

Exploration tunnel fact sheet: Traffic management



Southern Cross Gold Consolidated (SXGC) is permitted to access the Sunday Creek project via Clonbinane Road and Hibberds Lane.

As the project progresses, SXGC remains committed to minimising traffic impacts and ensuring the safety of all road users as it relates to our exploration activities.

Project overview

SXGC has submitted an application to construct an exploration decline at Sunday Creek on SXGC-owned land off Hibberds Lane.

The project will involve regular light and heavy vehicle movements of personnel and equipment to, from and within the project site.

At project commencement machinery, equipment and construction materials will be delivered to site via truck. The majority of equipment will then remain on site until construction has concluded. The majority of vehicle movements will be associated with deliveries and personnel movements.

After construction of surface infrastructure is complete, equipment will be demobilised and underground tunnel development and exploration drilling will progress. During this phase of activity, peak traffic periods will relate to shift changes which are expected to occur around 6-7am and 5-7pm every day and the delivery of consumables.

Traffic management plan

SXGC has developed a comprehensive traffic management plan in accordance with the *Worksite Traffic Management Code of Practice (Victoria)*. This plan governs all vehicle movements both to, from and within the site and must be followed by all staff and contractors.

During our engagement campaign SXGC heard from our community that traffic on local roads must be managed to ensure residents' day to day activities are not interrupted. The mitigation measures that have been developed in our traffic management plan, and which are summarised below, directly address and manage these concerns.

How will impact be minimised?

SXGC will implement a range of measures to reduce traffic-related impacts on local roads and road users.

Traffic volume

- Dedicated shuttle buses will transport a large number of employees and contractors, reducing traffic congestion and impacts to local amenity.
- Delivery scheduling and shuttle busses will avoid peak traffic times and sensitive times of the day including school drop-off and pick-up.
- Heavy vehicles will mostly remain on-site during the project to minimise ongoing traffic.

Safety

All SXGC and contractor vehicles must meet strict operational standards, including:

- Valid licensing
- Daily vehicle pre-start checks
- Onboard safety equipment (e.g. first aid kits, fire extinguishers)
- Employee and contractor inductions to build awareness of SXGC requirements
- Speed limits on all roads will be enforced using monitoring devices fitted to SXGC fleet vehicles
- All SXGC vehicles on public roads must comply with Victorian road rules.

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- SXGC and contractor vehicles are required to travel at the speeds published in the SXGC Site Access Protocol (Figure 1).

Road conditions

- A rumble grid will be installed at the site exit to prevent mud and debris from being dragged onto public roads.
- Daily inspections of Clonbinane Road and Hibberds Lane will be conducted by the site supervisor to monitor road conditions and identify maintenance needs.
- We will work with Mitchell Shire Council to ensure road conditions are maintained.

Infrastructure and access

- No road upgrades are currently planned or required.

- Emergency access will always be maintained, with heavy vehicle movements scheduled to prevent congestion of Hibberds Lane.
- No temporary road closures or detours are planned unless at the instruction of VicRoads permit requirements; all transport will comply with existing road rules.
- These measures are included in SXGC's traffic management plan, and will be strictly enforced.

Monitoring and community engagement

SXGC encourages community feedback regarding road safety and conditions. Residents can contact SXGC via the details at the bottom of the page.

Regular updates about the project will be provided through SXGC's newsletters and social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram.

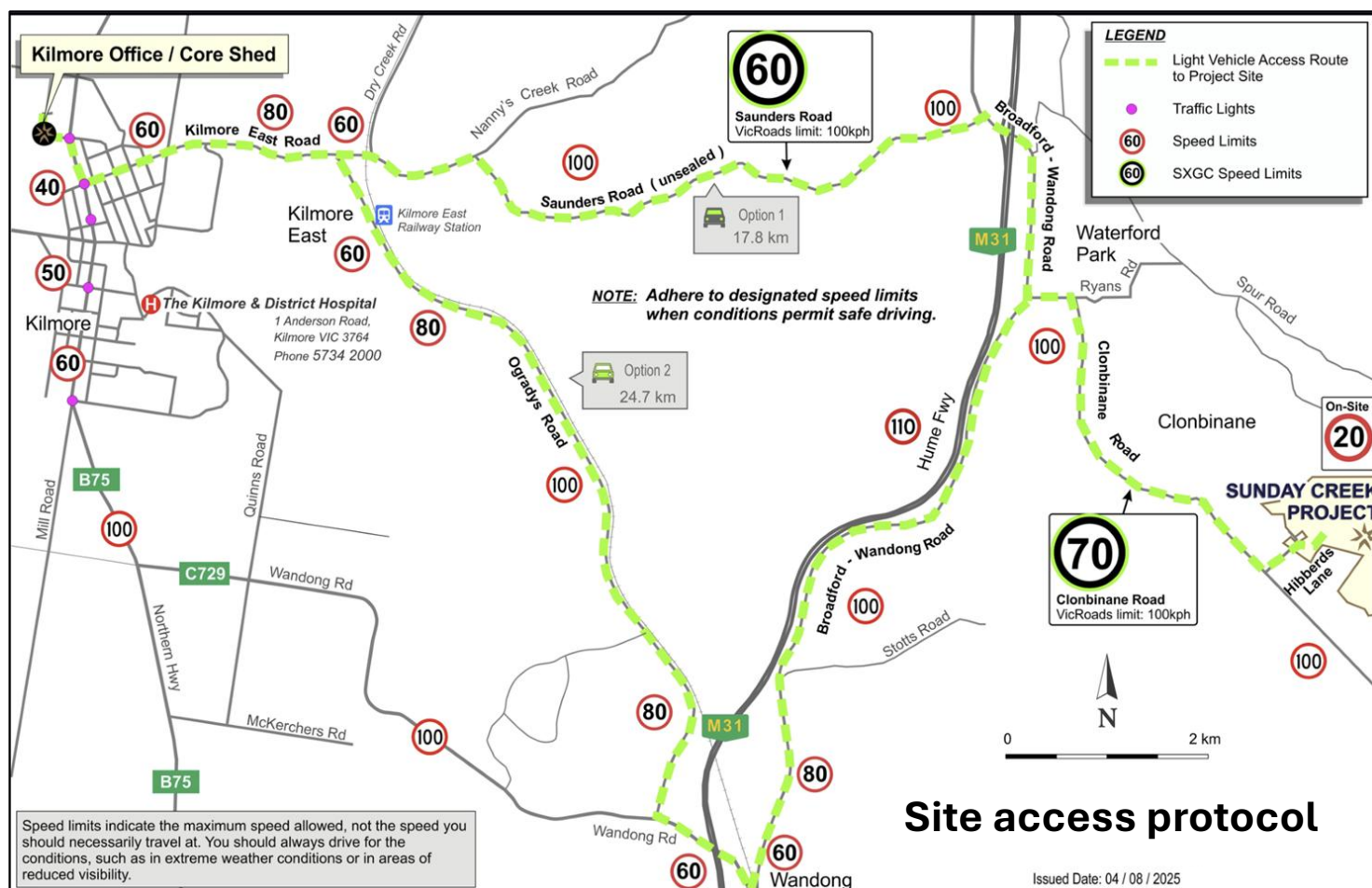


Figure 1: Sunday Creek Project site access protocol

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