



King Island was awash with a sea of royal blue Volunteer Ambulance Officers last weekend, when the island hosted the bi-annual Volunteer Ambulance Officers Association of Tasmania's remote area meeting.

Fifty mainland VAO joined the local band of 19, to review their vital roles and enjoy a well deserved break.

Above: Ambulance Tasmania CEO Dominic Morgan (standing at left) opened the weekend at the KI Golf & Bowling Club.

## KI Scheelite mine progressing towards opening

Early year King Island Scheelite Limited raised over \$4 million to aggressively progress their scheelite mine at Grassy.

The company is preparing to dewater the former mine and construct a new processing facility at Grassy.

"While much of the work to date has been 'behind the scenes' in nature, it is pleasing to see an increase in 'on the ground activities' at Grassy as we move towards re-opening the former mine. Last month the team cleared part of the tailing dam, drilled 110 holes to sample the grade, density and establish volumes to be retreat ahead of the main mine operations. These samples are

being assessed in Burnie and a certain samples are being shipped to China for metallurgical tests later this month," said KIS CEO Simon Bird.

KIS are working with Council on a number of aspects of the project including:

- Refurbishing two dwellings located on Waratah St. Grassy to house visiting KIS personnel, consultants and contractors.
- Demolishing four of the dilapidated houses in Grassy and site clearing to construct new residences in the future.
- Clearing old access tracks to the head of the existing Ventilation Shafts to facilitate access ahead of planned dewatering of the former mine and open pit. Suitable pumps

are currently being sourced with a view to early start of this process.

• Other activities include clearing pad sites and complying with environmental and associated permits.

• Local contractors have been engaged to assist with these activities in an around Grassy as the company progresses this important stage in the mine development.

"In addition an exploration drilling programme commencing this month is designed to establish the potential for further mineralisation and therefore extend the mine life beyond 10 years. This too will involve the recruitment of local labour," said Mr Bird.



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