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A message from our General Manager

Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the Cowal Update.

As we move into the second half of the year, I'm pleased to report that safety remains our primary focus and to share an update on the strong progress being made across Cowal Gold Operations — both in our day to day operations and in the way we continue to invest in our communities.

Operationally, our teams have maintained solid performance while progressing important works, including the Open Pit Continuation Project and preparations for the transition to our new underground mining contractor, Redpath. These activities are being carefully managed with a clear focus on safety, environmental responsibility and workforce continuity, ensuring Cowal is well positioned for the future.

Alongside our operational efforts, June is also an opportunity to reflect on the role Cowal plays beyond the mine gate. Through initiatives such as the Cowal Partnering Program, mental wellbeing programs in local schools, support for grassroots sport, and community events that raise awareness and funds for important causes, we continue to invest in outcomes that matter to the people and communities of our region.

Our success is closely connected to the strength of our relationships — with our employees, contractors, Indigenous partners, community organisations and neighbours. I would like to thank everyone who continues to contribute their time, energy and collaboration to making Cowal a safe, responsible and valued part of the region.

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Cowal Partnering Program: Investing in Local Communities

Through the Cowal Partnering Program, Cowal Gold Operations continues to invest in initiatives that strengthen communities across the region.

The program supports projects across education, youth development, wellbeing, sport and recreation, cultural connection and community resilience.

In round one of the 2026 program, a diverse range of local organisations have been supported through the program, reflecting Cowal's commitment to long-term partnerships and positive community outcomes.

Congratulations to:

- Lions Club West Wyalong
- Barmedman Mineral Pool
- Wyalong Motor Sports
- West Wyalong Rugby League Club
- NSW Mallee Fowl Recovery Group
- NSW Basketball Association
- Weethalle Show Society
- Deadly Science STEM program
- River Dreaming Aboriginal Corporation
- Paint Twirl and Lakeside Swirl Event
- Forbes High School P&C
- Lachlan Cricket Club
- Tullibigeal Central School
- Born to Read Condobolin
- Condobolin Sports Promotions Incorporated
- Lifeline Central West
- Condobolin High School P&C

The next round of the Cowal Partnering Program closes on 28 August 2026.



Supporting Student Wellbeing

Cowal Gold Operations was proud to support mental wellbeing workshops for Year 7 and 8 students at West Wyalong High School, delivered in partnership with Steven Gamble from Anchor Health.

The interactive sessions encouraged open conversations around mental health, helping students recognise stress, understand when to seek support and look out for one another.

The initiative highlights the value of early intervention and collaboration between schools, community and industry to support young people close to home.

A golden opportunity

Evolution Mining's Cowal Gold Operation is an open-cut, underground and ore processing gold mining operation, located northeast of West Wyalong, NSW. Our best discoveries are found through the everyday innovation displayed by our people, our teams, our focus on getting our people home safely and our commitment to building a world-class mining company.

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Redpath to become new underground mining contractor

From mid 2026, Redpath will become the new underground mining contractor, marking the next phase of underground operations at Cowal.

Redpath is an experienced underground mining company with a strong safety record and a long history of working in regional and remote communities. The changeover has been carefully planned to ensure underground work continues safely and with minimal disruption.

What's been happening

Redpath has undertaken early mobilisation activities underground. This includes bringing key equipment onsite and establishing systems to support a smooth transition.

Redpath has gradually increased its presence underground while the current contractor continues operations. This phased approach ensures safety remains the top priority and allows knowledge and experience to be shared between teams.

A planned and safe transition

Until late June, both contractors will be working together underground as part of a structured ramp up period. This overlap is designed to:

- Maintain consistent underground production
- Support a safe and orderly handover
- Ensure workforce continuity
- Reduce impacts on day to day operations

On 1 July 2026, responsibility for the Underground Primary Mining Contract will formally transfer to Redpath.

Looking ahead

Once fully mobilised, Redpath will have a strong workforce and equipment fleet onsite, positioning underground operations for a stable and productive future.

Importantly, the transition supports longer term operational plans and provides continued employment opportunities while maintaining a strong focus on safety and community responsibility.



Innovation driving sustainability at Cowl

Innovation and sustainability continue to shape the way we operate at Cowl Gold Operations.

In October 2025, Evolution Mining's Cowl Gold Operation implemented an innovative aquatic fauna management approach during a major dewatering campaign. As part of the Open Pit Continuation Project, Cowl responded to a significant infestation of invasive common carp by partnering with regulators and specialist contractors to deliver a two phase fauna management strategy.

A key focus was the safe identification, capture and relocation of native aquatic species. Targeted netting, trapping and active monitoring

were undertaken to ensure native fish, turtles and other fauna were carefully removed and returned to suitable downstream habitats, protecting local biodiversity and ecosystem function.

Invasive carp biomass was managed through a circular economy solution, transforming over 17 tonnes into nutrient rich fertiliser for rehabilitation and regional agriculture. This approach improved environmental outcomes, reduced waste, supported local industry, and demonstrated leading practice in responsible stewardship through strong collaboration and regulatory compliance.

This initiative is a great example of how we're delivering on our environmental commitments while finding creative ways to make a positive impact on both the environment and our operations.



West Wyalong Knockout delivers big crowds and great footy

The West Wyalong Rugby League Knockout again proved to be a highlight on the regional sporting calendar, drawing strong crowds across two action packed nights on 27 and 28 February.

Proudly sponsored by Evolution Mining in partnership with CMC, the popular annual event brought together players, supporters and visitors from across the region for a celebration of grassroots rugby league.

Fifteen teams took to the field in pursuit of the coveted Knockout Cup, with plenty of exciting football on display. The fresh looking Mallee Men side made an immediate impact, securing an impressive first round win over Cooma. Despite their strong start, the team was narrowly edged out in a hard fought clash against long time regional rivals, the Temora Dragons.

After two evenings of highly competitive matches and a fantastic show of community spirit, Orange Cymy emerged as the overall winners of the 2026 Knockout. With excellent attendance and a vibrant atmosphere throughout the tournament, the West Wyalong Knockout once again showcased the strength of local sport and the important role it plays in bringing communities together.



Survivor Golf Series

The Survivor Golf Series (SGS) was held in West Wyalong in March, and what a weekend it was.

As major sponsor, Cowal Gold Operations was proud to again support an event designed to spark conversations around mental health while raising funds for important local causes. This year, the SGS partnered with Beyond Blue, strengthening the impact and raising awareness across our region.

Across the series, the energy on-course and around the event was incredible, with around 150 golfers taking part and an impressive \$80,000 prize pool on offer. The atmosphere was positive, competitive and supportive and importantly, the playing itself helped create space to harness meaningful conversations about mental health and community connection.

Excitedly, two local teams have advanced to the SGS Final, to be played at Royal Pines in July, where they'll represent West Wyalong and compete for the overall series title. This is a fantastic achievement and a great reflection of the spirit and enthusiasm shown across the event.

One of the highlights was the Friday Night Mental Health Fundraising Event, hosted as part of the SGS weekend. Thanks to the generosity of participants, sponsors and our own people, we raised funds that directly support young people within our region.

The Cowal team was proud to officially donate \$11,875 to Boys to the Bush. This funding helps bring their mentoring and support programs directly to boys within the Bland Shire, creating real and lasting impact for local youth. Boys to the Bush plays an important role in providing connection, guidance and opportunities to young people, and this contribution helps ensure more boys in our community can benefit from their work.

A huge thank you to everyone who played or supported the weekend. Events like the Survivor Golf Series show what can be achieved when we come together, for each other, for our community, and for causes that truly make a difference.







An afternoon with Jelena Dokic – International Women's Day

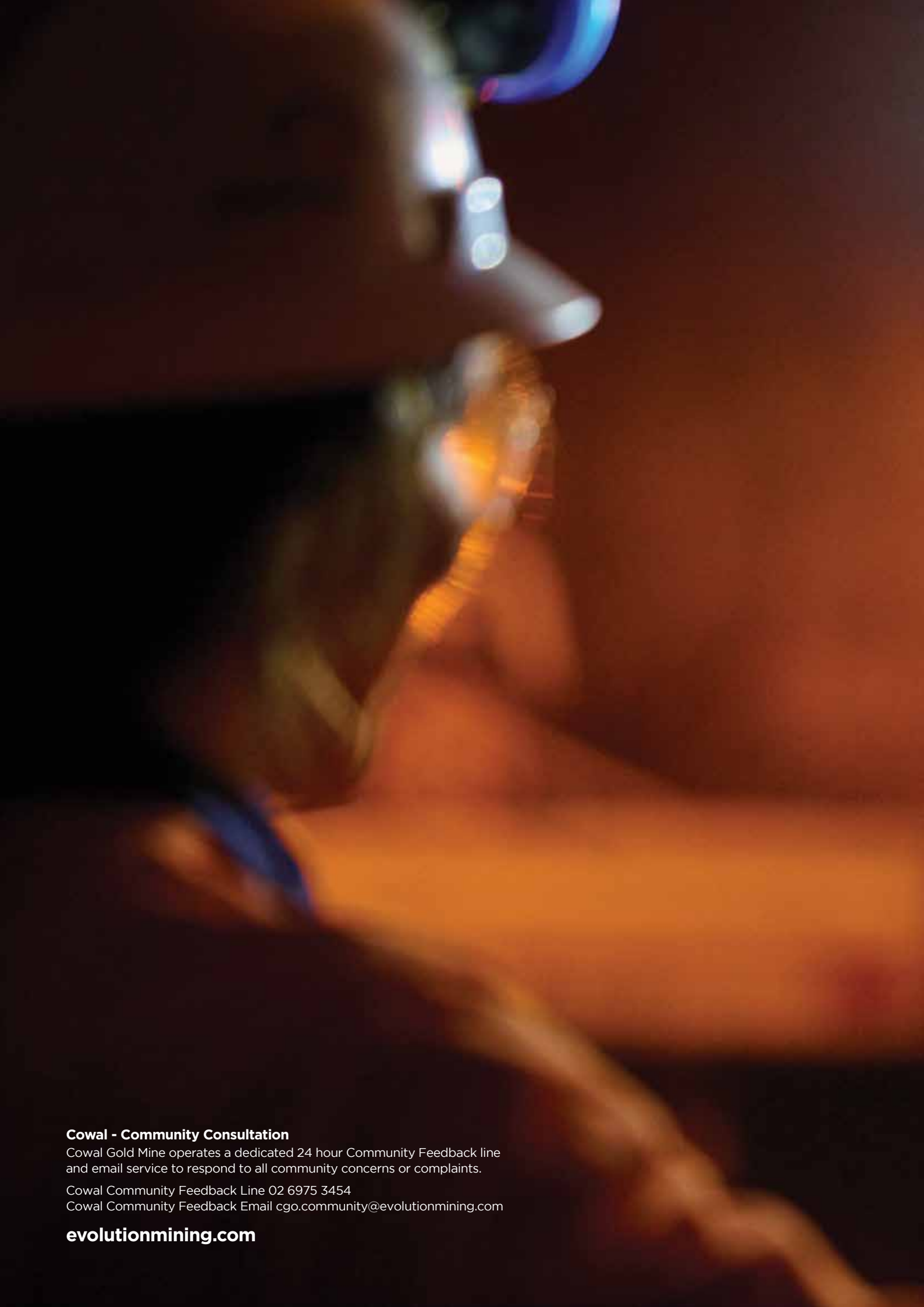
In March we proudly supported International Women's Day. In partnership with Bland Shire Council, the Cowal team welcomed more than 250 attendees to Regal Estate Winery for a special International Women's Day event. Guests heard from keynote speaker and former professional tennis champion Jelena Dokic, who shared her powerful story of resilience and empowerment.

The event was both inspiring and deeply moving. Jelena Dokic's powerful personal story of resilience resonated strongly with guests, creating space for honest conversations about courage, recovery and the strength of community. Her message reinforced the importance of standing together to support women facing difficult circumstances.

The event, An Afternoon with Jelena Dokic (former world No.4 tennis player), has delivered an outstanding outcome, one that reflects the generosity, compassion and commitment of our people and our community.

Thanks to the support of attendees, and community members, the event raised \$5,220. Cowal Dollar matched, with the final total an incredible \$10,440. The money was donated to St Vincent de Paul West Wyalong, supporting women in our community who are experiencing hardship, including those affected by domestic and family violence. These funds will go directly toward providing emergency assistance, essential items, and support pathways for women rebuilding their lives.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone involved: those who attended, helped organise, promoted the event, or supported behind the scenes. Your efforts helped turn a single afternoon into meaningful, lasting impact for women and families across our region.



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