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Southern Cross Gold's Sunday Creek project in Victoria shows no signs of tapering off, with a multi-rig drilling program at the pre-resource project 60km north of Melbourne continuing to expand the system.

The latest batch of 12 holes has identified a new lode between the Gladys and Golden Orb faults, while the deepest east-west oriented hole drilled into the Apollo prospect to date returned an "exceptional" intercept.

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The deep intercept returned a headline 3.6m at 14.7 grams per tonne gold equivalent from 709m, including 0.2m at 236gpt gold, within a step-out 60m at Apollo East, and 80m at Apollo Deeps that returned 7.8m at 2.6gpt AuEq from 922m.

Managing director Mike Hudson said the hole demonstrated that the system remained both robust and open at depth and included a mix of high-grade gold and antimony lodes with "exceptional continuity" across multiple vein sets.

The other headline hole has opened up 70m of untested ground to the south, between the Gladys and Golden Orb faults, with an intercept of 0.3m at 45.9gpt AuEq from 856m.

Hudson said the gap could emerge as a significant exploration target within a system that expanded down-dip and along strike with each hole drilled.

Regional drilling is said to have confirmed favourable structural architecture extending 450m east of Apollo, with seven dyke intervals over a 240m window before encountering a major fault structure.

Regional hints

Step-out drilling 700m west of the main zone returned arsenic and sulphur anomalism, indicating proximity to mineralisation.



An additional hole, which tested a southern parallel trend, intersected a large-scale fault containing dyke and altered sediment clasts, confirming continuity of the secondary target.

There are nine rigs in the field aiming to complete 200,000m of drilling by the first quarter of 2027.

Southern Cross expects to start development of a A\$27 million, 1km exploration decline next year that will allow cheaper and more effective drilling at a project that is emerging as one of the Western world's most significant gold and antimony discoveries.

The tunnel will allow for more precise drilling of the Apollo-Rising Sun-Golden Dyke targets, which have been drilled from surface to depths of more than 1100m over the past few years.

Once the decline is operational, Southern Cross aims to bring in a further 12 underground rigs for what the company suggests will be the largest pre-development drill program in Australia.

Sunday Creek likely to grow

The project has an exploration target of 2.2-2.3 million ounces grading 8.3-10.6gpt AuEq for just 1.1km of the 11km-long trend tested so far.

The company has around \$150 million in remaining cash.

Southern Cross shares were up 2% today to \$8.87, capitalising the company at \$2.2 billion.

The stock has traded between \$3.29 and \$9.28 over the past year.

It is up 133% since it recapitalised in March.

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We explore for gold and antimony in the Victorian Goldfields. Our 100% owned flagship project at Sunday Creek is the best new grassroots discovery in Australia with a globally leading high-grade hit rate for this stage of the project's development.

Our results demonstrate high-grades and wide zones of gold and antimony over an 11km mineralised trend. As at August 31, 2025, we have delivered 74 individual intersections exceeding 50 AuEq g/t x m ("AuEq g/t x width in m") and 70 individual intersections exceeding 100 AuEq g/t x m from 97,553 m at Sunday Creek including results such as 1.0 m @ 2,318 g/t Au drilled within 455.3 m @ 7.2 g/t Au and 13.1 m @ 91.7 g/t Au within 331.5 m @ 6.8 g/t Au.

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