

Donald Project - Community Newsletter

DMS has revamped its newsletter for regular quarterly updates based on community feedback. We welcome your questions and suggestions for improvement.

JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT EXECUTED

Astron Corporation and Energy Fuels Inc. have executed binding joint venture agreements to develop the Donald project. Energy Fuels will invest A\$206 million in exchange for a 49% stake. Upon completion of the funding, Astron will retain 51% and oversee day-to-day project management.

In addition, the deal includes a 100% off-take for the Donald Rare Earth Concentrate which will see Australian rare earths minerals to be processed in the U.S. for EVs, and strategic defense applications, aligning with Australia's strategy for creating diverse, resilient, and Western supply chains for critical minerals.

TRACKING TOWARDS PROJECT COMMENCEMENT

The execution of the binding agreements paves the way for the project to enter development phase. Current timetable indicates that construction will commence as early as Q1 2025, with operations anticipated from Q4 2026.

ACCOMMODATION VILLAGE

The planning permit for the Minyip accommodation village was submitted and available for review and public submission via the Yarriambiack Shire Council website.

Q2 ONSITE ACTIVITIES

Activities are ramping-up on site ahead of potential mine earthworks commencing in early 2025. These included:

- Drilling on proposed process plant location to inform process plant and earthworks design.
- Heritage and ecological surveys along Gun Club Road to inform design of the water pipeline.
- Installing equipment and monitoring environmental site conditions

CATCH US AT:

July 18th: Coffee on us
@ Wood Street Café
51 Wood Street, Donald
10am-Midday

August 1st: Coffee on us
@ Coopers Crossing Café,
76 Main Street Minyip
10am – Midday

August 15th: Coffee on us
@ The General Store
60 Scott Street Warracknabeal
10am – Midday

September 10th: CRG Meeting
@Minyip Community Health
Centre 23 Church Street Minyip
5:30 – 7pm

Follow us on Facebook for notification of events, meetings and updates.

WHAT'S COMING

In our next update we'll bring you information on:

- Approvals progress
- Where to catch us next
- Progress on our supporting infrastructure developments

CONTACT US

If you have any questions on the project, how you might be impacted, or have any general comments, don't hesitate to contact Paul Atherton, our Environment and Community Officer, at 0474 869 110.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Over the first phase of the Project, DMS is expected to generate over 200 FTEs over its 41 year mine life. Current **job opportunities** are advertised on our webpage:

<https://astronlimited.com.au/community/careers-with-astron-limited/>

We also welcome **expressions of interest** (EOI): submissions can be made via the website in the careers section, or email careers@astronlimited.com

All resumes submitted are stored for future review as positions become available.

SEEKING SUPPLIERS

DMS has a local procurement policy and are excited to work with local businesses during our operations. Want to **work with DMS?**

Register your interest and attach your capability statement at suppliers@donaldmineralsands.com.au

SPONSORSHIPS

Our sponsorship program is now open all year round. Download an application form from our website www.astronlimited.com.au



ERR and other agency representatives compare the current landscape to images of the mine site operations – May 2024

WORK PLAN APPROVAL

DMS resubmitted the Work Plan to the Earth Resources Regulator (ERR) for final approval, which is the last regulatory hurdle before mine construction can begin. The ERR oversees safe exploration, mining, and quarrying to protect people, property, infrastructure, and the environment.

COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP (CRG)

The most recent Community Reference Group Meeting was held on June 24, 2024. Updates were provided on the water pipeline route, employment opportunities and benefit sharing fund to be developed. There was much discussion on the transport route with a meeting of landholders along the route to be held.

The next CRG meeting will be on Tuesday 10 September 2024 at the Minyip Community Health Centre. Members of the public are most welcome to attend CRG meetings as guests.



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