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Our new sponsorship program: Iluka Lends a Hand

We are thrilled to announce our new social investment program, Iluka Lends a Hand. Through this program, local community organisations and individuals will be able to apply for funding towards projects, events and initiatives that support the local community around Iluka's project areas and operational sites.

Iluka Lends a Hand invites applications for funding twice a year, in April and October.

If you or someone you know may be interested in applying, please visit the Community Partnerships page on our website where you can find further information, including eligibility criteria and an online application form.

Iluka is committed to supporting and delivering sustainable value to the communities in which we work and live, and we look forward to working with you to help create a positive impact where it matters most.



Balranald

Construction for the Balranald mine is well underway, having commenced late last year with initial earthworks.

A new haul road that runs 24km from Ivanhoe Road to the site has been a focus during construction, with expected completion in August. Further works have also been conducted to install four new bores that will support project works, as well as establishing temporary offices to situate the construction team out at the site.

If you live along our transport route, you should have received a letter to advise of increased heavy vehicle movements in the area while we transport materials to site. These works will take place between 8:30am to 4:30pm daily and will comply with the approved noise and traffic management plans. Every effort will be made to minimise impacts to the community.



Construction of the haul road to the Balranald site

We are pleased to report that the Balranald Iluka Village will commence construction in June.

The village will be situated approximately 10km from the township of Balranald and is expected to accommodate 165 staff, contractors and visitors during the operational phase of the mine.

The engineering designs are currently being finalised and a 20m small cell Telstra tower will also be installed on site mid-year. While the permanent village is being constructed, the majority of workers for the Balranald mine will be accommodated temporarily at the QCV construction camp in Balranald township which will be available for use from May.

In February we commenced our new monthly drop-in sessions at the Balranald office (99 Church St). These sessions are open to anybody, and take place on the **second Thursday of every month from 7.30am-10.30am**. Please feel welcome to drop in during this window, whether you have a specific question or would just like to meet us and have a chat.

We were delighted to sponsor the **Balranald Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic** in March and were pleased to see its success, with over 400 participants this year. Congratulations to Junior Boat winner Jasper Cuddy and Senior Boat winner Mick James.



Marshall Bodinnar with Angus Potter, junior winner Jasper Cuddy, Levi Ryan, Kade Coates and Coppah Ryan at the 2024 Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic



2024 Homebush Rodeo sponsored by Iluka – photo captured by Instinct Media

In April we also sponsored the **Homebush Rodeo**, which site employees from the Iluka office in Balranald enjoyed attending. We are always thrilled to be able to support community events such as these.

If you are interested in working for Iluka during the operational phase of the Balranald mine, **Expressions of Interest are still open**. Please visit the Careers page on our website for more information. We anticipate advertising for operational roles in late 2024 and across the first half of 2025. A supplier and contractor Expression of Interest is also live and can be accessed via the Balranald community engagement page on our website. This process is managed by Worley, our Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management (EPCM) service.

First ore production from the Balranald mine is expected in late 2025, and we will keep you updated with any progressions or changes to this schedule.



Euston

The Euston Project continues to progress in the pre-feasibility study stage as the **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** is prepared for submission to the NSW government.

As part of the EIS, comprehensive studies are conducted and the information gathered informs the submission to the state government for assessment, and is also used by Iluka to inform planning decisions.

A geotechnical drilling program has recently concluded on site and a geochemical field program is in progress to inform the EIS.

The flora and fauna spring field surveys have also recently been completed as part of the EIS biodiversity study, and data is now being collated and incorporated with earlier survey data. The complete dataset collected to date will be used to ensure potential project-related impacts are mitigated.

A number of heritage surveys have also been undertaken in the last quarter, with additional surveys planned in the upcoming months. We continue to engage positively with local Traditional Owners and have enjoyed the opportunity to be on site with them several times over the past six months.



Iluka employees, archaeological consultants and Traditional Owners have conducted extensive cultural heritage surveys on the Euston Project site

Additional assessments required for the EIS will commence following the imminent confirmation of the preferred mine layout. These studies will include groundwater and surface water studies, traffic and transport, visual amenity, and air quality.

The majority of fieldwork is planned to be complete early in Q3 2024, with assessment of results to follow for the remainder of the calendar year.



A community survey conducted by AAP Consulting as part of the social impact assessment for the Euston Project is live and can be accessed by scanning the QR code – we welcome your feedback.

This year we will have a stall at **Mildura Field Days on 17-18 May** representing both the Euston and the Balranald projects, and we look forward to meeting more members of the public there. As always, if you have any queries about the project please feel free to contact us via euston.community@iluka.com.



Wimmera

It is a busy and exciting time for the Wimmera Project as we progress through the definitive feasibility study phase and work towards submitting our Environment Effects Statement (EES) to the Victorian government, which is currently scheduled for 2025.

A significant field development program commenced in Q1 this year, involving environmental studies which are progressing well, along with process engineering and mine design.

Environmental surveys have continued on site to progress the EES and provide the technical information that will inform our planning. Additional ecological work completed in early 2024 has included surveys for Golden Sun Moth and Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, and a survey and assessment of the ecological values of Darragan Swamp. Our draft land resource assessment report and data have also been updated after a shallow soil sampling fieldwork program was undertaken in March.



Early morning starts for the technical field program on the Wimmera Project site in Q1

In early February the Wimmera technical field program commenced on site. This program involved working with landowners to complete resource drilling, geotechnical drilling, geotechnical test pit excavation and hydrogeological bore drilling works. The program has now been completed and will provide important information to support the mine design and layout.

For our water assessments, various swamps have been surveyed and monthly sampling of surface water continues when water is present around the site. Monthly measurement of depth to groundwater continues, while sampling of groundwater monitoring bores continues on a quarterly basis. Revision of the surface water and groundwater modelling and impact assessments to reflect the revised mine plan has commenced.

Cultural heritage surveys continue to take place as we work with Barengi Gadjin Land Council and our archaeological consultants.

You may have noticed more light vehicles on surrounding roads recently because of this program, and we thank you for your understanding during this time. We will continue to notify local residents and landowners when programs such as this are likely to have traffic or other impacts, and we welcome you to **get in touch should you have any concerns or queries via wimmera.project@iluka.com**.



Cultural heritage assessment field works on the Wimmera Project site

A standard assessment for cultural heritage (a type of non-intrusive survey) was recently completed along key sections of the proposed pipeline alignment, and an assessment and sieving of surface soils was undertaken at seven of the sumps excavated for the recent air core drilling program. An additional 15 complex assessment test pits have been completed fringing around the southern side of the existing sand quarry on Jallumba-Mockinya Road, and a cultural values assessment was also held on-country in mid-April.

The social impact assessment coordinated by EMM Consulting has continued to progress, and the **community survey remains open to anybody who would like to complete it.**



You can scan the QR code or email sia@emmconsulting.com.au to be involved.

In February we sponsored the **Branxholme Rodeo** which saw a large turnout – many congratulations to the organisers. We were also delighted to be a sponsor of the **Natimuk Show** in March and enjoyed meeting community members at our Iluka stall with information about the Wimmera Project.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the rest of 2024 and will advertise for our next community information session over the coming months.



Iluka at the Natimuk Show in March



Iluka was pleased to sponsor the Branxholme Rodeo in February



Rehabilitation



Rehabilitated tailings storage facility at Kulwin, January 2024

Iluka's rehabilitation focus within the Murray Basin continues to be at the Douglas site where we are pleased to advise that **a further 40 hectares of land has been completely rehabilitated year-to-date.** In the coming months we will be completing the extraction of ilmenite from our WRP site and have commenced the planning for rehabilitation of that pit, with earthworks planned to start towards the end of 2024. All of the land where rehabilitation has been completed will be initially sown to pasture, with the aim of establishing commercial crops in the following seasons where suitable.

More information about Iluka's approach to rehabilitation in the Murray Basin can be found on the Iluka website.



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