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Navarre to commence bulk testing of Tandarra drill samples

Stawell-based Navarre Minerals Limited is moving to the next stage in the evaluation of its Victorian flagship Tandarra gold project, located 40kms north of Bendigo, with the first samples from Tandarra drill residues running through its recently acquired bulk testing facility at the Stawell Gold Mine.

Navarre has made a substantial investment in the future of Tandarra by commissioning a specially designed test process to treat drill samples from near-surface gold-bearing quartz reefs discovered at Tandarra below a thin layer of Murray Basin cover. Following a commercial agreement with Crocodile Gold Corp., Navarre's largest shareholder and a leading Victorian gold producer, the bulk testing facility was relocated to the Stawell Gold Mine operation and re-assembled to Navarre's specifications.

"We are looking forward to using our new bulk testing facility to test larger quantities of drill samples from Tandarra," said Managing Director, Mr Geoff McDermott. "Initial gold assays typically use less than 10% of the samples collected. In quartz reefs like those at Tandarra, gold grades are difficult to measure unless you take a big enough sample, because the gold is nuggety in nature and erratically distributed. We believe that the bigger samples analysed using the bulk testing facility will give us a more accurate picture of the gold contained in the shallow reefs at Tandarra."

Navarre's Tandarra project is the best advanced of a number of gold and base metal projects in the Stawell-based company's portfolio. In addition to the shallow reefs that are the focus of the bulk testing program, the potential for parallel reefs deeper in the project also remains to be investigated.

In addition to the bulk testing of drill samples collected at Tandarra over the past 18 months, the Company is planning for a resumption of field activity in the Dingee area following the winter rains and harvest. "We are grateful for the support we have received from our farming neighbours in the Dingee region and look forward to continuing to work closely with them," Mr McDermott said.

Hall's New Hat



When a summer storm resulted in water leaking on to their new ceiling, committee members of the Campbell's Forest Hall knew they had to act.

A new roof and guttering system were needed and have now been delivered, thanks to a \$15,000 grant from Council's Community Planning resources and a contribution of \$7500 from the committee itself.

The job was done in one day by Epson contractor Clark Metal Roofing.

Committee member Fred Shea said the hall, which was built in 1910, had seen other necessary repairs completed over the past 10 years.

"Those improvements have included an upgrade to the supper room, new entry door and two front windows, some restumping and a new ceiling when there was none there before," Mr Shea said.

"The hall floor has been redone and wheelchair access added at the front.

"The roof had shown rusty patches for years, but we knew we had a problem when water from a storm showed up on our new ceiling.

"Hopefully, it's stabilised the building. We're in the process now of replacing all five remaining windows and one more door.

"The windows are all original, so they've lasted well."

"It's the only public building in the area and the only meeting place, so it means a lot to the district," he said.

The hall, formerly the Mechanics Institute, was used as a library in the early days, but, these days, hosts card and trivia nights, a few private functions, a picnic day every two years, the children's Christmas tree event and the Farm Diversification Expo each September.

It is the primary meeting place for Campbell's Forest, Yarraberb and district residents.