

Helping out the Gundy house

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Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines has stepped in with a generous gesture to assist well-known Goldfields resident, Mrs Dorothy Gundry.

Mrs Gundry noticed cracks appearing in her King Street home and called up KCGM Land Administrator, Neil Rankine to come out and inspect her property to see if the cracking was a result of blasting.

“Mrs Gundry’s house cracks were the result of not only age and inadequate drainage, but foundation movements caused by the infamous Kalgoorlie-Boulder clay soil,” said Mr Rankine.

“It’s a common problem that we find in properties that were built under older building codes. These codes did not adequately address the nature of clay soils, which rapidly expand and contract dependent on weather conditions and the moisture content of soils.

“Despite the fact that the cracks were not the result of our operation, we were happy to carry out the repairs as a good will gesture to help Mrs Gundry feel a little more comfortable.

“Although it is not normal practice at KCGM, Mrs Gundry’s age, circumstances and a long association with mining in the Goldfields warranted special consideration.

“Her excellent sense of humour and ability to tell a ripping yarn didn’t hurt either,” said Mr Rankine.

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