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Exploring new gold potential

STAWELL - Stawell based exploration company, Navarre Discovery, has been awarded priority by the Department of Primary Industries for a new exploration licence in the Landsborough area.

This will become the first tenement secured by the company in the Northern Grampians Shire, with the company's other tenements located near Horsham, Bendigo and Ballarat.

Company Managing Director, Geoff McDermott, said he was excited by the prospectivity of the exploration licence area, which includes the historic Kingston Mine workings and most of the Landsborough goldfield. The tenement covers 260 square kilometres of the prospective Landsborough Fault and is located less than 40 kilometres from Northgate's Stawell Gold Mines ore processing facility.

Mr McDermott said the potential for exploration success in this area was extremely high, given the tenor

of high grade gold assay results returned from previous drilling.

"With the exception of Western Mining Corporation, who were then owners of the Stawell Gold Mine, no detailed geophysical surveys have been undertaken to assist identification of potential target areas," he said.

"Previous drill results have been outstanding with mineralisation intersected at very shallow depths. If we are able to build on that and find repetitions of this type of quartz reef, then it all looks very promising."

"If our exploration is successful by outlining an economic mineral resource, one option would be to look at negotiating an off take agreement with the Stawell Mine to process the ore."

Mr McDermott said Navarre had selected the Landsborough area for a number of important reasons. These include:

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The Stawell Salvation Army is gearing up for its annual Red Shield Appeal at the end of May and is calling on the community to dig deep when volunteers come knocking. Pictured with their Red Shield Appeal kits are Michelle Fricker and Bill Byron. See story page 2. Picture - EVELYN BEALE.



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\$189,000

New gold potential Dig deep for Red Shield Appeal

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- Area of historic gold production from both deep lead alluvial and lode quartz reef sources. Incomplete production records from the Kingston mine between 1900-03 show 3000 ounces were mined at an average grade of 7.3 grams of gold per tonne. This grade relates favourably with the published ore reserve grade at Stawell Gold Mines which averages 4.2g gold per tonne.
- The mineralisation has an unusual north east trend at a point where the Landsborough Fault splits into two large parallel north west trending faults. The possibility of finding depth extensions and repetitions of this north east trending mineralisation is a compelling target.
- There has been virtually no deep drilling below

100m depth from surface at the historic Kingston mine site.

- Modest shallow gold resources have been estimated by the former tenement holder to be in the order of 16,000 ozs from 113,000 tonnes for the Kingston Mine.
- Potential for discovery of basalt dome associated 'Stawell Magdala' type mineralisation. At Stawell's Magdala mine, gold mineralisation is intimately associated with a Cambrian age basalt dome. Gold mineralisation is draped on the western flank of this basalt dome. Geoscience Victoria's (2006) seismic line survey (commonly used in oil and gas exploration) just north of the Kingston Mine shows that the Landsborough Fault may contain slithers of the same Cambrian basalt found at Stawell.

A geophysics report commissioned by the previous tenement holder has identified a Stawell analogue south of the Kingston Mine near the Landsborough goldfield and suggest the presence of magnetic bands of possible greenstone elsewhere within the lease.

Mr McDermott said it was the presence of this basalt that created exciting potential.

"It is now commonly believed that these basalts and associated volcanics are a common source of gold bearing fluids for all goldfields of central and western Victoria," he said.

"The Landsborough Fault is a major structure that taps into the mineralising fluids and paves the way for the gold mineralisation to move closer to the surface.

"Our exploration target is to look for another Stawell."

Mr McDermott said the company had just completed a capital raising to fund a drilling program at the McRae's Prospect in the Black Ranges near Cherrypool.

"The program is designed to follow-up on several targets identified from recent geophysical airborne magnetic and ground Induced Polarisation surveys in an attempt to define economic copper, zinc and gold mineralisation," he said.

"A work program variation for up to six diamond drill holes was submitted to the Department of Primary Industries with the approvals process likely to take up to four weeks.

"Economic mineralisation intersected in this drilling program is expected to underpin Navarre's aspiration to list on the Australian Stock Exchange in September, assuming stable market conditions prevail."

STAWELL - The Salvation Army is asking the community to dig deep for its annual Red Shield Appeal.

Members of the Salvos, volunteers and community groups will be knocking on doors on May 29 and 30 to help raise much-needed funds.

Hundreds of thousands of Australians in cities and regional areas call on the Salvos for help each year.

The Salvation Army said the need for funds to maintain the massive number of services it provides to the community is 'absolutely critical'.

This year's motto is 'Open your door to us so we can open the door for others'.

Captain of the Stawell branch, Carolyn Wright, urged people to give generously to the campaign.

"Last year we raised over \$10,000 and we're hoping to meet that target again," she said.

"We're really thankful for all the support we get from the Stawell and outlying communities. We couldn't do it without their support.

"We're also really thankful to all the community groups that help us out each year, including the CFA."

Up to 100,000 volunteers are expected to mobilise around the na-

tion for the big doorknock weekend but there are still more volunteers needed.

The Salvos consider volunteers the lifeblood of the doorknock.

Captain Wright said anyone wishing to volunteer their time should contact Stawell headquarters on 5358 4072.

"We'll also be collecting outside IGA and Safeway supermarkets over the weekend of May 28-29," she said.

As part of the 2010 Red Shield Appeal, the Salvos are highlighting the long and diverse list of services funded by the money raised, including aged care service, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, childcare and community care, crisis counselling, domestic violence services, grief counselling, family welfare services and many, many more.

The Salvation Army needs to raise \$9.7 million over the weekend of the big doorknock to help maintain the massive list of services assisting people in crisis.

Donations to the Red Shield Appeal can also be made by phoning 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) or online at www.salvationarmy.com.au.



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Prison tender awarded

ARARAT - Minister for Corrections, Bob Cameron, yesterday announced the Aegis consortium had been selected to deliver and maintain the 350-bed expansion of the Ararat Prison facility.

"This project is a key part of the Brumby Labor Government's Building Confidence in Corrections Strategy and will provide correctional services to meet projected future prisoner growth," Mr Cameron said.

"It is part of the overall strategy we have to help keep communities safe in Victoria."

Treasurer John Lenders said the project would provide jobs for more than 450 construction workers to be working on site during the peak construction period and a further 150 new prison jobs created following completion.

"Aegis will deliver this new expansion to the state's prison system, it will create jobs, and Victorians will get the best value for money through our partnership with the private sector to deliver the project," Mr Lenders said.

He said the new Ararat prison building will also include environmentally friendly features with its innovative design incorporating advanced water saving, a blackwater treatment plant and energy conservation features.

Aegis has designed the expanded

prison facility to use significantly less potable water through high-efficiency fixtures and fittings, rainwater harvesting and installation of a blackwater treatment plant for reuse of wastewater treated to Class A standards. This means that the expanded prison will have minimal additional impact on Ararat's water supply and will not increase wastewater discharge from the site.

Construction is expected to commence in the second half of the year, with completion of the facility scheduled for the end of 2012.

Member for Ripon Joe Helper believes that the development will build on the strong relationships that the existing prison has with the local community.

"The project provides an exciting opportunity for the region and for the Ararat Rural City, and is expected to generate significant economic benefits," Mr Helper said.

Corrections Victoria will provide all correctional services and operate the facility, while under the Partnerships Victoria framework, the private partner will carry the financial, design, construction and building maintenance responsibilities and risks.



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