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We had an incredible time celebrating 30 years of operations with the community at our Cheers to 30 Years Festival in October.

More than 8,000 people came along for the largest ever stand-alone event in Cooke Park. With Daryl Braithwaite as our headliner, supported by local band Foxy Cleopatra and indigenous solo artist Isaac Compton, the vibes were high. We had a special visit from Bluey while the kids enjoyed our inflatable world, and everyone got plenty to eat from the food options available. Thank you to everyone who came along and celebrated this huge milestone with us. During August we also held an official ceremony onsite to recognise the occasion with special guests and our employees. See more photos from these events on page 3-4.

SOURCE

The **Northparkes** Community Newsletter

A message from our General Manager, **Rob Cunningham.**

Welcome back to our last Source for 2024. We have had a massive year at Northparkes with many successes and celebrations, and a lot of hard work along the way. I would like to congratulate our team for their efforts throughout 2024.

You may have been a part of our biggest celebration this year with our Cheers to 30 Years Festival. The festival was a way for us to say thank you to our communities for the last 30 years of support for Northparkes. We have been side by side during the years as over 90 per cent of our employees live locally. We have been together through the good times and also some of the harder times in recent years. We hope if you did make it to the festival, you got to enjoy the afternoon of entertainment, and maybe even had a little dance!

We also welcomed state and local politicians, Evolution leadership, community representatives and of course our employees to an onsite event that marked the significant milestone. While we are proud to have marked 30 years, we are looking forward to another 30 as a member of the Central West community.

Internally we have had a strong focus on safety with several campaigns encouraging everyone to focus on no injuries, no incidents, and to be in control. Giving people permission to pause along with several safety training courses conducted throughout the year has helped our safety performance. Safety is the most important thing we focus on each shift, and I am proud of our team for putting it first.

Across the operations we have had several major shutdowns in 2024. The first in April and then another in June/July totaling over 14,000 people hours worked. These are the largest shutdowns we have ever completed. It is a credit to everyone involved that both



shutdowns were completed without any injuries, our number one priority.

From January to September Northparkes produced 18,281 ounces of gold and 14,547 tonnes of copper. This is a great result on the back of an extremely busy year also integrating our site into the Evolution family, which is now complete.

Finally, we continue to work with our community with on-going and open consultation with our Wiradjuri Executive Committee, our Community Consultative Committee, local councils and our neighbours. These relationships and those with other community members and groups will always be critical to Northparkes as we move forward on our journey together.

From everyone here at Northparkes, we wish you a safe and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. We will see you at the Parkes Elvis Festival in January!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Cunningham'.

Rob

Quarterly Results **Evolution Mining**

- September quarter gold and copper production was 193,554 ounces and 19,059 tonnes respectively.
- All-in Sustaining Cost (AISC) of \$1,569 per ounce (US\$1,051/oz4).
- Group cash flow of \$108M increased the September quarter cash balance by 20% to \$484M.
- Operating mine cash flow of \$429M representing a 61% margin at \$2,227 per ounce.

All amounts are expressed in Australian dollars unless stated otherwise.



Our future

Northparkes operates under the conditions of our Project Approval (11_0060). Some changes and improvements require government approved modifications before they can be implemented. Modifications 11 and 12 are under review with the NSW government, which include:

- A sub-level cave under the existing E48 Block Cave
- Increase size of the approved E28NE Open Pit
- Additional water storage
- Improvements to ore handling arrangements.

These modifications are unlikely to result in any material changes to impacts associated with our operations.

Additional potential ore resources have been identified by Northparkes. Development of these additional resources and associated operational components will necessitate a new approval for the Northparkes operations, this will be informed by rigorous environmental impact assessment processes and would extend operations beyond the approved mine life, which is currently until the end of 2032. We will be actively engaging with the community as mine planning and project designs are further developed.



Exploration progress

Our Northparkes Exploration team is always searching for new ore resources to secure our future. To identify these resources, the team conducts drilling operations to collect core samples from the ground. Recent drilling at a site known as Major Tom, has revealed good mineralisation in the samples, which suggests the area has potential for future mining activities. At another potential site, known as E51, drilling has targeted near surface ore, where we are finding encouraging results.

The success of our exploration drilling program onsite strengthens our operations and offers potential for a short-term additional ore source. This will support our ongoing work and our Life of Mine.

For more information, please refer to our latest ASX announcement titled "Exploration Success Continues to Unlock Growth Potential Across the Portfolio," dated 16 October 2024, available on our website at Evolution Mining ASX Announcements.

Northparkes Operations

9,879 ounces of gold produced in September quarter.

\$35m operating mine cash flow in September.

\$1,815 All-in Sustaining Cost (AISC).

7,181 tonnes of copper produced in September quarter.

All Northparkes metrics including cash flow, mining and processing tonnages, gold and copper produced are reported as Evolution's 80% attributable share. Results for Northparkes for the December quarter throughout this report are for the period from 16 - 31 December 2023.

On Wednesday 21 August, we commemorated the official opening of Northparkes in 1994. In attendance were our employees, state and local government, neighbours, and community members as well a very special acknowledgment of country by the Bogan Billa Cultural Dance Group.

Once again, thank you to our employees, past and present for what you and your families have contributed to Northparkes to make our business what it is today.



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Community Excellent Finalist

The Frontline Services Ball has raised over \$170,000 so far from two events. Northparkes Operations is the major sponsor of the ball, and the majority of the working committee are Northparkes employees, led by Gabe Albert and Natalie Simpson.

Earlier in the year the ball was nominated for the NSW Mining Health, Safety, Environment and Community Awards in the Community Excellence category. While we didn't win, we are extremely proud of the efforts of the committee for the huge impact they have already made.

Recipients of the funds so far have included Ronald McDonald House in Orange, the Parkes PCYC and our frontline services.



Working with our community

Since the last edition of Source, we've been busy engaging with the community through various initiatives and events.

One of our most important stakeholders are the miners of tomorrow - students! We welcomed Parkes Christian School to site with nearly 40 students from Year 1 and 2 learning all about the minerals we process. The students heard from our Life of Mine and Ore Processing teams, explored fossils and did hands-on activities during their visit. They asked great questions, showing their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. We look forward to hosting more school visits from the community next year.

In July some of our employees also volunteered with the Bright Future STEM Program. They visited local

primary schools in the area including Holy Family, Middleton, St Laurence's, Forbes Public, Dubbo North and Dubbo South. They ran activities that brought science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to life. Feedback from our team highlighted the importance of these programs, helping students understand the real world applications of what they learn in the classroom.

In October we held our Wiradjuri Executive Committee (WEC) and Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meetings. During the CCC meeting, we provided a business update from the last quarter, sharing insights into our recent safety initiatives and ongoing projects. We also discussed our approval updates and welcomed encouraging feedback on our community engagement efforts.



Would you like to join the committee to be a part of this update and represent the community? Contact our Independent Chair, David Johnson on 0412 160 200.

Sophie's Indigenous Scholarship Journey



Sophie Lestrage has already experienced more of Australia than most of us will do in our lifetime. Sophie was one of the first ever recipients of the Northparkes Indigenous Scholarships back in 2011. She began her Bachelor in Dentistry at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga in 2012 and over the next few years became a part of the Northparkes family. "It is hard to put into words how the scholarship has helped me. I don't think I would be where I am today without it. Starting university would have been harder without the financial support and completing the work placements – that ultimately set me up for my career – would not have happened," Sophie said.

In her university breaks the scholarship meant Sophie could complete paid work-experience onsite with our Health, Safety and Environment team. "I did this for a few years which helped me see how health roles interact with so many others onsite."

In her second year of uni, the scholarship really kicked into gear, with Northparkes helping to facilitate paid work placements for Sophie in various health organisations throughout the region. "My placement with The Poche Centre for Indigenous Health (UNSW) in Goondiwindi really set my career up. I worked with the team who provided dental treatment to indigenous people. This broadened my experience and skills beyond what I could have got purely through uni studies."



That work placement ended up being where Sophie would get her first role out of uni as a qualified dentist. "I moved to Goondiwindi and serviced the communities of Boggabilla, Toomelah, Moree, Mungindi and Wee Waa."

In 2017, Sophie moved to the Northern Territory (NT) where she spent 18 months working in a NT Health Dental Clinic providing care to school-aged children in the Katherine region. She travelled by road and air to various remote communities, and thrived in the NT lifestyle.

After a short break working on a cattle station in Central QLD riding horses, driving tractors and chasing cattle, she was back into her dental work. This time in Weipa, Northern QLD working with school-aged children again. "I loved being able to go to remote communities, and the challenges that arose with that sort of work. There was also plenty of fish to catch and we spent a lot of time in the boat."

In 2021, Sophie and her partner moved to Darwin and over the next three years held several roles in the NT Health Service. During that time she started thinking about career progression, and on top of everything she was already doing – decided to sign up for Medicine. She is now 25% of the way to becoming a doctor. "I look back and can't believe it's been 13 years since I finished school and received the Northparkes Indigenous Scholarship."

"If you are going to go to university – apply for this scholarship. It's different to many others that aren't awarded well into the semester – this one is awarded before you begin, helping with financial strain right from the start. But better than the financial help is the opportunity to complete work placement in the field you are studying. This literally got me my first job out of uni."

Lastly, I think it's important to remember sometimes you fail – and I did too. I failed a subject and Northparkes helped me even more during that time. The scholarship was so much more than just financial support.

It was friends, mentors, learning, exposure and fun times – so what are you waiting for?"

Each year Northparkes has multiple scholarships available.

To learn more, call 02 6861 3311 or visit our Facebook page - Evolution Mining Northparkes Operations.



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2024 community contributions

Northparkes Community Investment Program

- Parkes Country Universities Centre
- Forbes Birth to Kinder Inc
- Holy Family Parish School P&F
- Bedgerabong Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Association
- Lachlan District Women's Rugby League Club
- Talk2mebro
- Combined Crafts Group
- Trundle Bush Tucker Day
- Middleton Public School P&C
- Currajong Disability Services
- Forbes Pony Club
- Serenity Space
- Forbes Men's Shed
- Lachlan Maternity Unit
- Forbes District Hospital
- Central West Lachlan Landcare
- Bogan Gate Community Memorial Hall
- Neighbourhood Central
- Galari River Arts Forbes
- Parkes QUE Club
- Forbes Community OSHC
- Trundle Children's Centre
- Community Kids Parkes
- Peak Hill Roosters Rugby League Football Club
- Trundle Gym
- Forbes District Machinery Club
- Blue Day Canowindra Event
- Parkes Girl Guides
- Forbes High School Support Unit
- Forbes National BBQ Championships
- Trundle Afternoon on the Green Event
- Girinyalanha Girls Group
- Engedi Enrichment Program
- The Never Late Fe-mail Postie Bike Ride
- Trundle Central School
- Bedgerabong Tennis Club
- Parkes Early Childhood Centre
- St Joseph's Primary School
- Parkes PCYC

Other investments

- Parkes Elvis Festival
- Trundle ABBA Festival
- Parkes Show
- Frost and Fire Festival
- Aboriginal Projects Officer role
- Parkes Shire Council Grants Officer role
- Life Education
- Project Sprouts

Parkes Sports Grants

In partnership with Parkes Shire Council

- Parkes and District Kennel Club Inc
- Parkes Tennis Club
- Parkes Marist Junior Rugby League
- Parkes PCYC
- Parkes Golf Club Inc
- Parkes and District Amateur Soccer Association
- Parkes Jockey Club
- Parkes Services Squash Centre
- Parkes Little Athletics Centre Inc
- Parkes Swimming Club
- Parkes Sporting Shooters Association
- Parkes Touch Association
- Parkes East Public School

Rising Star Awards

In partnership with Parkes Shire Council

- Ryker Moore - Athletics
- Toby Morgan - Athletics, Soccer and Swimming
- Aaryab Gautam - Football
- Mason Wild - Motorcycle Racing
- Henry Kross - Squash
- Max Jones - Squash
- Arlo Cassidy - Athletics
- Nate Calabro - Athletics
- Davey Saunders - Basketball
- Khan Jackson - Rugby League
- Vashti Williams - Athletics and Cricket

In-kind support

- Community Investment Program information session
- Job-ready session with PCYC
- ECO Day
- Parkes Show
- Peak Hill Show
- Apprentice information session
- Trundle Bush Tucker Day
- Aboriginal Career and Training Expo
- Forbes Galari Arts Festival

Do you have a question about our Community Investment Program?

Contact the Communications and Engagement team on 02 6863 3556 or email npo.externalrelations@evolutionmining.com