



## 🎄 Thank you and festive wishes 🎄

As we wind down into Christmas and to the end of 2025, Southern Cross Gold Consolidated (SXGC) sends warm festive wishes to the communities around us. We're proud to be part of this community and working with local residents, businesses and groups as we progress the Sunday Creek Project.

Thank you for your support, feedback and the many conversations that help guide our work. Our 2025's been our biggest on record and we've continued to expand our engagement reach to ensure our communities remain aware of our current and future plans. As our project has evolved we've shared the details of our activities through meetings, newsletters, letterbox drops, social media and drop ins. This year we:



Welcomed **24** new staff



Posted **62** updates on social media



Distributed **5** newsletters to over 350 people



Held **8** site tours with over **140** attendees



Worked with **120** local suppliers



Held **7** information drop in sessions



Held **4** meetings with our CRG

We're taking a break over Christmas from 22 Dec and will return on 2 January. We wish everyone a wonderful festive break and look forward to continuing to share our updates in the new year.

## Exploration update

SXGC's application to construct an exploration tunnel at Sunday Creek has been approved. Notification of the approval was distributed to the Clonbinane, Waterford Park and Ryans Rise communities immediately with residents living close to the project site informed directly.

Secondary permits to meet environmental and construction standards are now being obtained.

Work has also begun on finalising processes to ensure the commitments made to minimise social and environmental impacts are delivered.

Surface construction works will commence in early 2026. Local contractor Lincoln's Earthmoving will prepare the site entrance roads, offices, workshop spaces and build water storage dams. The tunnel is expected to take 6-9 months to complete and will allow 24/7 underground drilling once constructed.

Surface drilling will continue during daytime hours.

Community feedback was incorporated into the tunnel's final design and impacts throughout construction and operation will be carefully monitored and managed.

The project will create jobs and our focus on sourcing local staff and contractors first will continue.

The approval still only allows exploration activities and does not permit mining. Any future mining proposal would require a separate, rigorous licensing and approval process.

Our community is encouraged to find information about the project including updated FAQs, fact sheets and the final site layout under the "Exploration tunnel" tab at [southerncrossgoldcommunity.com.au](https://southerncrossgoldcommunity.com.au).

We will keep residents informed before and during construction and will provide updates to the broader community through newsletters, social media, local media and its community website.

### **SXGC food drive supports our community**

SXGC has been a proud supporter of local charity Love in Action for three years. The organisation provides food and essential items that go to families in need and are sourced mostly from the community itself.

Our food drive and donation this year was supported by staff and suppliers and we're so grateful for their generosity. Our contribution to this fantastic organisation will ensure Christmas cheer is spread to as many people in our local community as possible.



### **Festive cheer in the Mitchell Shire**

SXGC was proud to join enthusiastic carollers when we once again sponsored this year's Community Bank Carols in Wallan's Hadfield Park.

This year's event was bigger and better than ever with the new venue in Wallan accommodating an increasingly popular local event.

Thank you to everyone who makes the Mitchell Shire's festive season one to look forward to each year.

### **New acoustic sheds manage noise**

SXGC has recently installed two acoustic sheds on diamond drill rigs to further reduce the noise impacts of our surface drilling. The sheds are innovative world-first designs owned by our drilling contractor Deepcore Drilling that reduce sound emissions by 20 percent.

Deepcore Drilling designed and manufactured the sheds in Bendigo which have a green exterior to ensure they blend in with their surroundings.



### **November 2025 grant recipients**

We're absolutely delighted to announce the winners of our second round of 2025 community grants! A huge congratulations to our winners and their projects:

- **Kilmore CFA:** Bum bags for fire medical responders
- **Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell:** Kilmore Busking Championships 2026
- **Wallan & District Community Group:** Food parcels to address food insecurity and increase social connection
- **Kilmore District Men's Shed:** Shelving to improve the functionality and safety of the storage area
- **Wandong History Group:** "Moments that matter" documentary about Wandong's past

Applications for our next round of funding will open in April 2026.



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