



Goschen Project Newsletter

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Project Update

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act Approval

The Goschen Project received approval in September from the Federal Government under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. This approval confirms the project meets the Commonwealth government's environmental standards and allows VHM to proceed with final design, construction planning and operational readiness activities.

Cultural Heritage Assessment Work

Additional Cultural Heritage Assessments were carried out at the pump station site at Kangaroo Lake and along the route of the water pipeline during August and September. This work was completed by Archaeologists from VHM's Heritage Advisor, with assistance from members of the Barapa Barapa and Wamba Wemba Communities. The work included conducting an intrusive assessment of the culturally sensitive areas at the pump station site and along the pipeline route. The outcome of these assessments will allow the approval of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan, which is a pre-requisite approval to allow the Work Plan currently with ERR to be approved. The positive relationships established with the Barapa Barapa and Wamba Wemba communities over the last six months will also play an important part in our Community Engagement going forward.

Bernie Hyde



*VHM Executive General Manager –
Operations Readiness*

Work Plan Submission

The Goschen Project Work Plan continues to be reviewed by the Resources Victoria technical team, and we remain hopeful of a positive outcome in the coming months. Once approved, the remaining permits and licences can be granted by the relevant regulatory agencies. The Work Plan incorporates all the recommendations listed as part of the Minister's endorsement of the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) received in December 2024.

Supporting Golden Rivers Football Netball League

VHM have supported the Golden Rivers Football Netball League for the past three years and once again participated in presenting awards at the leagues' presentation evening and the Grand Final day. This is the Golden Rivers final year of competition with all remaining teams joining neighbouring leagues in 2026. VHM have been proud to support football and netball at the grassroots level and we wish all teams the best of luck in their new leagues.



Worker Accommodation

The accommodation expression of interest commenced earlier in the year narrowed the field for accommodation village options for the Project down to 3 options. The process has been paused temporarily while the final approvals are being worked through.

New CEO Andrew King

This week we welcome Andrew King as VHM's Chief Executive Officer. He brings over 30 years of leadership across private equity, maritime and logistics, resources, infrastructure, and international trade. Andrew has a strong record of delivering complex projects with a focus on safety, performance and community.

We look forward to working together to deliver Goschen and to build a reliable Australian supply of rare earths for future industries.



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