



Staying connected and supporting communities

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Context

Our 11th stakeholder bulletin provides an update on minerals industry actions in response to the Parafield Cluster in South Australia.

It also highlights how four mine sites are working to stay connected with Aboriginal landholders and communities in South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia.

Staying connected is a shared commitment. The minerals industry appreciates the ongoing willingness of First Nations people, communities and organisations to work together.

Thank you to the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy for its assistance with this month's bulletin.

Industry response to the South Australian Parafield Cluster

The recent COVID-19 outbreak in South Australia, known as the Parafield Cluster, reinforces the need for ongoing vigilance. While cases to date have been diagnosed in Adelaide, the virus can spread quickly if appropriate health, hygiene and other measures are not in place.

Importantly, the minerals sector has continued to implement stringent health and hygiene protocols and change how it works to protect workers, families and communities from COVID-19 throughout the pandemic. This has enabled it to respond quickly.

In addition to existing measures, the South Australian minerals industry is complying with new public health measures enacted by the South Australian Government.

New South Wales

Newcrest CEO visits Orange to support ongoing connections

In mid-July, Newcrest Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Sandeep Biswas visited Orange to meet with local leaders to understand how its Cadia Valley Operations (Cadia) could further support the region.

Mr Biswas also handed over new hand sanitiser bollards for use at entry points to sporting venues ahead of the recommencement of team sports. Newcrest made the \$60,000 donation as part of its COVID-19 Community Support Fund after consultation with Orange, Cabonne and Blayney Councils, who will maintain and refill the bollards.



During his visit, Mr Biswas also met with Orange Aboriginal Land Council representatives. Cadia has a long-standing relationship with the Council.

Physical distancing and all health and hygiene precautions were followed during Mr Biswas' visit.

Newcrest has provided \$1.18 million in funds for COVID-19-related community projects in the region through both its Cadia community program and Newcrest Community Support Fund to date.



South Australia

Staying engaged to progress shared priorities

BHP's Olympic Dam mine adapted its communications and community outreach activities to stay connected in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This included:

- Producing a weekly Community Update throughout the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia. It detailed health, operational and other actions by BHP to keep its workforce and community safe as well as other operational and community updates. The update is now distributed monthly
- Actively participating in the Roxby and Andamooka Roundtable, established by Roxby Council as an opportunity for key local stakeholders to meet fortnightly to share information on BHP and the community's COVID management response.
 - The roundtable has continued after the immediate COVID response period. It is an ongoing way for community leaders to stay connected as the region recovers.

Through its Vital Resources Fund, BHP also provided IT equipment to Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation employees and members of its advisory board to assist them to stay connected and continue business as usual activities while working from home.

Keeping connected and on track during the COVID-19 pandemic

OZ Minerals operates the Prominent Hill and Carrapateena Mines in South Australia. The Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara people are the Traditional Owners of the lands on which Prominent Hill operates while the Kokatha People are the Traditional Owners of the lands on which Carrapateena is located.

This included changing how the company engaged with communities where appropriate. For example:

- Tjunguringanyi is a health check workshop supported by the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Aboriginal Corporation and OZ Minerals executive team. OZ Minerals organised the Tjunguringanyi Steering Committee so community members could attend remotely or in person if safe to do so
- A Yarning Circle was established at Prominent Hill to provide mentoring and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people onsite in a culturally safe, private and respectful space
- OZ Minerals and the Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation met fortnightly over Zoom to continue work in progress and identify new actions.



Western Australia

Supporting COVID-19 health measures at a major community sporting festival

The Martu people are the Traditional Owners of the lands on which Newcrest's Telfer mine operates. Telfer works to maintain a positive and mutually beneficial relationship with the Martu community.

Newcrest is pleased to support the [Ngurra Kujungka Sports Council](#), a Martu-led program to support health and wellbeing through sport in Western Desert communities. The council was incorporated to take community ownership and management of the Western Sports Program which Newcrest had developed and operated with the Martu people for 13 years. Newcrest fully supported the transition to community ownership.

In 2020, Ngurra Kujungka Sports Council undertook extensive preparations so the Martu Youth Festival could take place safely. This included operating in accordance with the local community COVID-19 health management plan.

Newcrest provided a financial contribution as well as point-of-care testing equipment, hand sanitisers for festival participants and COVID-19 social distancing reminder signs.

