

# ROSEBERY MINE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

## GM'S MESSAGE

Our mine is a community made up of hundreds of diverse people, working together on tough and technical jobs, supporting each other while earning a living for their families – good spirited Tasmanians giving their all.

In the case of MMG Rosebery, our mine has been the beating heart of the town for more than 86 years mining zinc, copper and lead concentrates, and gold doré, all whilst providing 500 regional jobs.

It's the kind of business, the kind of community – and the kind of people – that built Tasmania because our impact on employment and supply chains extends much further across our state than just the town we live in.

### A future for Rosebery?

The future for Rosebery looks very bright.

We are producing metals critical to a low carbon future, right here in Tasmania, at best global standards for safety, community and environment.

But that future is not guaranteed.

The mine cannot continue to operate unless we have somewhere to safely and securely store tailings – the left-over crushed rock and residue material from mineral processing. Our existing facilities are old and rapidly reaching the end of their life. It will soon be time for them to be closed and rehabilitated with native vegetation.

What we really need is a new facility to store our tailings.

### 'Peaceful' Protest

At Rosebery, we love the nature that surrounds us. We have been co-existing with this unique environment for almost a century. When we recognised the need to expand our footprint, we searched for the lowest impact. That was found in 2008 at South Marionoak and we took a mining lease over the land.

South Marionoak sits outside of areas considered to be high-conservation value forest. The site has been historically logged and disturbed by a power corridor and a large fire break. The next step is to access the site to do the geological and natural surveys to prove up our assessment.

However, since 2013 a new line on the map from a conservation group says that this site is now closed to all future use, except their own. The area is falsely claimed to be pristine and this movement will not negotiate, despite championing a clean energy future that is only possible using minerals dug up from the ground.

The access to conduct environmental assessments has been blockaded, as has the right of the general public to use the same road. The safety of workers and emergency services has been put at risk by dangerous protest tactics, and our people have been subjected to threats, abuse and intimidation.

We respect people's right to peaceful protest, but there is nothing peaceful about this.

### What next?

It is pretty simple from here.

If we can't build a new dam the site shuts in its 92nd year. The town loses its heart and 500 families lose their jobs.

We've looked at every option. 'Paste fill' a technology enthusiastically publicised by some as a cure-all, is not feasible or safe at Rosebery due to the age and layout of the mine. Other sites have been looked at, but they are no better in terms of environmental impacts.

We need to go through a full State and Commonwealth assessment process with many approvals yet to be sought, and many opportunities for people to have their say on the project as part of this process.

We genuinely want to find a balanced outcome that allows for co-existence with the community and environment, and we believe the decisions that lie ahead should be grounded in fact.

The Rosebery Mine is not just a hole in the ground, it's a lifeline to an entire community.

**Steve Scott**  
General Manager



## CONTACT US

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### OPENING HOURS:

- > TUESDAY: 10AM – 2PM
- > WEDNESDAY: 2PM – 5.30PM
- > THURSDAY: 8AM – 11AM

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## TSF 2/5 UPDATE

### WORKS ALONG THE MURCHISON HIGHWAY ARE PROGRESSING WELL AND HEAVY MACHINERY NEAR THE 2/5 TSF REMAINS IN OPERATION.

The purpose of the works is to capture rising groundwater from the 2/5 TSF in a French drain to return back to the Rosebery effluent treatment plant.

Stabilisation works are now complete and the installation of the drain has commenced along the length of the western wall.

Additional works for dam wall raises are also continuing on the 2/5 site including earthworks, blasting and progressive rehabilitation of disturbed areas to ensure vegetation can re-establish quickly.

Our sprinkler system for dust mitigation remains in place and will be used as necessary moving into the coming wetter months.

### WORK HOURS

**Monday to Friday:** 7.00 am – 5.30 pm

**Saturday:** 7.00 am – 4.00 pm



EASTERN WALL RAISING



## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

ROSEBERY WAS PROUD TO TAKE PART IN ANZAC DAY SERVICES, recognising and commemorating the contribution of all those who have served Australia in time of war.

In Rosebery, the day started with a Dawn Service where wreath laying took place as tradition, followed by the presentation of ANZAC book packs for the Rosebery District School and St Joseph's Catholic School, Rosebery. The team also assisted by laying wreaths within nearby mining towns of Zeehan and Tullah to help support their commemorations.

## KIDS CLUB AFTERNOON TEA



Rosebery is proud to support the Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre Kids Club afternoon tea. This program provides local school students with delicious and nutritious snacks throughout the year, that will be sourced locally through the Zeehan IGA supermarket.

## THREE QUESTIONS WITH... DON MACANSH - GEOLOGIST



**1. WHAT DOES A GEOLOGIST DO?** A geologist is a bit like an investigator who is given clues about what has happened to the earth. In Rosebery we are looking at rocks that are 500 million years old and a lot has happened to them in that time. The rocks have been heated, and put under enormous pressure, and this has caused all the minerals we mine to gather together and form an orebody. A geologist will drill and test the orebody to estimate its size and grade so others such as mining engineers and economists can work out how to get the rocks out, and determine their value. I find all this extremely interesting, and I really love rocks!

**2. WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?** At present, we have geologists in the field looking for more orebodies to mine so we can provide an ongoing and certain future

for Rosebery and all our stakeholders. You might see some of us out and about with rock hammers investigating extensions to the mine. The future of the Rosebery Mine looks good according to the rocks.

**3. HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME WHEN YOU ARE NOT AT WORK?** I like being really involved where I live, and I'm actively committed to a number of community groups and teams. I've joined the Rosebery Golf Club, where I play (not very well) in the Club competitions, but also for the West Coast Pennants Golf team. Now that the golf season has almost concluded, I am on the Rosebery Toorak Football Club Committee, and am working on my goal umpiring skills. I also enjoy entertaining and am pretty handy around the kitchen. There is certainly plenty to keep me occupied in Rosebery.