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Australia is a great sporting nation. Our national spirit, team pride and sense of fair play are derived from the sports we play, the sports we watch and the sports on which we sometimes wager. As the world's athletes look to the Paris Olympics, we look at the contribution of the minerals and metals that will make great sporting moments possible in 2024.

From the silicon and cesium in precision timekeeping to the advanced metal alloys in Formula 1 racecars to the gold, copper and rare earth elements in wearables recording personal bests, it all starts with minerals. And in the year of the XXXIII Olympiad, minerals and metals will play an even greater role.

The Paris Olympics and Paralympics are the first in our lifetimes with the ambition to be 'climate positive'. Organisers are committed to offsetting more carbon emissions than the Games emit. Critical to achieving this will be solar, wind and nuclear energy, battery storage and electric transport. France is ahead of the game when it comes to clean energy – 70 per cent of its electricity is produced with zero emissions from nuclear energy.

Battery minerals like lithium, nickel and cobalt will be equally important to meet this ambition, as will the workhorses of energy generation and steel making – copper, coal and iron ore. From the Hunter Valley to the Pilbara, Australia's world-class mining industry will have played a critical role in helping to deliver the world its first climate positive Games.

Miners are also some of the biggest financial contributors to the sports we love. From Hancock Prospecting, the nation's largest private benefactor of Olympic and Paralympic teams to BHP, helping create a genuinely level playing field for women's football and the AFLW, these major sponsorships run parallel to the industry's broader investments in the regions to which they belong.

From go karting to horseback riding, junior football to mountain biking, miners invest millions of dollars every year in grassroots sports that foster inclusion and encourage education through participation, while unearthing the superstars of tomorrow. It's another reason why, year after year, mining finishes top of the podium as one of the nation's largest philanthropic industries.

So whether you're a spectator or an athlete, I hope our *Wide World of Minerals* calendar ignites the sporting spirit in your household in 2024.

Tania Constable

Chief Executive Officer
Minerals Council of Australia



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Hitting the courts at Moura

Anglo American has supported the resurfacing of eight courts at the Moura Tennis Association, enabling the club to expand and diversify its offerings to include netball, hockey and futsal. Anglo American shares the benefits of mining by contributing funding to support sustainable development initiatives in central Queensland.

LED media mesh screen (Allegiant Stadium*)



Neodymium





Dysprosium



Europium



Yttrium



Aluminium



Barium



Antimony



Strontium

Titanium

Half-time show (sound. lighting)

Translucent dome roof (stainless steel cable system at Allegiant Stadium*)









Iron



Carbon



minerals.org.au

SUPER BOWI



WIDE WORLD OF MINERALS



For high school footballers in the US, the odds of being drafted to the NFL is roughly 0.00075%. That's around the same likelihood as being struck by lightning.

National Collegiate Athletic Association

Retractable turf field





Phosphorus

Potassium

(motorised)

Iron

Manganese

Zinc

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Palladium

Climate-controlled stadium (Allegiant Stadium*)



Platinum

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* Allegiant Stadium not pictured.



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Shooting hoops

Youth coaching and mentoring in rural communities is one facet of South32's near decade-long sponsorship of JCU Townsville Fire, the only professional female sports team in northern Australia. The Fire has secured four Women's National Basketball League championships since South32 signed on in 2015, and supported a number of players achieve their ambition of representing Australia.

-ebruary

Super Bowl LVIII 11 February 2024 Allegiant Stadium, Paradise Nevada, United States





Aluminium





Copper

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Neodymium



Silicon

Biometric gloves

FORMULA 1



MINERALS

Cockpit comms (two-way radio)













Lithium





Titanium

Copper

Pit wall (mission control)

Onboard cameras



Silicon







Cerium



Gold



Halo bar (driver protection)

Titanium

Flame

retardants



Germanium

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Aluminium



Mg Magnesium





Sewerage covers on the Monaco Grand Prix street circuit are welded closed to prevent lifting caused by the downforces generated by F1 racecars.

autosport.com



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Athletics for the Outback

Rio Tinto and Athletics Australia deliver sports and tertiary pathways to Indigenous youths in remote communities. Athletics for the Outback encourages participation through clinics and carnivals. Raise the Bar, another initiative, is a week-long academy for Indigenous students who aspire to take part in athletics and study at university.



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The long walk changing lives

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For more than a decade, BHP has sponsored teams from Roxby Downs and the Upper Spencer Gulf to take part in Operation Flinders, an 8-day outback endurance program for at-risk youth in South Australia. Treking around 100 kms through the Flinders Ranges, participants learn bush skills and build self-confidence.



It was first played in 1973, two years before the first men's event. International Cricket Council

Hot Spot camera

(infra-red tracking)

Snickometer (sound detection)



Ag Silver





Iron

Cricket bat sensors

Resourcing tomorrow Australian minerals.org.au

Potassium

Magnesium

Phosphorus



Gallium







Indium



Neodymium

LED flashing red wickets

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United States and West Indies

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Mountain biking in the Hunter

A new maintenance trailer for Singleton Mountain Bike Club was among projects funded through Yancoal's Ashton Coal 2023 Community Support Fund. Yancoal supports dozens of community groups every year, in addition to its major partnerships with organisations such as the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.





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Realising Olympic dreams

Hancock Prospecting is synonymous with Olympic sport. Executive Chairman Gina Rinehart AO is committed to young athletes realising their Olympic and Paralympic dreams in sports including swimming, rowing, volleyball and artistic swimming. The largest private backer of Australia's Olympic efforts, Hancock Prospecting became an official partner of the Australian Olympic Committee in 2022.

Olympic Games 26 July – 11 August 2024 Paris, France



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Running for a cause

Mandalay Resources and Agnico Eagle Fosterville sponsor the annual O'Keefe Challenge raising funds for the Heathcote Dementia Alliance in central Victoria. Featuring running, walking and cycling events for all ages, the event makes use of the scenic O'Keefe Trail which stretches between Bendigo and Heathcote.









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Kicking goals in the NT

Newmont's strategic community investment program supports projects that build long-term, sustainable benefits for local communities. An example is Newmont's partnership with the Melbourne Football Club, supporting outreach visits and activities focused on key health initiatives in local Warlpiri communities.



October Major Baseball League World Series October/November 2024 United States

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Unearthing league stars

Whitehaven Coal is unearthing the next generation of rugby league stars through its longterm sponsorship of the Gomeroi Roos in Gunnedah. The Indigenous team is a fierce competitor in the annual NSW Koori Knockout, the largest Aboriginal sporting carnival in Australia. Whitehaven Coal partners with dozens of community and sporting groups every year, providing grants, donations and sponsorships.

MELBOURNE CUP



Selenium

Cobalt

Sodium

Race horse nutrition



Loud speakers

Starting gates



Carbon

Zinc

First run in 1861, the Melbourne Cup was a cup in name only until 1865. However, the first cup, deemed a monstrosity by its owner, was sold to the Flemington Hunt Club which rebranded the trophy for its own annual cup.

National Museum Australia

Thermal imaging (horse health)



Germanium

Indium



Cadmium

Platinum

Silicon

Aluminium



Gold

Copper

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Photo finish cameras

Horseshoes, stirrups & bits

Resourcing tomorrow

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Melbourne Cup 5 November 2024 Flemington Racecourse Victoria, Australia

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Saddling up at Mudgee

Peabody's Wilpinjong Mine teamed up with Mudgee Riding for the Disabled Association to open a new Rideability Hub in 2022. Fully funded by the mine, Mudgee RDA's permanent new home at Mudgee Showground provides a horse riding centre for people with disability, including school children and adults.





Supermaxi yacht

Aluminium

Iron

Chromium

Nickel

Copper

Tin

Tungsten

The inaugural Sydney to Hobart Yacht race in 1945 was originally intended as a post-World War II social cruise. British naval officer John Illingworth declared they make it a race.

Cruising Yacht Club of Australia



Navigation system

Silicon

Indium

Gallium

Pt

Platinum

SYDNEYTO BART



WIDE WORLD OF MINERALS

Tungsten

Chromium

Hydraulic winches

Lithium

Silicon

Copper

Gold Aluminium

EPIRB (Emergency position indicating radio beacon)

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Copper

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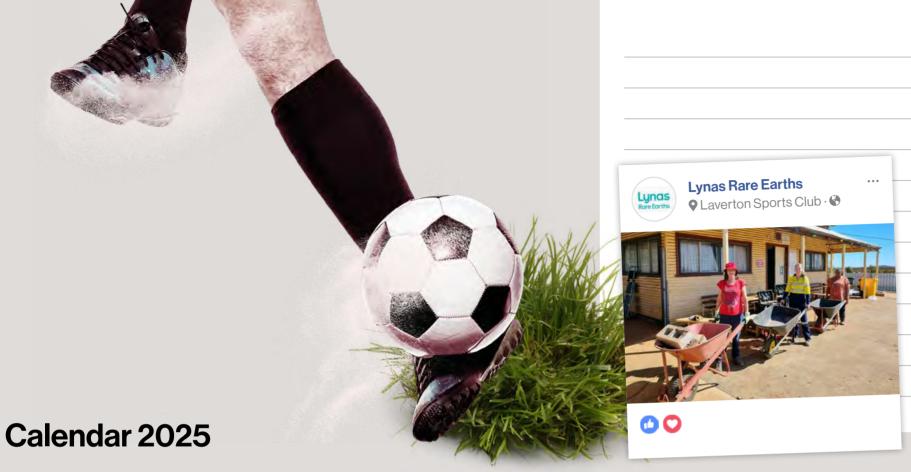


Setting sail at Townsville

Clubhouse renovations at Townsville Sailing Club were made possible through sponsorship from Glencore's CRL Copper Refineries. The clubrooms will be hired out to provide the club an income stream. Glencore's Junior Sport Development Program benefits hundreds of keen young sportspeople every year.







April 25 ANZAC Day

May 11 Mother's Day

Giving back in the West

December 26 Boxing Day

December 25 Christmas Day

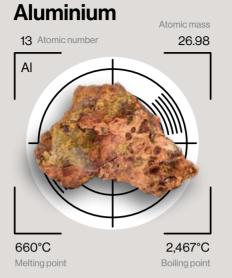
Lynas Rare Earths launched its Local
Giving Program in 2022, awarding grants
to grassroots sporting and community
groups in the Goldfields region of Western
Australia. Lynas employees also regularly
volunteer their time to local causes and
working bees, including at Laverton
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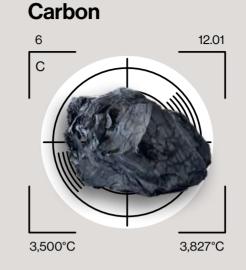
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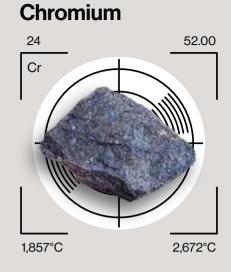
Podium finish

Learn more about some of the other superstars and workhorses of the sporting world – the minerals and metals that make every great sporting moment possible.

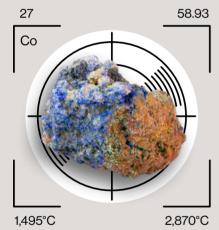








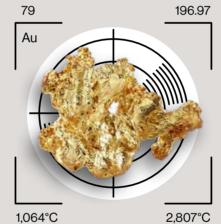




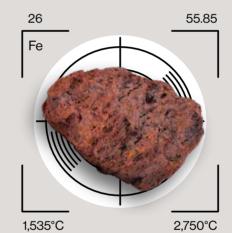




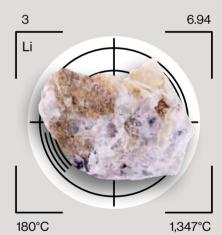
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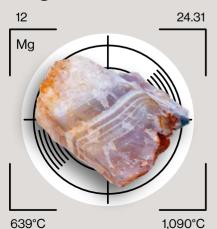
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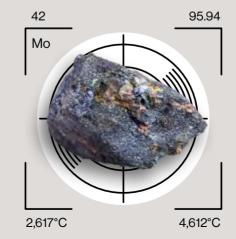
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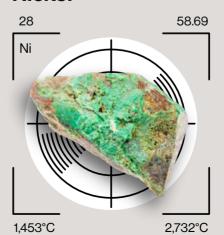
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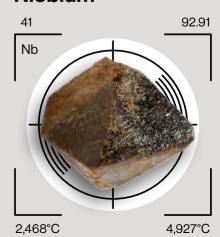
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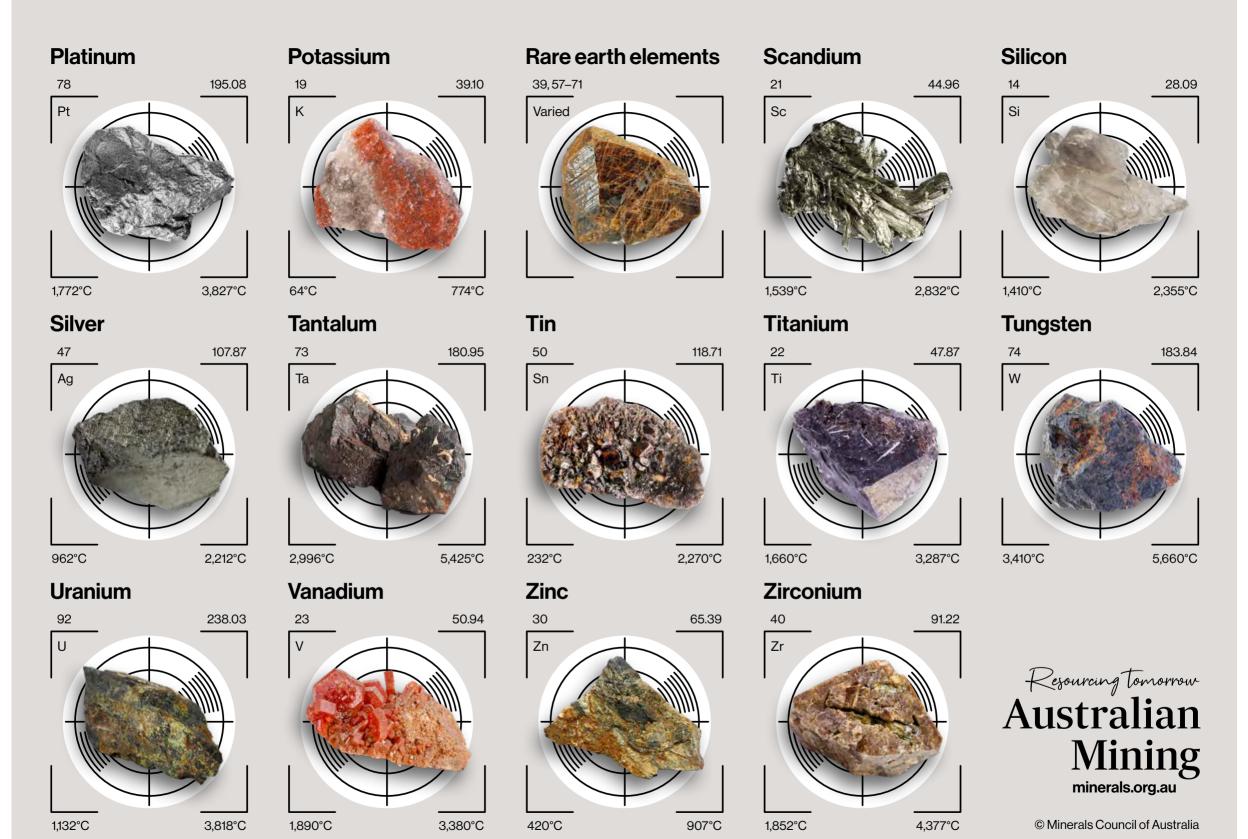


Nickel



Niobium



































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