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Sliver of Silver

For the past 30 years the world has used up more silver than has been mined, and today silver inventories are near all-time record low levels.



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A New Beginning at Bowdens

As the representative of new management, I am delighted to welcome you to our first issue of the Bowdens Silver Community Newsletter.

On 30th June 2016, Silver Mines Limited finalised the acquisition of 100% of the Bowdens Silver project from Kingsgate Consolidated Limited. The project is now under new management.

Bowdens Silver is the largest undeveloped silver deposit in Australia and one of the largest globally and it is our priority to bring this exceptional project quickly and sensibly to the production stage.

In recent months our focus has been on employing new staff to continue the large amount of technical work that was begun by previous owners. The response to our first information and employment open days held in June was far greater than expected showing the high level of local interest in potential employment opportunities within the company. Close to 20 new staff members have come on board and I am pleased to say we have been able to source the vast majority of our employees from the district.

On 20th November, we will be holding an Open Day, our first one to be held on-site and I would like to welcome everyone in the community to come and hear about our upcoming activities and meet members of the Bowdens Silver team.

Anthony McClure
Director
Bowdens Silver Pty Limited

PROJECT UPDATE

Over recent months we have undertaken a range of activities to progress the project and consolidate our data and information in preparation for completing the Feasibility Study and the Environmental Impact Statement for lodgement in mid-2017.

After delays due to heavy rain and flooding, we began a comprehensive 15,000 metre exploration drilling program which will further our understanding of the Bowdens Silver mineralised system. Currently there are two drill rigs operating on site extracting core samples via a diamond hole drilling process. Some of the recent drill core will be on display at the Open Day and our team of geologists will be there to explain how this amazing mineral deposit was formed all those millions of years ago.

We were forced to delay the start of the aerial geophysical survey due to heavy rain across the State, however work by our contractors began during the first week of November with an anticipated duration of three weeks. The purpose of the aerial survey is to map the natural variations in the earth's magnetic field and radiometric response. The survey area encompasses our regional exploration licence areas from the north of Gulgong extending to Kandos.



We have an excellent environment team on site who undertake a range of activities including water, air, noise and visual monitoring and ensuring environmental compliance in everything we do both across both our exploration and farming activities. Our website will soon have a detailed map where you can see the various monitoring and sampling sites.

It has been a busy time during September and October with drilling activities, managing erosion from the recent heavy rains and undertaking the usual comprehensive environmental monitoring programs. Along with our consultants we have also been further mapping the ecological systems and installing new noise meters. As we move into the warmer months there will be an increased focus on our bushfire prevention activities.

For additional information, you can visit our website www.bowdenssilver.com.au where you can also subscribe to future newsletters.



UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

DATE: 20th November 2016

LOCATION: "Bowdens Silver" 68 Maloneys Road, Lue

TIME: 10:30am

Please join us at our first Community Open Day to be held on site. The open day will be a great opportunity to visit the site to get an understanding of what's currently happening and also our plans for the future. A number of the Bowdens Silver team members will be there and we look forward to meeting you on the day. Rylstone-Kandos Rotary Club will be holding a free BBQ on the day and we encourage all family members to come along.

To help us with catering requirements, please RSVP to:
rsvp@bowdenssilver.com.au or phone 6373 6740.

Community Consultative Committee

During July, Bowdens Silver announced it was establishing a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) in conjunction with the Department of Industry, Division of Resources and Energy and the Mid-Western Regional Council. We received a number of nominations from interested community members who want to play a role in developing meaningful communication about the economic, social and environmental impacts of the project and to share that within the local community. The CCC will meet quarterly with the inaugural meeting scheduled for 14th November 2016. Minutes from the CCC meetings will be available on our website.



Community Partnerships

At Bowdens Silver, we are committed to being an involved and engaged member of our community. We believe we have an opportunity to have a positive impact on our neighbouring communities both socially and economically and look forward to supporting community events and initiatives and to developing strong bonds with all our stakeholders.

We look forward in the future to giving primary and secondary schools and other educational institutions the opportunity to have excursions on site to learn about agriculture, geology, mining and the environment and to collaborating on educational possibilities to provide enhanced opportunities for learning.

At present, some of our community and educational partnerships include, the Rylstone-Kandos Show, the Kandos Country Women's Association, Mudgee Wombats Rugby Union Club, Lue Public School and Macquarie University.

Please contact Blake Hjorth for community and educational sponsorship opportunities via blakehjorth@bowdenssilver.com.au.

FIRST AID & SNAKE SAFETY

With all of our site staff we have held a range of safety and task induction courses. These courses provide a practical way to ensure our team has the necessary training to ensure a safe and healthy working environment.

In preparation for the warmer months ahead, all staff members participated in a venomous animal awareness course. In addition, some members also completed a venomous snakes identification and catching course. The purpose of the course was to ensure that we have the ability to deal safely and effectively with any snake we may come across in our daily duties on site. The course provided an extensive first aid component, theory elements around snake behaviour and favoured habitats and also a number of different practical sessions designed to increase the participant's skills in catching and releasing snakes in a safe and minimal-stress environment. A number of different snake species were used in the practical exercises including death adders, inland taipans, mulgas, brown and black snakes.



Are you a budding amateur photographer? Would you like to win a prize for one of your photos? Our new website will shortly be up and running which will have details on our photography competition.