

ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY

Castlemaine Goldfields Limited acknowledges and accepts its responsibilities to both the Community and the Environment in all areas in which exploration activities are undertaken. During the past year activities have increasingly focused on the Chewton district, within the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park and northward into the pine plantation.

Whilst exploring in the National Park does present some additional environmental considerations, good progress has been achieved through this period. Much of this has been due to the continued development of sound and harmonious working relationships with Parks Victoria, their associates within Heritage Victoria and the Minerals & Petroleum Division of the Department of Primary Industry.

Of critical importance is the completion of another year of exploration without any environmental incident of significance. Community concerns have been expressed regarding the increase of traffic on some of the gravel roads leading into the Pine Plantation but this issue has largely been offset by the company undertaking regular water spraying of the critical areas during the drier summer period. Continued weed control programs, rehabilitation projects and assistance with local Fireguard activities are also helping to maintain the ongoing sound relationship with the community. No significant community complaints were encountered during the course of the year.

Water availability is critical to all aspects of the operation and investigations are underway to assess the feasibility of clarifying and recycling the waters from the Wattle Gully shaft for use at the drill sites and for dust suppression. Early indications are that a simple low cost treatment process will bring the water to the acceptable EPA standard for ongoing use by the company.

During the year Heritage Victoria expanded the heritage listing from 5 structures at the Wattle Gully site to now encompass the broader Wattle Gully mine site based on a submission put forward by the company. This listing now clarifies a number of aspects relating to the ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation of the site. The company will work with Parks Victoria going forward to ensure the mining history contained at Wattle Gully is preserved for public interest.

A monthly article in the local community paper and a feature entry on the paper's web site has been

the preferred method of communication with local residents, but for more specific exploration issues, door knocking and letter dropping continues to be practiced. During the course of the year community meetings were also held providing opportunity for the company to demonstrate performance against the announced "Pathway to Production" as well as providing the community with an opportunity to raise questions or concerns.

TENEMENTS

Project areas, tenement licences and interests as at 28 February 2009

Tenement	Location	Interest %
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Castlemaine project

EL 3242	Castlemaine	100
EL 4235	Eureka/Vineyard	100
EL 4372	Fryerstown/New Era	100
MIN 4470	Wattle Gully	100
MIN 5378	Wattle Gully	100
ELA 5166	Harcourt	100

Licences are owned by Castlemaine Goldfields Limited.

Tarnagulla project

EL 3640	Tarnagulla	100
EL 4214	Timor/Kingower	100
EL 4542	Cambrian	100
EL 4541	Corfu/Sandstone	100
EL 4992	Tarnagulla	100
MIN 4756	Tarnagulla	100

Licences are owned by Ironbark Mining Pty Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Castlemaine Goldfields Limited.

Sebastian project

EL 3105	Sebastian	75
EL 4536	Sebastian	100
EL 4974	Sebastian	100
EL 4982	Sebastian	100

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