

TOMINGLEY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Construction of the new section of Newell Highway has commenced.

Site News

Newell Highway project

Construction of the new section of Newell Highway commenced in earnest in October.

Initial earthworks included vegetation and tree clearing, topsoil removal and placement of general fill material from an onsite borrow pit. Now, a 3km section of new highway is under construction, "offline" on land we own, west of the existing highway.

In late October, Robson Civil Projects (our contractor) also commenced making the access to the Kenilworth property on the Newell Highway safer. This property is being used as a works compound and will be accessed frequently by light and heavy vehicles during the highway realignment project. The safety upgrade will introduce dedicated turning lanes on the existing Newell Highway for all vehicles needing to access the site.

Receive dedicated project updates

Prior to work commencing in late October, the construction team issued a dedicated project update to the community (appended to this newsletter).

To subscribe to the dedicated email distribution list for the Newell Highway Realignment project, please contact newellhighway@ineco.com.au.

For the most up-to-date information, see the project page on the Alkane website [here](#) or navigate to:
Projects > Tomingley Gold Extension Project

Upcoming construction works

Early next year, work is expected to commence on the existing Newell Highway near the “northern tie-in”, which is where the new section of the highway will merge with the existing highway near Tomingley village.

The tie-in will start about 1km south of the Tomingley Overhead Heavy Vehicle Gantry and progress south to McNivens Lane.

During this work, the highway speed limit will be reduced to 80kph and access to the South Tomingley Rest Area may be temporarily blocked.

In parallel, construction of the Kyalite Road diversion continues on land owned by Tomingley Gold Operations. We'll have further updates in our next newsletter (around February/March).

Agriculture and land management

New tree hollows for local wildlife

We've written before about the importance of tree hollows as habitat for birds and small mammals to live and breed in.

To offset the removal of naturally occurring tree hollows due to vegetation clearing for the Newell Highway realignment corridor, the project team engaged Hollowhog, an innovative tree hollow carving specialist, to install replacement hollows in a nearby existing woodland on the Kenilworth property.

During October, Hollowhog carved and installed 30 hollows in 12 live standing trees across approximately 11ha of remnant box gum woodland. The hollows were carved using Hollowhog's innovative tools and techniques that are being used widely across Australia and other parts of the world to carve hollows for wildlife.

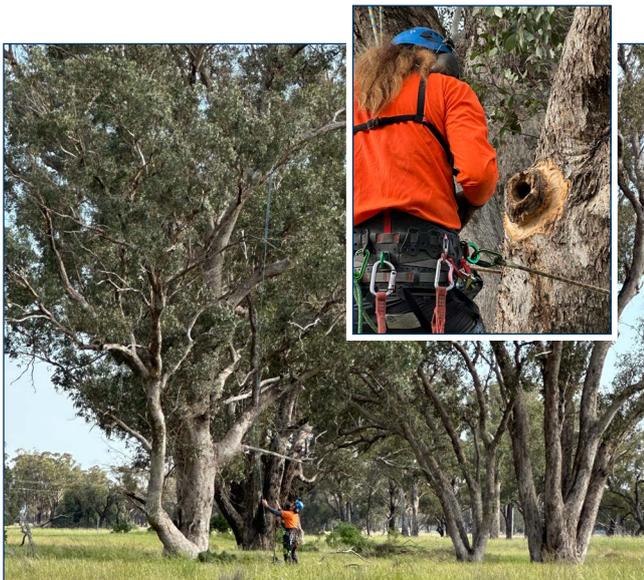
In accordance with the types and dispersal of hollows identified in the preclearance survey report*,

Hollowhog produced five different configurations of hollows to suit different fauna species:

- Extra-small hollows – entry ≤ 5 cm (3 installed)
- Small hollows – entry 5-10 cm (14 installed)
- Medium hollows – entry 10-20 cm (7 installed)
- Large hollows – entry 20-30 cm (4 installed)
- Extra-large hollows – > 30cm (2 installed)

Hollowhog also installed three log hollows salvaged from the clearance area. The first involved relocation of a stem in which three microbats were observed during the clearing works. On the first night after reinstallation, 17 microbats were recorded emerging at dusk.

Additionally, two large hollow logs considered potentially suitable for breeding threatened Glossy Black-Cockatoos (*Calyptorhynchus lathami*) were re-installed in live trees.



Hollowhog carved hollows for wildlife in remnant box gum woodland on the Kenilworth property.



Hollowhog salvaged a log hollow in which a colony of microbats were living and reinstalled it in a living tree.

*OzArk Environment & Heritage conducted the preclearance survey in April 2025, identifying 69 hollow-bearing trees in the total clearance area, which extends from Back Tomingley West Road to 500m north of McNivens Lane. So far, only a portion of the land has been cleared.

Exploration update

FY26 drilling program

In recent months and extending into next year, the Alkane and Tomingley Gold Mine geology teams are focusing on extending existing resources and determining new ones in the Tomingley area – all with the view to extending the life of the operation.

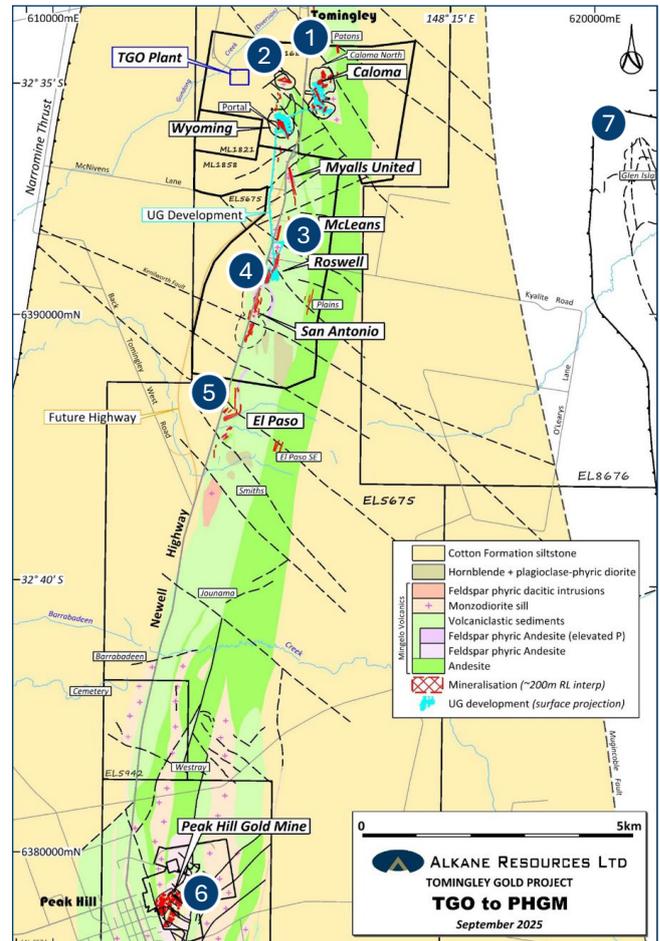
Within the current mining leases, the mine team has been diamond core drilling (DD) at:

- Wyoming Three (north of the large Wyoming One open cut) ②
- McLeans (just north of Roswell, near the underground drive) ③
- Roswell (beneath the paste plant near Kyalite Rd). ④

Alkane’s exploration team mainly focuses on targets outside the mining leases. The FY26 drilling schedule includes DD campaigns at:

- El Paso prospect (Eulinda Park property) – The pending results of a September drilling program could lead to further drilling (potentially 3-4 DD holes) next year. ⑤
- Caloma North – To see if the Caloma deposit (on the eastern side of the highway) extends north, we’ll be drilling from Alkane land on the western side of the highway (3-4 DD holes angling down to the east). ①
- Glen Isla prospect (about 5km east of the mine) – Alkane recently completed an induced-polarisation (IP) geophysical survey and hopes to finalise some targets for diamond core drilling (3-4 DD holes) in the first half of next year, testing for epithermal gold quartz veins. ⑦

- Tomingley One and Two (about 5km north of the village) – The team plans some DD holes to follow up on earlier drilling, again in the first half of next year. (not shown on the map)



Annual Report and Sustainability Report 2025

Alkane’s 2025 Annual Report (with Sustainability Report) summarises our performance in FY25.

The Sustainability Report is structured around four pillars: Governance, Our People, Communities, and Environment.

[Download the report from our website](#) or [read online](#).

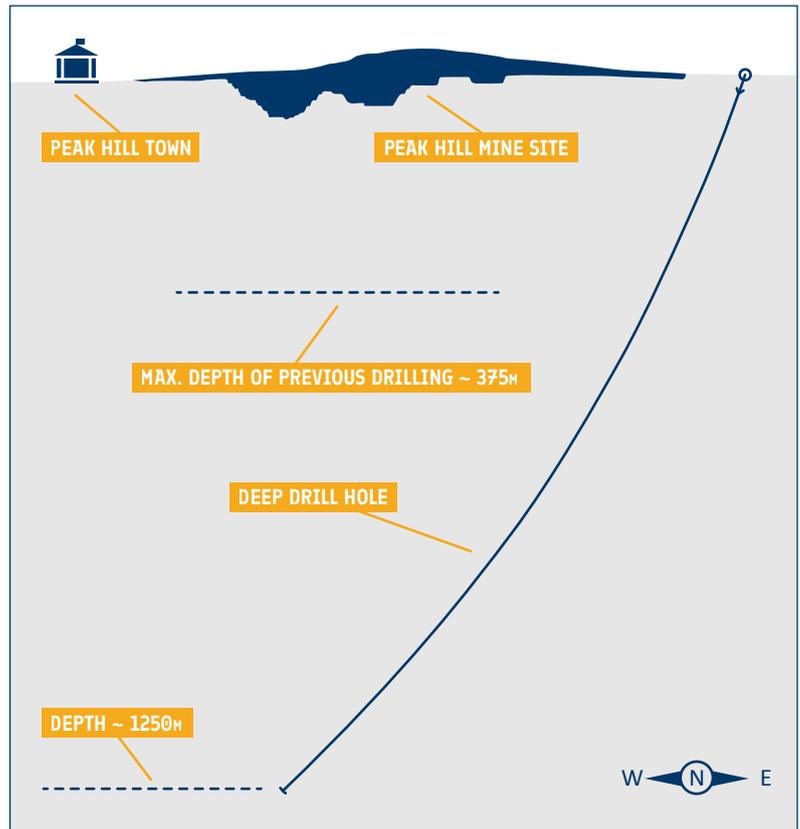


Deep drilling at Peak Hill Gold Mine

Alkane recently received a government grant, under the NSW Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Exploration Program, towards a 1.5km-long diamond core hole underneath the old pits at Peak Hill Gold Mine.

This single, very deep hole will be drilled from Alkane land on the eastern side of the hill. The drilling will take place in around March and could take a few weeks. We are hoping to find indications of gold-copper porphyry mineralisation, deep below the surface.

Alkane operated Peak Hill Gold Mine, 15km south of Tomingley, from 1996 to 2005. Although the site is substantially rehabilitated, Alkane retains its Mining Lease and Environment Protection Licence; however, any further mine development would require further environmental assessment and government approval.



Approximate location of a new, deep drill hole at Peak Hill Gold Mine.

Community

'Try a Trade' careers day

Tomingley Gold Mine supported the recent 'Try a Trade' careers day for year 9-11 students, held at Dubbo College Senior Campus on 2 December.

The event provided a hands-on showcase of various trades for students interested in exploring a career path in the sector. It attracted students from Dubbo and the greater western area - including Narromine, Gilgandra, Coolah, Warren and Bourke.

We were represented by our second-year Electrical Apprentice, Blake, who presided over an interactive display featuring a miniature mine conveyor transporting skittles (representing gold ore) and controlled by a PLC (programmable logic controller). Many students stopped for a chat, and Blake was happy to talk about his role as an electrician in a mining environment.



Demonstrating the electrical trade in mining (Blake, Electrical Apprentice)

Tomingley Community Fund

The August 2025 round of the Tomingley Community Fund saw \$71,785 awarded across 12 different community groups. The successful applicants are named below.

We were delighted to see a strong field of applicants, although not all applicants received the full amount they applied for due to the bi-annual cap.

Lifeline Central West*

towards a trivia night supporting men's health (December 2025)

Narromine Christian School

towards a year 6 connect event

Narromine Community Kitchen

towards running the community kitchen

Narromine Community Skills Project

towards the Narromine Venetian Carnival & Community Christmas Party

Narromine Dolly Parton Festival

towards running the festival (October 2025)

Narromine Hospital Auxiliary

towards the purchase of medical equipment for Narromine Hospital

Narromine Parkrun

towards installation of permanent signage for a 5km loop track

Narromine Show Society

towards running the Narromine Show

Narromine Soccer Club

towards purchase of an automated robot line marker

Narromine Sporting Clays

towards building an extension annexe to the current clubhouse

Narromine Tennis Club

towards building an accessible toilet and hitting wall

THRIV3 Paddling Pathway Program

towards community benefit events at Narromine and Trangie pool facilities

*Men's health trivia night

Lifeline Central West used funds from both the Tomingley Community Fund and Narromine Shire council to host a Trivia Night at the Narromine United Services Memorial Club on 11 December.

TV celebrity Peter Berner was the guest host, with the night aimed at raising awareness of men's mental health. According to the hosts, the night was a real success, with a fantastic turnout and plenty of friendly competition among the teams.



Pictured: Tomingley Gold Operations Underground Manager, Andrew Brown (left, green shirt), with the winning team



Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!

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South Tomingley Realignment Works: Newell Highway

Community Update October 2025



Alkane's Tomingley Gold mine is expanding, requiring a realignment of the Newell Highway.

At no cost to the NSW Government or taxpayers, Alkane Resources Ltd are realigning 8.1km of the Newell Highway south of Tomingley to enable access to the gold deposit beneath the current highway corridor.

The realignment is needed to safely divert traffic around the growing mining operations, ensuring the highway remains accessible and safe for everyone.

What work will we be doing?

In May 2025, in preparation for construction, we established the main work compound within the mine area west of the Newell Highway, near the Kyalite Road intersection.

From Monday 20 October 2025 we will commence temporary works on the Newell Highway, weather permitting, including:

- Building a temporary site entrance for construction vehicles
- Carrying out inspections, fauna relocations, and heritage protection
- Clearing vegetation to locate existing utilities
- Establishing sediment/erosion control
- Widening existing pavement and related realignment works
- Temporary traffic signals as required for civil and utility adjustment work.

Where and when will we be working?

Most work will occur off the Newell Highway south-west of the existing Tomingley Gold Mine. However, work will be most visible to motorists on the highway near the South Tomingley Rest Area and at the Back Tomingley West Road intersection.

At both these locations a short section of temporary pavement will be constructed to the east to ensure traffic continues to flow safely during the realignment. Traffic will be shifted onto these to complete each tie-in to the realigned Newell Highway.

Road work for the tie-in near the South Tomingley Rest Area will commence in early 2026 for up to 10 months, weather permitting, and will be followed by the tie-in works at the Back Tomingley West Road intersection next year.

Our road work will be carried out during normal working hours from **Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm** and **Saturday, 8am to 1pm**. There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays.

All work activities and dates are subject to weather and site conditions.

How will the tie-in work affect you?

During the tie-in work there will be temporary traffic changes to ensure a safe work zone, including:

- a reduced speed of 40 km/hr and single lane closures during set up of work areas
- a reduced speed of 80 km/h during work hours for all other road works.

Outside of work hours, both lanes of the Newell Highway will be open, with a reduced speed limit of 80 km/hr in place.



Please allow up to **five minutes of extra travel time** during the tie-in works and always follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

Access to the **South Tomingley Rest Area** may be temporarily blocked for a limited period during construction of the tie-in near this location. We will provide advance notice of timing for any closure of the rest area and at such times we encourage road users to use either the **North Peak Hill Rest Area** (where toilets will be temporarily established) or the **Tomingley Rest Area**.

When the new section of the Newell Highway is to be tied in to the new road, traffic switches will be put in place to safely manage traffic around the work.

We will keep the community and road users informed about our work and any activities that may affect them.

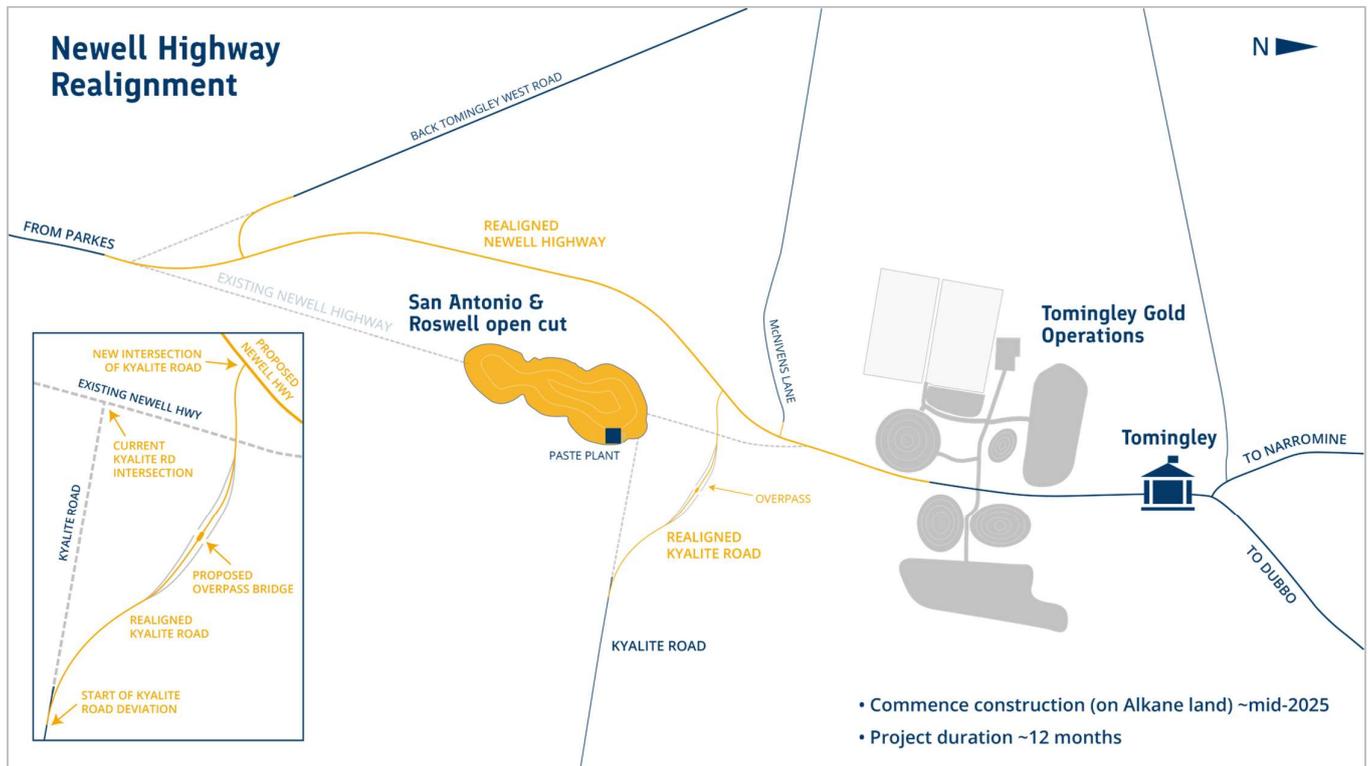
Managing our impacts

While we carry out our work you may notice:

- traffic control and signs
- lane closures and a reduced speed limit
- workers, vehicles, construction machinery and equipment
- noise and vibration from machinery in the area

We aim to minimise community impacts by:

- fencing our work site for safety and security
- using quieter equipment where possible
- turning off equipment when not in use
- directing construction lighting to avoid excess glare or light on motorists or into neighbouring properties.



Further information: If you have any questions, or concerns about the work, or would like to join the project email distribution list, please contact us via the details provided below.

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