



# AVONBANK PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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## PROJECT UPDATE

Dear Stakeholder,

We are very pleased to announce that WIM will partner with the Wimmera Development Association as a sponsor and supporter of the 2022 Ace Radio Wimmera Business Awards.

WIM is also a proud sponsor for the 2022 Wimmera Science and Engineering Challenge, as part of our commitment to encouraging participation in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) for students.

WIM was also a major sponsor for the Western Victorian Careers Expo this year, attended by approximately 2,000 students and job seekers and was pleased to have significant interest in our information stand and interactive exhibits.

WIM has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Horsham Rural City Council (HRCC). The MOU seeks to ensure that both parties collaborate as best as reasonably possible, to ensure the best socio-economic outcomes for the City of Horsham. This MOU reflects WIM's intention to continue to work closely with HRCC as we bring Avonbank Project online.

Lastly, I would encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the Avonbank Project and Environment Effects Statement (EES) related studies. There is plenty of information available, such as webinar recordings, that enable you to learn about our EES.



Michael Winternitz  
Projects Director

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Next community information session:  
11<sup>th</sup> August Horsham Plaza



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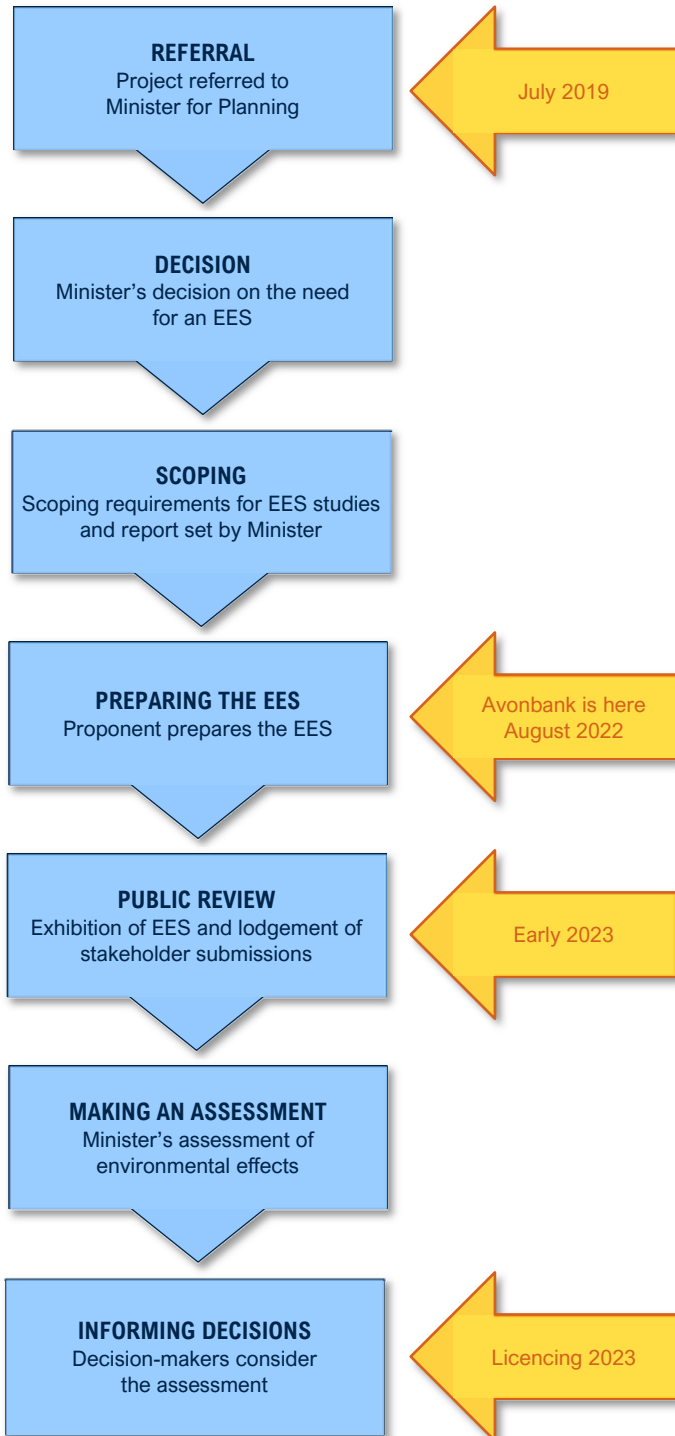
Do you have a question or comment?  
Get in touch and let us know your thoughts on the Avonbank Project:

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- ◆ 62 Darlot Street, Horsham (Wimmera Business Centre)  
9:30 am – 3:30 pm weekdays

## EES UPDATE & APPROVALS UPDATE

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) has substantially progressed, and it is expected to be finalised by the end of 2022.

All EES impact assessments have been drafted and the associated EES chapters are being prepared. It is anticipated that the EES will go on Public Exhibition from late 2022–early 2023. Following the Ministers assessment of the EES, the relevant mining approvals will be sought.



## TEST PIT UPDATE

Activity at the rehabilitated test pit site is underway for 2022. The crop of lentils has been sown for this season and has started to establish.

The research project team from Longerenong College will be active on the ground in the coming months undertaking regular visits to monitor plant growth and soil health across the site.



Image: Principal Mining Engineer, Jarrod Pye, ensuring peg points for the monitoring plots are accurate and recorded for this season.

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

### Avonbank Project Webinar Series

WIM will be holding a number of webinars over the coming months to discuss updates and ongoing studies for the Avonbank Project.

Topics to form part of our community webinar series for 2022 include:

- ◆ Soils and rehabilitation
- ◆ Flora and fauna

The 11th webinar in our series is scheduled to be held in August 2022. Join our industry expert as we discuss the Soils and Rehabilitation impact assessments.

Please register for updates on the Avonbank Project webinars through the WIM website or visit our Facebook page for further information.

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

### Western Victorian Careers Expo Partnership

The Western Victorian Careers Expo was held at the Wimmera Events Centre in Longerenong on 21<sup>st</sup> June. The WIM stand was busy throughout the day as visitors stopped by to find out more about mineral sand mining and discuss future career opportunities with WIM's Avonbank Project. The display of products that heavy mineral sands can be used for attracted a lot of interest as did the giveaways from our 'mintie bowl'.

WIM partnered with Bestech Australia to demonstrate a heavy equipment machinery training simulator, and also with Millers Civil Contractors who supplied a full-scale excavator on site for demonstration at the event. In addition to our stand, WIM also held a seminar on Careers in Mining.

The Careers Expo attracted 25 individual schools from across 12 local government areas and approximately 2,000 people attended the event. WIM is a major sponsor of this important event and looks forward to being involved again in 2023.



### 2022 Wimmera Business Awards Sponsorship

WIM is a proud to partner with the Wimmera Development Association as a sponsor and supporter of the 2022 Ace Radio Wimmera Business Awards. The awards ceremony will take place on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at the Horsham Town Hall.

The Wimmera Business Awards provide recognition of the efforts, ingenuity, and talents of our regional businesses from the Northern Grampians Shire, Horsham Rural City, Hindmarsh Shire, Yarriambiack Shire, and West Wimmera Shire Councils. The awards give businesses new opportunities to expand their horizons by generating exposure and building stronger networks.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPACT AWARD

Proudly sponsored by WIM Resource

This award recognises organisations that make a significant and positive social impact on the community. They are applying innovative solutions to address social issues and better the community we live in.

<https://www.wda.org.au/employment-industry/business/wimmera-business-awards>



### Science & Engineering Challenge Partnership

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide program inspiring school students to consider a future in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The 2022 Wimmera Science and Engineering Challenge, coordinated by Horsham and District Service Clubs will take place on 29<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> August in the Ian Maroske Hall at Horsham College. Over 250 students from across the region each day will be part of this inspirational event.

WIM has partnered with the challenge this year, as a major sponsor including sponsoring the most outstanding achievement award in two separate categories and will also present championships awards for the overall winning school team on both days.



## Mallee Machinery Field Days

WIM will be a key exhibitor at this year’s Mallee Machinery Field Days on 3<sup>rd</sup>–4<sup>th</sup> August at Speed. Returning after a two year break the Field Days is a major event on the agricultural calendar and one of the biggest in the Mallee.

Approximately 350 site holders and over 8,000 people attend the event. WIM will be at Site 59 in our own dedicated marquee and look forward to discussing mineral sand mining and provide an update on the Avonbank Project and other projects to visitors.



Image courtesy of Mallee Machinery Field Days

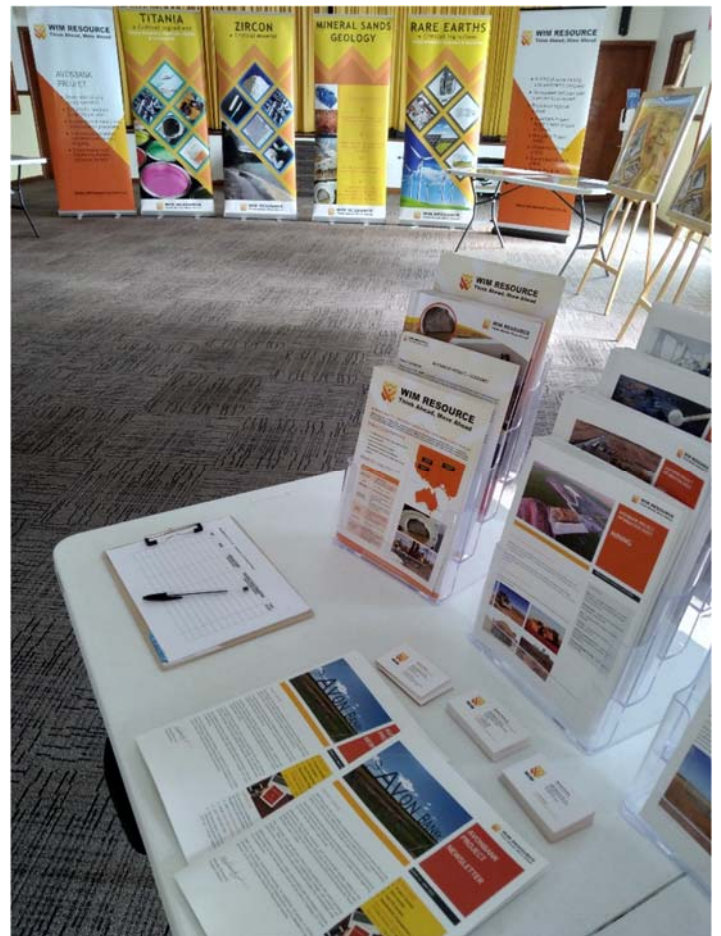
## Community Presentations

WIM recently presented an overview on what the Avonbank Project and will mean for the future of Horsham as well as background to mineral sand mining and its uses to the Horsham Combined Probus Club. Probus is a community organisation for retired and semi-retired people who join together to expand their social circles and advance intellectual and cultural interest opportunities.



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> August: Mallee Machinery Field Days
- ◆ 9<sup>th</sup> August: Community Reference Group Meeting
- ◆ August: Avonbank Project Webinar No. 11 – Soil and Rehabilitation (Date TBC – please register for updates on WIM website)
- ◆ 11<sup>th</sup> August: Horsham Plaza pop-in information session
- ◆ 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August: Science and Engineering Challenge Horsham
- ◆ 21<sup>st</sup> September: Presentation Horsham East Rotary
- ◆ 30<sup>th</sup> September Presentation Horsham Rotary
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Murtoa Big Weekend



## Get in Touch

If you would like WIM to provide a project overview to your club or organisation, please contact Murray Wilson, Stakeholder Liaison Officer on 1800 959 298 or email [mwilson@wimresource.com.au](mailto:mwilson@wimresource.com.au).

WIM’s Facebook page is a convenient way to keep up to date with the latest Avonbank Project news and events. Like, follow, or share our page [@WIMResource](https://www.facebook.com/WIMResource).