



# Community Update

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### Supporting the Community

This dry season has seen the team at Vista Gold involved in and supporting a number of community and industry events. I was fortunate to once again present at the Katherine Regional Mining and Exploration Forum. This event provides a key opportunity for mining industry stakeholders to exchange information and ideas and demonstrate our support for the development of the industry.

Mt Todd core samples were once again a favourite discussion point at our stand at the Katherine Show, where the glint of a sparkle of gold is enough to spark enthusiasm and interest in local mining.

I also participated in the NT Mining the Territory conference and the NT Development Roundtable held in Darwin.

At a community level Vista Gold continues to support the Nixon's X-ing Campdraft and Landcare, we recently supported a number of golf days (more practice is probably needed there), a fishing

competition (which definitely needs more practice) and are pleased to announce that we now support the newly formed sporting and community group Barramindi's Softball Club who have just finished their first season in the Katherine competition.

We have always maintained that stewardship of our local environment is one of our highest priorities. Being able to support AFANT in the "Clean Up of Dead Car Corner" on the Daly River is just one way we can demonstrate this commitment. Over the course of a weekend AFANT removed 36 cars from the site, 11 of which were located over the bank and resting in the main river channel. Removal of the car bodies was carried out with as minimal impact on the riverbank and on site vegetation as possible.

### Environmental Impact Statement

Vista Gold is pleased to report that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Mt Todd gold project has been approved. The EIS has been the subject of an

exhaustive review process by the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority (NTEPA), which included public consultation. In its formal notification the NT EPA has advised that it has assessed the environmental impacts of the Mt Todd gold mine and concluded that it can proceed subject to a number of recommendations which are outlined in the Assessment Report. This marks the conclusion of a rigorous environmental risk assessment and review process that started in 2011, we thank all stakeholders who contributed to the comprehensive process.

A copy of the EPA assessment report can be downloaded from [www.mttodd.com.au/environmental-impact-statement](http://www.mttodd.com.au/environmental-impact-statement)

### Preparing for the Wet

As the weather heats up and we say good-bye to the Dry, the Mt Todd site is in an excellent position for the Wet. Water in our retention ponds is at the lowest levels in four years and we have been assisting

the Department of Mines and Energy with remediation of the water held in Batman Pit. This will mean that there should be less water inventory at Mt Todd this time next year. This is a significant change as it is a measure of the site improving.

Thank you to all members of the community who continue to show your support for the Mt Todd gold project, I look forward to keeping you informed of our progress as we continue to proceed with obtaining the necessary permits to operate the mine.

I would also like to congratulate all those who have worked at Mt Todd over the last two years on achieving the two year incident free milestone.

For further information on our operations please visit our website or drop us an email.

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