

# **Southern Cross Gold Consolidated – Community Reference Group Communiqué**

## **Clonbinane and District Update – December 2025**

The Southern Cross Gold Consolidated (SXGC) Community Reference Group (CRG) met in December in Kilmore.

The meeting included updates on the approved exploration tunnel, community engagement activities, environmental management and a presentation from Resources Victoria regarding critical minerals.

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### **Key topics discussed**

#### **SXGC update**

- The exploration tunnel has been approved, subject to best-practice requirements which SXGC has incorporated into project planning.
- Prior to the announcement, residents within 2km were directly contacted, with broader notification provided via letterbox drop, local media and stakeholder briefings. Feedback from community pop-up sessions and guidance from the Taungurung Land and Waters Council informed refinements to the final design, including further minimisation of visual and noise impacts.
- Secondary consents are now being progressed, with detailed hydrogeological investigations scheduled for February.
- Some power to the site has been arranged with all the formal consents in place
- A local contractor has been engaged for surface works, including site preparation, carpark construction and dam works.
- Specialist contractors are being considered for underground works.
- SXGC has secured a warehouse in Wandong to assist with traffic management. Current activity levels are expected to generate approximately limited truck movement per day.

#### **SXGC community engagement and initiatives**

- Close neighbours will continue to receive direct notifications of operational changes.
- Noise monitoring continues, with modifications made to noise walls and suppression measures.
- Ecological surveys have been expanded, with no new areas of concern identified.
- Drone-based blackberry spraying has been completed across 30 hectares.
- Cultural heritage fencing will commence in collaboration with Taungurung Land and Waters Council.
- The community grants program is underway.

### **CRG community feedback and discussion**

- No emails were received via the CRG email address. Community members with questions or concerns are encouraged to continue using [sxgcommunitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:sxgcommunitygroup@gmail.com) as an avenue for contacting the CRG independent of SXGC.
- Discussion was held regarding Sunday Creek and the potential for reinstating water flow. SXGC confirmed the approved site will operate as zero discharge; however, further research into the broader issue will be undertaken.
- Concerns regarding contractor behaviour and early morning road use were discussed. SXGC encouraged residents to raise concerns directly to allow for timely follow-up.

### **Critical minerals discussion**

- Resources Victoria provided an overview of Victoria's Critical Minerals Roadmap and the project approvals framework.
- Discussion included the role of antimony in renewable energy, technology and defence applications, rehabilitation bonds and offsets, and benefit-sharing commitments under the roadmap.

### **Next steps and future discussions**

The CRG has requested:

- Further discussion on blackberry spraying and regeneration
- Information on rehabilitation bond interest arrangements
- Circulation of Resources Victoria presentation slides and the Critical Minerals Roadmap

The next CRG meeting is scheduled for March 2026.

### **Stay connected**

Residents are encouraged to:

- Contact the CRG via [sxgcommunitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:sxgcommunitygroup@gmail.com)
- Visit the SXGC website for newsletters and CRG updates
- Join the email list to receive regular updates