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Regulator uses roadshows to deliver mine safety message

The NSW Resources Regulator is engaging with the industry through a series of events in regional NSW for small mine and quarry operators.

The Small Mines and Quarries Health and Safety Roadshow will visit 15 regional areas from October to December to provide information about health, safety and current issues affecting this section of the industry.

Resources Regulator Principal Inspector of Small Mines, Peter Berkholz said the events were designed to provide information and resources to the small mines' sector.

"The roadshows were developed to assist small mines and quarries to maintain safe mining practices, as well as providing an opportunity for face-to-face engagement with the Regulator.

"NSW has a world-class regulatory system for mines and quarries and having safety plans is integral to every mining operation.

"We recognise that resourcing and preparing things like mine safety management plans can be challenging for smaller operators, however, they are essential for safe mining and quarry activities," he said.

Roadshow topics include quarry manager practising certificates, dust and airborne contaminants, explosives management, reporting to the Regulator and learning from disasters.

"We encourage small mine and quarry operators to register their interest in attending one of the roadshows in their area. Attendance is free but places are limited so registration is essential.

"The roadshow provides information and advice about planning for hazard management and control, as well as the process for reporting or notifying the Regulator about safety incidents.

"The roadshow is one of a number of safety initiatives undertaken by the NSW Resources Regulator, including specialised workshops for managers, engineers and safety professionals," Mr Berkholz said.

The roadshows will be organised and implemented in accordance to the [NSW Government COVID-19 Safety Plan for conferences, functions, and corporate events](#).

For further information about the NSW Resources Regulator, go to www.resourcesregulator.nsw.gov.au.

Background

Further information is available [here](#).

Workshop dates and locations:

- Narooma - Tuesday 10 November 2020
- Ballina - Tuesday 10 November 2020
- Queanbeyan - Thursday 12 November
- Port Macquarie - Thursday 12 November
- Wagga Wagga - Tuesday 24 November
- Tumut - Thursday 26 November
- Dubbo - Tuesday 1 December
- Orange - Thursday 3 December
- Wollongong - Tuesday 8 December
- Liverpool - Thursday 10 December
- Wentworth - Wednesday 16 December