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**Over the past six months we have been working towards securing our future to achieve a century of mining together, whilst continuing to maintain our focus on Zero Harm Operations. As you read this, we will have achieved over 90 days injury free.**

Northparkes is in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year of operation. I would like to acknowledge the work done by many before me to create the business I'm proud to lead today. I've been very impressed with the Northparkes culture and how warmly I've been welcomed by everyone.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself and share some information about my background. From having worked around the world in the United States, Chile, Canada, Brazil and Africa, I have a strong background in mining, operations and projects.

I've been in the copper and gold mining industry for 31 years now, having worked most of my career in technical and operational roles. When I'm not working, I enjoy the outdoors – playing golf, camping and fishing.

As always we have had the opportunity to showcase our business to visitors – one being the Hon. Don Harwin, MLC Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for the Arts and Vice President of the Executive Council. We are proud to be the first mine the Minister visited since taking on the Resources portfolio earlier this year.

In April, our closest neighbours were invited for a tour of our underground operations. This is the first time in a number of years that our neighbours have gone underground and, from all accounts, everyone enjoyed the experience.

Our Volunteer Leave Program is continuing to see great results. So far we've volunteered at St. Vincent De Paul, Northparkes Rotary Fun Run, Parkes High School, Life Education Swim Relay and the NSW PSSA AFL Championships.



We welcomed our 2017 apprentices and Indigenous Scholarship recipient into our business. This included three apprentices and one Indigenous Scholarship recipient.

**Jim Fowler**  
Northparkes Mines Managing Director

## Maize Crops

This year we grew our first ever large-scale maize crop on our Forbes farming operations. The maize crop was cut for silage (cattle feed) in March. The 1,100 horse power forage harvester is capable of harvesting the corn at six tonnes per minute. This means a semi-trailer is being loaded every four to five minutes.



# NSW Mining Industry and Supplier Awards

**On Thursday 6 April, we had the honour of attending the NSW Mining Industry and Supplier Awards. We co-sponsored the event together with Evolution-Cowal and Newcrest-Cadia; it was a great opportunity to showcase the Central West.**

We had finalists in two award categories: Northparkes Mines – Mining Operation of the Year and Roslyn Dalton – Exceptional Woman in Mining. We are incredibly proud of these achievements.

**Right:** Jeromie Thomson, Mr Philip Donato MP Member for Orange, the Hon. Adam Searle MLC, Shadow Minister for Resources and Energy and Luke Jones.



# Life Education

We are proud to be able to support Life Education as it plays such an important role in promoting health education for school aged children. With our support, 25 local schools can continue to receive Life Education's program.

We are now in our sixth year of supporting Life Education. Each year we've contributed \$11,150, with the funding directed to the Parkes and Forbes Shires to the benefit of the local community.

Life Education plays an important role in promoting health education for school aged children, which reinforces our belief in the benefits of healthy living.

**Right:** Justine Fisher, The Mayor of Parkes, Ken Keith OAM, Archi Rix, Kellie Sloane, Madeline Blackstock and Ali Creith.



# Volunteering

We continue to support the local community through our Volunteer Leave Program. So far this year we have volunteered at St. Vincent De Paul, Northparkes Rotary Fun Run, Parkes High School, Life Education Swim Relay and the NSW PSSA AFL Championships. This included sorting clothes, marshalling traffic, teaching first aid, swimming laps at the Parkes Pool and cooking barbeques. In total 26 employees have donated 114 hours of their time towards our program.

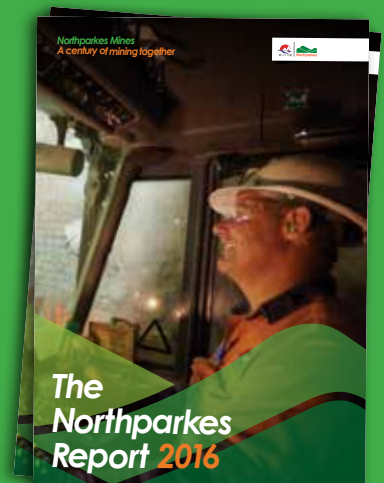
Our teams are looking forward to volunteering their time at the upcoming shows including Parkes and Forbes. Trundle Bush Tucker day is also a regular on our volunteering calendar so keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates.

**Remember, if you have a project you need a hand with, please contact Ali Creith on 02 6861 3621.**



## 2016 Northparkes Report

Our annual Northparkes Report is an opportunity to share our achievements and results with you. As we reflect on the year, we are proud of what we accomplished together with our people and our community. We invite you to read the report, which is published on our website – [www.northparkes.com](http://www.northparkes.com). If you would like a hard copy, please contact Ali Creith on 6861 3621.



# Community Investment Program

Northparkes has two Community Investment Program rounds annually with \$40,000 awarded to successful applicants each round – a total of \$80,000 in funding to community events and projects. The first round of the program for 2017 closed on 30 April with a total of \$29,430 distributed across 18 groups. The successful recipients included:

- Parkes Chamber of Commerce
- Kalari-Lachlan River Arts Festival
- Peak Hill Swimming Club
- Central West Lachlan Landcare
- Parkes/Forbes Cake Decorators Guild
- Forbes Town and District Band
- CanAssist Charity Golf Day
- Combined Crafts Group
- AUSIMM Canberra Student Chapter
- Forbes Eisteddfod
- Peak Hill PA & H Association

- Trundle P & A Society
- Little Wiradjuri Dance Group
- Tullamore PA & H Association
- Parkes Shire Food Service
- Wiradjuri Council of Elders
- Paint Parkes REaD
- Peak Hill Tennis Club

The next round of funding closes on 30 October 2017. For more information, please visit our website: [www.northparkes.com](http://www.northparkes.com)



# International Women's Day

**On Wednesday 8 March, people gathered in Cooke Park for coffee, morning tea and a chat to recognise and celebrate International Women's Day.**

Guest speaker, Karen Creith shared her story from how she went from furniture retailer to magazine columnist and author in a few short years.

The event was a great success, raising \$200 for women's health services provided by Ochre Health.

**Top right:** Michelle Wetherell and Gabe Albert.

**Top left:** John Creith, Karen Creith (guest speaker) and Cathy O'Grady.

**Bottom:** Esther Bruce, Kelsie Thompson, Alex Warren and Bronte Warren.



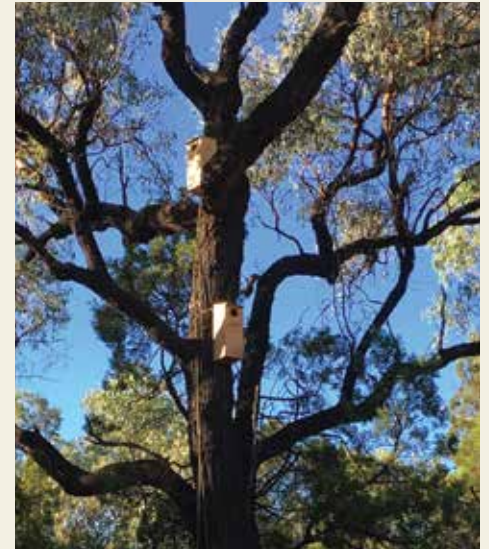
# Operations update

A significant milestone of 200 days injury free was reached late last year. Over 1500 different people worked at Northparkes during these days. This achievement represents a consistent commitment to Zero Harm Operations, which our employees should be proud of.

Following three injuries that were sustained earlier in the year, we have reached over 90 days injury free and counting. We will continue to focus on maintaining Zero Harm Operations, to improve upon this record.

Our Exploration team are continuing to drill on a number of sites near to the mine. Drilling has been halted during cropping season, but will resume after harvest.

In March, the Environment team installed approximately 80 nest boxes across Northparkes farms and offset areas. They were installed for a range of species that require hollow trees for nesting or roosting. This includes parrots, sugar gliders, bats and possums.



	2017 Quarter 1
Ore milled (tonnes)	1,617,600
Copper metal (tonnes)	12,151
Gold (ounces)	10,812

# Northparkes visitors

**1.** On Thursday 20 April, we had the pleasure of hosting Senator the Hon. Matthew Canavan, Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, and the Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Member for Riverina and Minister for Small Business. Senator Canavan and Minister McCormack toured the end-to-end process from our underground mine through to the mill.

Minister McCormack commented on what an outstanding opportunity it was to see a state-of-the-art, world class mine in operation.

We were also joined by the Mayor, Ken Keith OAM and General Manager, Kent Boyd from Parkes Shire Council.

**2.** On Friday 21 April, we hosted a visit from Mr Philip Donato MP Member for Orange. Philip was taken on a tour of the E48 underground mine where he viewed the E48 automatic loaders in operation. This was followed by a tour through our Ore Processing plant viewing the visio-froth flotation process and the final copper concentrate product.

**3.** On Sunday 23 April, we welcomed the Hon. Don Harwin, MLC Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for the Arts and Vice President of the Executive Council.

We are proud to be the first mine the Minister visited since taking on the Resources portfolio earlier this year. Minister Harwin toured our end-to-end production process including our fully automated underground block-cave E48 mine.



# Indigenous Scholarship

The Northparkes Indigenous Scholarship Program saw Courtney Straney receive a scholarship this year. Courtney is from Condobolin and is currently studying a Bachelor of Law and Commerce at the University of Western Sydney.

Courtney received \$5,000 as well as a laptop to assist with her studies. In addition to financial support, Courtney will also receive ongoing support from Northparkes during her semesters before heading out to site to complete vacation work during university holidays.

Courtney joins a cohort of nine Indigenous tertiary students who are studying various fields.



# Lester Plummer Apprentice of the Year

**A new award has been created in honour of our friend and colleague Lester Plummer, who passed away in 2015. Lester always took a keen interest in our apprentices.**

The inaugural Lester Plummer Apprentice of the Year award winner was Alec Edwards. Alec recently graduated from his Electrical Apprenticeship program and accepted a permanent full-time role with Northparkes.

