

Southern Cross Gold Consolidated Community Reference Group Communiqué

May 2026

The Southern Cross Gold Consolidated (SXGC) Community Reference Group (CRG) May meeting was held in Clonbinane. The meeting included a presentation from Resources Victoria discussions on project activities, community engagement and local issues.

Key topics discussed

Sunday Creek sediment incident

The CRG was advised of a sediment runoff incident affecting Sunday Creek. Resources Victoria and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) have been notified and the matter is under investigation. Southern Cross will provide updates to the community and CRG as permitted by the regulators and once the investigation is complete.

Resources Victoria process overview

Resources Victoria provided an overview of the work plan variation process under the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990. The presentation outlined regulatory assessment, agency referrals and community consultation requirements for both minor and major work plan variations.

SXGC project update

SXGC advised that the project is entering a more active phase, with exploration activities continuing on site. Environmental monitoring, including dust and water quality monitoring, remain a focus. The CRG received an update on current site works and upcoming activities.

SXGC community engagement and initiatives

SXGC outlined its engagement approach which includes direct communication with neighbouring properties and broader community updates.

A Neighbour Notification Framework is being developed, with input and review by the CRG. This Framework will provide guidance how and when community notifications are issued for specific site activities and events.

SXGC is instigating a program to support their employees to volunteer to work with local organisations such as the CFA and SES.

The Community Grants Program has received strong interest, with applications currently being assessed by an independent panel.

CRG community feedback and discussion

Traffic – Clonbinane Road

Community concerns regarding traffic volumes and road safety on Clonbinane Road were discussed. SXGC outlined measures currently in place to manage project-related vehicle movements and traffic behaviour.

Members discussed options available through Mitchell Shire Council for reviewing road conditions and traffic management matters.

Next steps and future discussions

The CRG will continue discussions regarding community communication and engagement.

The next CRG meeting will include a core shed site visit and is scheduled for June 2026.

Increased communication between meetings was supported to help keep members informed of project activities and community matters.

Stay connected

Residents are encouraged to:

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