullane – **Winner HAC Award**, Justin Keiler – **Winner GAIN Award**



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More than dark matter

Australia’s underground laboratory is preparing for its biggest experiment yet while opening new frontiers in science and technology.

More than one kilometre beneath the Victorian town of Stawell, researchers are preparing for a major milestone in Australian science.

The SABRE South dark matter experiment is moving steadily towards operation, while a growing range of projects in seismology, radiation biology, precision measurement and advanced sensing are demonstrating the unique capabilities of Australia’s only deep underground laboratory.

As SUPL continues to grow, the search for dark matter remains at the heart of the facility—but it is increasingly becoming a destination for much broader scientific discovery.

TAKE THE VIRTUAL TOUR



Ever wondered what it’s like to visit a research laboratory more than a kilometre underground?

Now you can explore the Main Experimental Hall at the Stawell Underground Physics Laboratory (SUPL) through our new virtual tour.

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**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

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

The SGM Blasting Map illustrates the approximate surface locations of the underground development drives and production stopes, including indicative depths.

This information identifies the areas where underground development and production blasting is expected to occur over the coming months. Blast monitoring locations are highlighted in yellow.

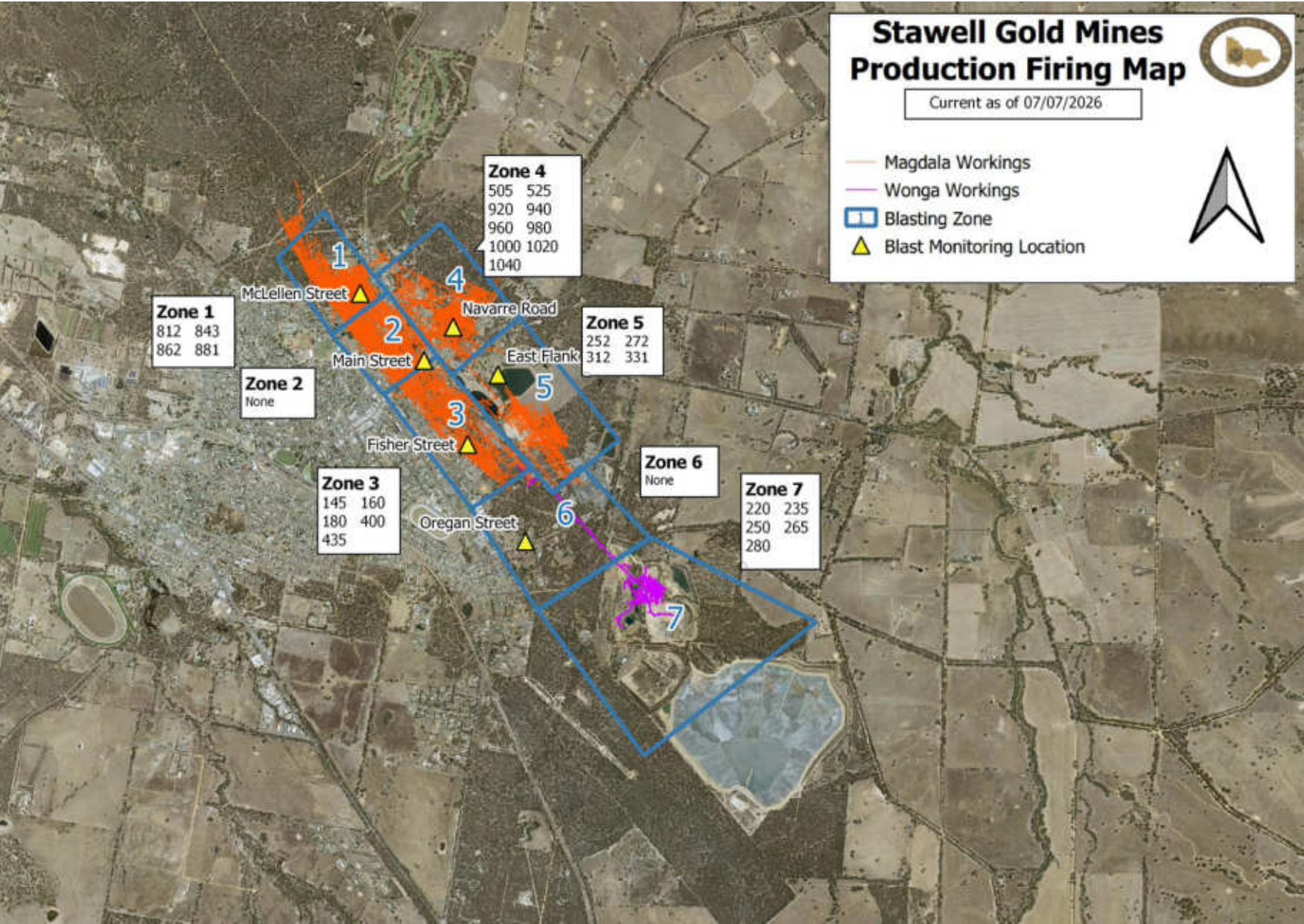
The Blasting Locations Map can be used in conjunction with notifications issued through the Stawell Gold Mines blast notification text message service to assist residents in understanding the location and timing of underground mining activities.



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

Residents who would like to receive blast notifications are encouraged to contact Stawell Gold Mines.

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Observation Deck

Discover this unique insight into the fascinating world of an underground gold mining operation.

Reefs Road

