

Donald Project - Community Newsletter

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS

The environment team has been busy completing baseline environmental surveys within the mining licence area and for powerline and water pipeline routes. These works included ecology surveys, groundwater sampling, and soil testing.

Additionally, environmental monitoring stations were installed to monitor for dust and radiation which will establish baseline levels prior to mine construction. You may see monitoring stations adjacent to road reserves, in the mining licence area and surrounds.



Dust monitoring station established on proposed mine site

Soil testing was completed in the initial construction footprint to determine different soil types and conditions. This information will inform soil management requirements to aid successful rehabilitation.

ACCOMMODATION VILLAGE

Yarriambiack Shire considered the Minyip accommodation village planning permit application at its July meeting. The council has issued a Notice of Intent to approve the application.

CATCH US AT:

September 12th: Coffee on us
Murtoa Neighbourhood House
10am – Midday

September 26th: Coffee on us
Dimboola
10am – Midday

October 10th: Coffee on us
@ St. Arnaud
10am – Midday

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

WHAT'S COMING

In our next (Nov) update:

- Project engineering progress
- Progress on our water pipeline installation

FACT SHEETS

The first in a series of project fact sheets, Radiation Management, will be made available online at the DMS website in early September.

CONTACT US

If you have questions about the project or general enquiries, please contact our Minyip Site Office via phone, email or in-person via the details shown at the bottom of the page.



SEEKING SUPPLIERS

Want to work with DMS?
Register your interest and
attach your capability
statement at
suppliers@donaldmineralsands.com.au

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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.

FAREWELL

We sincerely thank Paul
Atherton for his contribution
to DMS in his role as
Environment and
Community Liaison Officer.
We wish Paul all the best in
his new endeavors with a
regional waste management
firm.

PROJECT WATER SUPPLY

DMS purchased a water entitlement from GWMWater that was made available from savings created by the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline project. The water will be supplied via pipeline from the Minyip Rural Pump Station. Water security for DMS is the same as for Stock and Domestic Supply.

Initial works for the pipeline requires a tie-in connection be made at the Minyip pump station and these are planned for October. DMS will undertake a “live” tapping to facilitate the connection. Live tapping avoids temporary disruption to affected water customers. Installation of the 11km 45 cm PVC pipe, primarily within Minyip-Banyena and Gun Club Road reserves, is planned for early 2025 and those living along this road and frequent users of the road, have been advised of the planned works.

Please let us know if you don't have this information and feel it is of relevance to you.

COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP (CRG)

Next meeting will be held in October 2024 (date to be confirmed) at the Minyip Senior Citizens centre, 71 Main Street Minyip.

The CRG is not an approvals body and does not have a regulatory function. However, it is an invaluable advisory group to guide DMS on local and regional issues in relation to the project. Members of the public are most welcome to attend CRG meetings as guests.

Please advise if you wish to be notified of meeting details.



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