

Latest news

General Update

Astron Secures Additional Water Supply

On 28 October 2011 Astron Limited was pleased to announce via the Australia Stock Exchange that its wholly owned subsidiary Donald Mineral Sands Pty Limited (DMS) acquired an annual allowance of 6,975 ML of water for a period 25 years from the GWMW headworks water auction in Horsham. DMS has the option, subject to the approval by GWMW, to extend the term of the allowance for an additional 25 years.

The Managing Director of Astron Limited, Mr Alex Brown commented *"The purchase of the additional water will allow the Donald Project to become a world class supplier of zircon and titanium feedstock for the benefit of the State of Victoria and Astron's stakeholders."*

Securing water is another important step forward in development of the mine. DMS will discuss possible transportation options with GWMWater to the mine site.

Other milestones in the mine development have been the EES approval, the granting of the Mining Licence and the submission of the Draft Work Plan in August 2011.

Work Plan Progresses

Work on the Net Gain Assessment necessary for final Work Plan approval is continuing.



PICTURED ABOVE - TRENT ORVAL COUNTING MATURE TREES ON THE MINING LEASE AS PART OF THE NET GAIN ASSESSMENT.

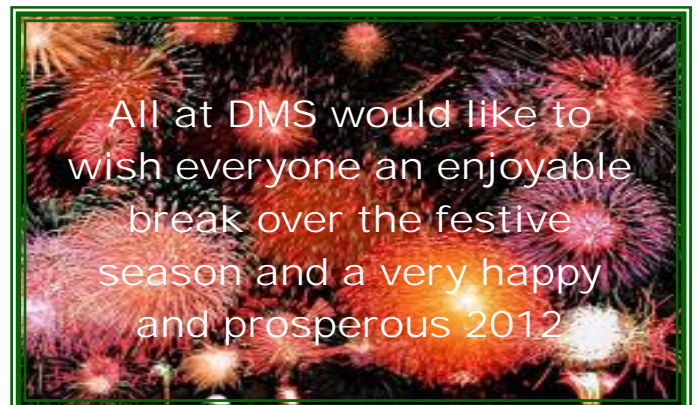
Holiday period office hours:

Closing

Friday 23rd December, 2011

Reopening

Monday 9th January, 2012



Astron Website

To learn more about Astron, see

www.astronlimited.com

Local DMS Vacation Engineering Students

Trent Orval, formerly of Warracknabeal, is sponsored by DMS under a scholarship program. Trent is studying for his Bachelor of Engineering (Civil), attending Deakin University in Waurn Ponds, Geelong, completing his first year in 2011. Trent decided on engineering as his career path as his main studies in year 12 were maths and he enjoyed the problem solving applications within engineering.

When asked what he likes about working at DMS Trent replied "Gaining practical experience that can't be taught in the classroom, oh, and BBQ lunch Fridays!".

Trent is currently concentrating on completing his Bachelor of Engineering Degree before deciding his long term goals.



Toby McConville, formerly of Donald, is jointly sponsored by DMS and the Buloke Shire under the Rural Skills Cadetship Program.

Toby is also in the Army and serves as a Private (ECN343-3) in Bravo Company of 8/7 RVR Battalion in Ballarat and has served for four years in both full time service and the reserves. Toby was posted to Darwin (full time) then Ballarat (reserves) when he enrolled in the University of Ballarat where he is studying Mining Engineering.

Both Trent and Toby will work under the guidance of Matt Grundy learning general administrative, field and technical skills.

Sponsorship

Recent recipients of DMS sponsorship included the A & P Donald Show - Junior & Senior Ambassador Awards (won by Camille Bibby and Sarah Postlewaite respectively), Minyip Bowls Club, Rupanyup Bowls Club and also the Donald Chamber of Commerce and Industry 2011 Christmas Shopping Promotion Giveaway.

Supporting Communities

DMS is committed to supporting the local community and welcomes requests for sponsorship. Any request for sponsorship should be on the DMS sponsorship application form which can be mailed out, emailed or picked up from our DMS office in Minyip.

Feedback form

Donald Mineral Sands (DMS) welcomes feedback from the community and invites you to complete this feedback form and post it to PO Box 49, Minyip, 3392 or drop into our Minyip office at 69 - 71 Main Street.

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