

ERC SNAPSHOT – August 2026

STAWELL GOLD MINES (SGM)

SGM IN THE COMMUNITY

Education & Pathways

SGM participated in several local Education & Pathways programs, including Careers Quick Chats at Ararat and Lake Bolac Secondary Colleges, Stawell Secondary College Careers Day and the Western Victorian Careers Expo.

These programs connect industry professionals with secondary students, providing opportunities to explore careers, pathways, qualifications and employment opportunities.



Mid-Year Community POP IN Week

The Mid-Year Community POP IN Week provided an opportunity for the community to connect with the SGM Community Engagement team, ask questions and learn more about SGM's mining operations and ongoing activities.

A special Virtual Reality experience was also featured, giving participants the opportunity to step back in time to 1875 and explore panoramic photographs of Stawell from the Holtermann Collection.



MiNEWS – Winter Edition

The Winter edition of MiNEWS is now available on the SGM website, featuring highlights from recent community events, SGM Grants and Sponsorship recipient stories, plus feature articles on the SGM Emergency Response Team and Safety Awards. www.stawellgoldmines.com/community

Q2 2026 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 2026, SGM was compliant with all environmental monitoring aspects, except for five minor and one moderate environmental incidents, all of which were fully closed out.

ASSORTED ITEMS

SGM provided updates on a range of items:

- SGM purchased an additional air quality monitor and a new Vibration Monitor during the quarter. The spare units can now be deployed immediately if an existing monitor fails, preventing future data gaps.
- SGM received numerous complaints related to blasting. SGM undertook a range of measures to better understand the impact of blasts and ensure the monitoring stations are recording representative data. SGM activity included placing a temporary monitor on site, having SGM present for key blasts and continuing to liaise with residents about their concerns.
- SGM undertook independent investigations related to the recent detection of SCN (Thiocyanate) at bore SP603. The risk this will spread to locations further along the bore network are considered low. Concentrations of SCN are expected to dissipate over time through natural attenuation and dissolution. SGM continues to monitor the situation and report to regulators and the ERC.
- SGM is trialling a portable power station to assist operations of the Hydraulic Containment System.
- Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's (WCMA) Bryana Bisset provided an overview of the role of the WCMA. WCMA's area covers 30,000 km² (13% of Victoria) and they have roles under the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 (CaLPAct) and Water Act 1989.
- WCMA activities help protect and improve the health of our waterways, wetlands and floodplains. WCMA works with emergency services and councils to reduce flood risks, improve flood preparedness and support projects that reduce flood impacts. A Stawell Flood Study was completed in 2024.
- The WCMA website contains a host of resources and information related to their responsibilities and activities. <https://wcma.vic.gov.au/>

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