

Finniss Lithium Operation

COMMUNITY UPDATE

We've had a challenging start to 2024.

Like all lithium producers, Core was impacted by the 85% decline in the price of spodumene concentrate in the 12 months to December 2023.

Spodumene concentrate is a high-purity source of lithium and the product we mine and process at our Grants open pit at the Finniss Lithium Operation.

The significant price drop put us in a very different position than when we began operations at Grants in late 2022 and meant we had to make some difficult decisions.

As our CEO Gareth Manderson said, it was important for the team to work quickly to ensure we could lower costs and protect the long-term value of our business.

After conversations with our contracting partners and a thorough review of our operations, we decided to suspend mining activities at Grants, shifting our focus to processing ore from our stockpiles. We have since come to a mutual agreement with Lucas Total Contract Solutions to end our mining services contract.

In addition, we paused early works at our BP33 project, the proposed second mine at Finniss.

"While suspending mining operations is a difficult decision, processing of ore stockpiles will continue to generate revenue and we will focus on managing our cash reserves prudently," Gareth said.

"We are working to put the business in the best position possible to recommence mining and proceed with BP33 when market conditions improve."

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QUARTER 1 2024

Welcome to our quarterly community update.

Core Lithium is the owner and operator of the Finniss Lithium Operation – the Northern Territory's first lithium mine and Australia's only lithium mine outside of Western Australia. Just 88km by sealed road from the Darwin Port, Finniss is a multi-mine operation which currently includes the Grants open pit and BP33 project. This community update will give you an insight into what we have been up to recently on site and in the community.

After working hard to build our ore stockpiles in preparation for the wet season, we had approximately 289,000t of ore on the run of mine (ROM) pad at the end of December.

This should allow us to continue processing concentrate until mid-2024 from the ROM.

While these decisions were made after careful consideration, there have been unavoidable impacts on our employees, contractors and some local businesses.

We are grateful for the support of our contracting partners, the Northern Territory government and the local community as we continue to navigate this difficult period.

"The Northern Territory government has been a supportive partner, and we remain committed to finding a path forward for the Finniss Lithium Operation and the Territory community," Gareth said.

“There is significant prospectivity in the NT both in the Finnis district and in our broader regional tenement holding. We will continue to take a longer-term view and explore for new lithium resources.

“While we are experiencing market volatility today, our focus is on the continued safe and efficient operation of Finnis while preserving the value of our operating asset, projects and exploration potential.”



Crushed stockpiles (foreground) and ROM stockpiles (background) December 2023.



BP33 box cut December 2023.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BP33?

Prior to our strategic review and the temporary suspension of early works at BP33, we had made significant progress on the project construction.

The box cut excavation is almost complete and we had started installation of tunnel arch footings and stabilisation of the portal face. Work on water management facilities for BP33 has also progressed well.

Our focus is now on maintaining the site and progressing the BP33 mine study.



Stockpile from crushing plant.



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES: CORE LITHIUM LAUNCHES 2024 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The application period for Round 1 of our 2024 Community Grants Program is officially open!

The program is designed to support inclusive, grassroots, community-led initiatives that foster positive impacts and create opportunities across various key areas, including:

- education and training
- environment
- health and wellbeing
- sports and recreation
- arts and culture
- innovation.

Last year our grants made a significant difference with almost \$50,000 awarded to support community-led projects within Berry Springs, Belyuen, Tumbling Waters, Wagait Beach/ Mandorah, Dundee Beach, Palmerston and the Greater Darwin region.

One of last year's recipients was the Belyuen School, located just 30km away from our Finnis Lithium Operation.

Principal Natasha Koroi emphasised the importance of these grants for the school and its students.

"We now have funds to equip every child who plays football with new football boots, and Core Lithium also funded school photos for each student this year, a first-time occurrence in Belyuen," she said.

"Community feedback has been very positive, with nearly every child enrolled, and in the community, attending school that day."

The 2024 Community Grants Program will continue to offer financial assistance, with grants ranging from \$100 to \$2,000.

Applications for Round 1 are open until 12 May 2024.

Find out more about our Community Grants Program and how to apply on our website or email contact@corelithium.com.au.



COMMUNITY GRANT BOOSTS FIRE SAFETY FOR THE MILNE VOLUNTEER BUSHFIRE BRIGADE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

The Milne Volunteer Bushfire Brigade has taken proactive steps to replace outdated fire signage in the community after receiving funding through the latest round of our Community Grants Program.

The brigade used the grant to install two new fire danger signs, providing significant benefits to both their organisation and the broader community.

One sign now informs local traffic at the brigade's headquarters, while the other acts as a warning for passing traffic heading west to Dundee along Fog Bay Road. This second sign is particularly important as it's the main indicator of fire danger between Berry Springs and the Dundee area, especially during the dry season when wildfires are prevalent.

The Milne Volunteer Bushfire Brigade takes great pride in their headquarters, which serves as a vital community hub.

Here, local residents have access to a range of amenities, including a children's playground, emergency cyclone shelter, Civil Aviation Safety Authority standard helipad, and undercover areas for various social activities.

With the support of our Community Grants Program and the backing of Bushfires NT, the brigade continues to play a pivotal role in enhancing fire safety and fostering community resilience in the Milne and Greater Darwin area.



Milne Volunteer Bushfire Brigade's updated fire sign.

COMMUNITY HOTLINE

If you have any feedback, suggestions or concerns about any part of our operation, please let us know.

Our community hotline number is 1800 271 118

Our email address is: contact@corelithium.com.au

Please outline your feedback with as much detail as possible and provide contact details so that we can get in touch with you. You can also contact the company anonymously but please be aware that it is difficult to respond directly to anonymous feedback.

MORE INFORMATION

Core Lithium will continue to provide updates to the community about the company's operations. If you would like more information, or to register to receive these updates, please contact True North Strategic Communication on:

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