

Southern Cross Gold Consolidated Community Reference Group Communiqué

June 2026

The Southern Cross Gold Consolidated (SXGC) Community Reference Group (CRG) met in June 2026 at the SXGC Core Shed in Kilmore. Members participated in a site tour before the meeting and discussed community feedback, project progress, environmental management and upcoming community engagement activities.

Key topics discussed

SXGC project update

- Construction activities continue to progress at the Sunday Creek Project, with members viewing recent site photos showing development of the box cut, portal, dam works and other construction activities.
- CRG members discussed the visual changes to the site from Clonbinane Road and surrounding areas. SXGC advised it is working with nearby residents to understand visual impacts and will continue sharing progress photos with the CRG.
- A future CRG meeting may include an on-site visit when conditions and facilities are suitable.

Environmental management

- SXGC's new Environment Manager introduced himself and outlined an evidence-based approach to managing key environmental risks, including water, noise and air quality.
- The CRG received an update on the May sediment runoff event affecting Sunday Creek. SXGC explained the cause of the incident, the immediate response undertaken and the longer-term improvements now in place to strengthen erosion and sediment controls.
- Members were advised that investigations by Resources Victoria and the EPA remain ongoing.
- SXGC has increased surface water monitoring and advised that an independent environmental assessment found no evidence of ongoing ecological harm following the event.
- SXGC also outlined plans to maximise reuse of captured surface water on site to reduce groundwater extraction.

Community feedback and discussion

- Traffic remained a key discussion topic, including vehicle speeds and traffic volumes on Clonbinane Road.
- CRG members agreed that any request to change speed limits should come directly from local residents through Mitchell Shire Council rather than through the CRG.

- SXGC advised it continues to monitor company and contractor vehicles and investigating off-site parking options to reduce traffic impacts.
- Members discussed improving access to project information through additional communication channels, including Facebook and printed fact sheets at the local hall.
- SXGC confirmed it will begin providing regular fortnightly email updates to CRG members.

Community engagement

- The CRG reviewed proposed updates to its Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.
- SXGC will advertise for new Community Reference Group members to broaden community representation.
- Members also discussed the importance of ensuring significant community issues raised through the CRG are communicated more broadly where appropriate.

Traditional Owner engagement

- SXGC provided an update on ongoing discussions with the Taungurung Land and Waters Council regarding a Land Use Activity Agreement, with negotiations continuing in a positive and collaborative manner.

Next meeting

The next Community Reference Group meeting will be held in August 2026.

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