

There's more to Australian Mining



Partnerships in Action

Supporting stronger Victorian communities

Victoria's minerals industry strives to be a responsible partner in its host regional communities. Industry partnerships enrich social and cultural life, economic opportunity and environmental sustainability for current and future generations.

IN FOCUS:

Ballarat Gold Mine multiculturalism support

Ballarat Gold Mine aims to support Ballarat's social and cultural life. In 2019, the mine sponsored the Interkultura Ballarat soccer tournament - a community-led initiative celebrating the city's cultural diversity.

More than 150 players, many of whom have a refugee background, from 12 ethnic communities participated in the event hosted by the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council and the Ballarat City Football Club. The event's gala dinner was also attended by more than 350 guests and featured Interkultura's Patron Craig Foster in conversation with some of the players about sport, football and connection.



Image: Photography by Samantha Kasper, Bespoke Design.

IN FOCUS:

Navarre and Project Platypus

Since 2017, Navarre Minerals has engaged the not-for-profit Project Platypus conservation group to ensure its gold exploration activities protect local flora and fauna and safeguard soil and water quality. Project Platypus also revegetates and rehabilitates Navarre's exploration sites.

In the future, Navarre and the Project Platypus team hope to help local students learn how exploration and conservation activities can co-exist.

Above image: Project Platypus field work, courtesy of Navarre Minerals.

SNAPSHOT:

Mandalay Resources supporting a vibrant regional community

Mandalay's Costerfield Mine partnered with its host community to improve local health services. Opened in 2019, the Bunbunarik Children's Hub provides important child and family services, new jobs and supports \$660,000 of local economic stimulus annually. The Hub will exist beyond the mine's life and adds to local liveability.



Image: Bendigo Blue Light boxing program, courtesy of Fosterville Gold Mine.

IN FOCUS:

EnergyAustralia partnership with Traditional Owners

EnergyAustralia has an important relationship with the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation – the Traditional Owners of the lands on which Yallourn mine operates.

EnergyAustralia and the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation’s *Walking Along Their Path* approach aims to support Traditional Owners to achieve their own aspirations and priorities. It includes an Aboriginal apprentice and trainee program and a driver education partnership with TAFE Gippsland. A Welcome to Country video featuring Braiakaulung Elders is being developed.

Cultural awareness training is ongoing, and artwork has been commissioned to showcase traditional techniques and subjects of cultural importance.

IN FOCUS:

Fosterville social impact program

A commitment to social responsibility drives Kirkland Lake Gold’s Fosterville Mine community grants program. More than \$332,000 has been distributed to 211 community groups over 15 years of the program.

In 2019, Fosterville partnered with Bendigo Blue Light – an initiative building positive connections between young people and the police. This assisted Bendigo Blue Light to expand its boxing program and establish a youth drop-in centre equipped with a mobile coffee van and juice bar.

Fosterville’s partnership with Bendigo Foodshare includes providing fuel supplies, maintaining delivery vehicles and supporting the COVID-19 pandemic *Help Your Neighbour* campaign.

For more information visit:

www.minerals.org.au/community-and-social-development

SNAPSHOT: Stawell Gold Mines investing in the future

Four Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning students receive on-the-job practical training, education and guidance from experienced mining professionals through Stawell Gold Mines’ apprenticeship program with Stawell Secondary College. The students work at the mine two days each week across fixed plant maintenance, electrical, environmental monitoring and diesel fitting.

