

Southern Cross Gold Consolidated – Community Reference Group Communique – June 2025

The Southern Cross Gold Consolidated (SXGC) Community Reference Group (CRG) met in early June at Clonbinane Hall.

Key topics discussed

Water monitoring programs

An overview of SXGC's environmental water monitoring program was provided.

- Water monitoring: Groundwater, surface water, and rainwater tanks are tested for a range of heavy metals, nutrients, and microbial content using NATA-accredited labs.
- Ecological studies: Recent surveys on Sunday Creek found no threatened aquatic species in the proposed project area.
- Surface water data: Two gauges have been installed in Sunday Creek to track creek levels upstream and downstream of the site to assess potential impact.
- Rainwater tank testing: Monitoring has occurred for 18 months to establish a baseline levels. Lead has been included in the testing due to the prevalence of lead roofing fixtures in older homes. This monitoring is ongoing and participants receive regular updates on their individual results.

Exploration and project updates

- SXGC continues drilling with noise mitigation in place.
- Passive seismic and IP studies are underway.
- SXGC have employed three new local residents and three new geologists.

Community questions and requests

- **Noise:** Residents requested more information on low-frequency noise. A future education session is being planned for the CRG.
- **Traffic:** SXGC's traffic management plan will be reviewed in early 2026.
- **Road graffiti:** CRG members agreed the appropriate approach was to report to council.
- **Timeline:** Members requested a clear project timeline regarding the decline tunnel and potential future activities. The tunnel permit submission is expected by the end of June, with decisions due late 2025.

Community engagement and communication

- The CRG discussed how best to share information with the broader community. A group email address will be set up sxgcommunitygroup@gmail.com so residents can contact CRG members directly.
- Issues raised will be brought to the next CRG meeting for group discussion.
- Members may attend future SXGC engagement activities to provide an additional opportunity for the broader community to talk to the community group.

CRG Membership and Engagement

- Expressions of interest have been received for new CRG members. A formal selection process is underway.

Stay connected

Residents are encouraged to:

- Contact the CRG via sxgcommunitygroup@gmail.com
- Visit the SXGC website for newsletters and CRG updates
- Join the email list to receive regular updates