

# THE DIRT



## WHAT'S THE DRILL?

In October 2013 the Mine Operations team recognised the need to implement remote drilling to assist with fragmentation around void areas. The remote drilling initiative was included as part of the Full Potential Programme in February 2014 and the new drill rig arrived at KCGM in March 2015.

*"THE DRILL RIG IS OPERATED THROUGH A WIRELESS NETWORK FROM A SPECIALLY DESIGNED TRAILER..."*

Operating a drill rig remotely allows for drilling inside otherwise inaccessible work areas. These areas may contain voids or unstable ground and would normally be off-limits to personnel due to the risks involved. The drill rig is operated through a wireless network from a specially designed trailer situated between 100-300 metres from the rig. Currently the new drill rig is in commissioning stage as operators undergo training, and procedures

are trialed and developed. Once operators are fully trained, drill penetration rates should remain the same as a normal production drill rig.

As KCGM Senior Drill and Blast Engineer Dan Kavanagh explains, apart from the fragmentation improvements the new remote drilling rig has other benefits. "Being away from the drill rig will improve operator comfort as they will be less exposed to operational noise."

Dan also makes mention of the excellent teamwork throughout the entire project. "Between KCGM, Ausdrill and Drill Rigs Australia, the success we've had so far has been excellent, if the rig delivers the results we're hoping for we can look at expanding and extending the initiative long-term."

The remote drill rig is expected to be fully operational from May 2015.



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Welcome to edition 80 of The Dirt.

While I know many of you were working over Easter I'm hoping you had a chance to spend time with family or friends and enjoy an Easter egg or two.

There are plenty of things happening in April and probably the most significant is the planned decommissioning of the roasters at Gidji. The roasters have been operating since 1990 and will close once we make the final transition to full ultra-fine grinding for concentrate treatment. A ceremony has been planned to recognise the occasion and for those who are wondering, yes the stack will be removed within the next few years.

The first rounds of the AFL season have kicked off and if you're in the site footy tipping competition I wish you luck. Our house will be hoping the Sydney Swans can go one better this year and take the flag. The annual KCGM v Kalgoorlie Masters footy match is also happening later this month. Men and women are encouraged to take part so get your boots on or come down and support the KCGM team (who currently hold bragging rights).

In April and May we will take a minute of silence to reflect on the fatalities of Mick

Vitali, an Underground Supervisor, and Andrew Heaney, a Diamond Driller. Having lost my Dad in an underground mining accident, the Remembrance Days are very close to my heart. It's been nearly 19 years since Dad's fatality and we miss him every day. It is so important for us all to "Stop and Think" about those who have lost their lives and made our industry safer, but also focus on the reasons why we want and need to work safely.

Our most important reason for staying safe at work is so that we can go home and spend quality time with our family and friends or enjoy our favourite hobbies. Last week the Berryman Family had our first visit from the Tooth Fairy, a very exciting event when you have little kids. Sometimes we get caught up in the day to day and this was a great personal reminder about the importance of family events and why both Tim and I want and need to stay safe.

We all need to live our Vital Behaviours to help keep us safe at work so that we can enjoy the things in life that we love.

*Michelle Berryman*

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## THE DIRT

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING  
DIRT WORTHY? DON'T JUST  
READ IT BE PART OF IT...

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# SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE



As part of the Vital Behaviours initiative to invite guest speakers to site, Murray Joyce visited KCGM throughout March to share his safety experience and knowledge.

Murray's industry experience includes 22 years working in a variety of roles at the Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter, with 14 of those years spent in Safety Training. Murray is also a member of the Community Reference Group, which meets monthly with KCGM to discuss planning, operations and feedback.

Attending and presenting at a number of safety meetings across site, Murray was impressed with the committed and robust safety discussions taking place wherever he went. "Everybody should be encouraged to speak up about safety concerns and generate potential

solutions. Every day is a changing scene with different needs and circumstances. Adapt, modify and read the play. Your contribution to safety on the job has to be made every day. You are vital to safety awareness."

Feedback from the meeting participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many saying they felt empowered and inspired by Murray's knowledge and engaging presentation skills.

## KIMS COMMS

The KCGM Integrated Management System (KIMS) continues to be updated throughout 2015. The key objective of the system is to provide a central location for all standards, procedures and associated documents. Training videos, presentations and communication tools can also be found within KIMS.

Standard Owners will establish working groups by the end of April to review the current

standards and ensure applicability to KCGM and our operations. Meetings with Standard Owners will continue over the coming months to provide everyone with the assistance they need to make the system a success.

The system can be accessed through the KIMS tab located on the front page of the KCGM intranet. Any questions you have regarding KIMS should be directed to your Supervisor. Alternatively, Mark Patten, Integrated

Management System (IMS) Coordinator can answer any questions on 9022 1113.



Whether it's organising access for personnel, maintaining data entry systems or providing direct support for management and their departments, the site Secretaries and Administrators are the ones busily working behind the scenes keeping everything running smoothly.

Meet Claire Moyle, Mt Charlotte Secretary. After moving to Australia from New Zealand in 2008, Claire has also worked in administrative roles for both the Gold Stealing Detection Unit and a Goldfields mining exploration company.

Claire began her stint with KCGM two years ago, working with the Reliability

## THE PROFILE

### CLAIRE MOYLE



Maintenance team before shifting across to Sam Pearce and into her current role. As Claire explains, being part of a relatively small work group has its advantages. "Everyone up here knows everyone else so it's a really fun, vibrant and supportive place to work."

With her parents having also moved out from New Zealand, Claire knows she is fortunate to have her family around, spending as much time as she can with them when not at work. "I also have 3 kids of my own and I'm constantly running around after them, whether it's school or sport or any of the other number of things they're into. They have a better social life than their Mum."



## LOOKING OUT

As promised in the last edition of The DIRT, the KCGM Super Pit Lookout has had a complete makeover and has re-opened. As well as a new colour scheme, all information and entry signage has been updated and replaced, and the blast siren reconnected.

The siren is sounded over communication channels for five minutes before detonation and visitors to the lookout will be able to hear it in anticipation of seeing the spectacle of a blast.

The entire renovation project took two weeks and the stunning results are well worth a look.

The Super Pit Lookout is open to the public 7 days a week from 7am to 7pm.

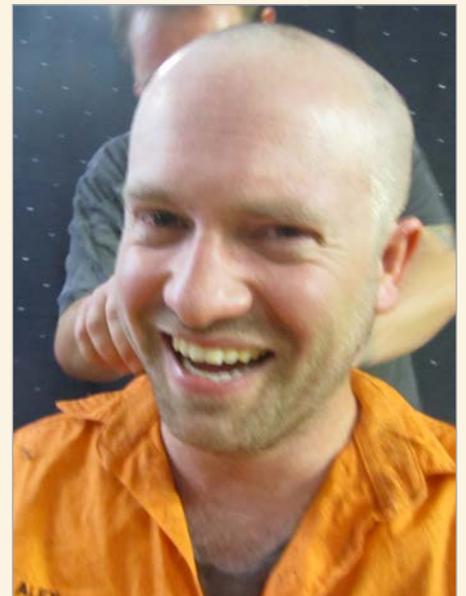
## SHAVING LIVES



On a recent Saturday night at the Boulder Ex-Servicemen's Memorial Club, one of KCGM's Mechanical Reliability Engineers lost something very close to him. Going one better than most, Alex Russo had both his head and chin shaved to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation through the World's Greatest Shave.

Alex raised over \$1,000 himself, his team generated over \$5,000 and an impressive \$14 million in total was raised across Australia. As you can see from the photos, Alex's hairic efforts have transformed him in more ways than one.

"Apart from the good vibe you get from sacrificing something for a worthy cause, the new look actually feels great. Being an engineer, I can appreciate the need for sleek design with minimal required maintenance."



## BOUNCE DOWN



Late April will see KCGM once again battle it out in the annual friendly footy match against the Kalgoorlie Masters Football Club (KMFC). Despite no one taking responsibility for keeping score last year it was clearly a victory for KCGM so the KMFC will be hungry to take back bragging rights.

The game is played according to AFL Masters Modified Rules to minimise injuries and maximise participation, which means anyone of any age, gender or skill level is encouraged

to play. Last year saw Helen Barbour, KCGM Environment Officer give the lads a run for their money and she is encouraging as many women as possible to get involved this time.

Contact Brodie Clynk on [bclynk@kalgold.com.au](mailto:bclynk@kalgold.com.au) or 0417 881 697 if you are interested in playing or just turn up and show your support. An optional training session will be held on Tuesday April 14 at 6pm. Bounce down for the game is 6pm Friday April 17 at Morrison Oval and a BBQ will be held after the game.

## MAJOR MILESTONES

### 20 Years of Service:

Neil Dunlop, Mineral Processing

### 15 Years of Service:

Neil Armstrong, Mining

John Coyle, Mining

### 10 Years of Service:

Jodie Russell, Business and Administration

Phillip Edwards, Mining

Ruka Skedgwell, Mining

Clayton Denney, Mining

Brent Varischetti, Business and Administration

Norman Shew, Mining

### 5 Years of Service:

Elliot Hunter, Mining

Darcey Hunter, Mining

Michael Junker, Reliability

Ihaia Martin, Mining

Karen Clifford, Mining

Adam Wilson, Mineral

Noel Hand, Reliability

Brendan Crooks, Mining

Peter Graves, Mining

Phillip Nelson, Mining

Christopher Hesford, Mine Technical Services

Leanne Coulter, Mining

Belal Al Sheik Ali, Mining

Fiona Baker, Mining

David Close, Mining

## KCGM CORE VALUES

### March Core Values Champions

**Ibrahim Omari**, Senior Long Term Planning Engineer: Ibrahim has been working overtime on the Morrison Cutback scoping study/AFE regularly for the past 18 months to ensure timely completion.

**Matt May**, Production Coordinator: Matt has been attending site after hours to maintain LV access and re-establish E-zones, enabling maintenance of safe access to operations.

**Tony Rewita**, Truck Operator: Tony observed a big rock roll out of the dig face and alerted the loader to cease work until the situation could be rectified.

**Brendan Crooks**, Shovel Operator: Brendan is always helpful on the 2-way radio when communication confusion arises and is willing to speak up when an operator fails to follow a procedure.

**Pat Elliott**, Truck Operator: Pat cleaned up the toe of a pit wall in his own time.

**Steve Blechynden**, Senior Geotechnician: Steve has provided assistance to Mineral Processing in identifying and addressing assay sample concerns, improving assay result accuracy.

**Paul Keenan**, Shift Supervisor: Paul cancelled his annual leave to help workmates during a major shutdown.

**Wayne Bowles and Scott Gleeson**, Tierney Contractors: Wayne and Scott stopped work on the Super Pit Lookout when the nature of the job changed, allowing time for review of safety procedures and documentation.

**Richard Whiter**, Ancillary Operator: Richard alerted operators to a large overhanging rock above a shovel and truck.

**Raquel Ryan**, Truck Operator: Raquel noticed an LV about to cross behind a shovel, contacted the LV driver and reminded them confirmation to cross was required from the shovel operator.