

More than 1km up the 2.3km drift tunnel!



White Knight Stream, next to the portal.

Past the 1000m mark

As of yesterday, our teams had reached 1081m up the 2.3km drift. To put that into perspective, when New Zealand moved back to level 2 and our teams were able to resume underground work on May 14, we were at 475m.

In between, there's been areas of prescribed and unprescribed roof bolting, the recovery of four robots, and the usual forensics as teams progress, advancing of the refuge chamber and underground services (ventilation, communications etc).

We've introduced a percussion head to the drilling rig and resin roof bolts - that has made our bolting more efficient.

A trial is underway to increase shift hours, so more underground work can take place. Other efficiency initiatives suggested by the mining crews are also being implemented.

Chief Operating Officer Dinghy Pattinson is confident the crews will reach 1570m and recover Russell Smith's

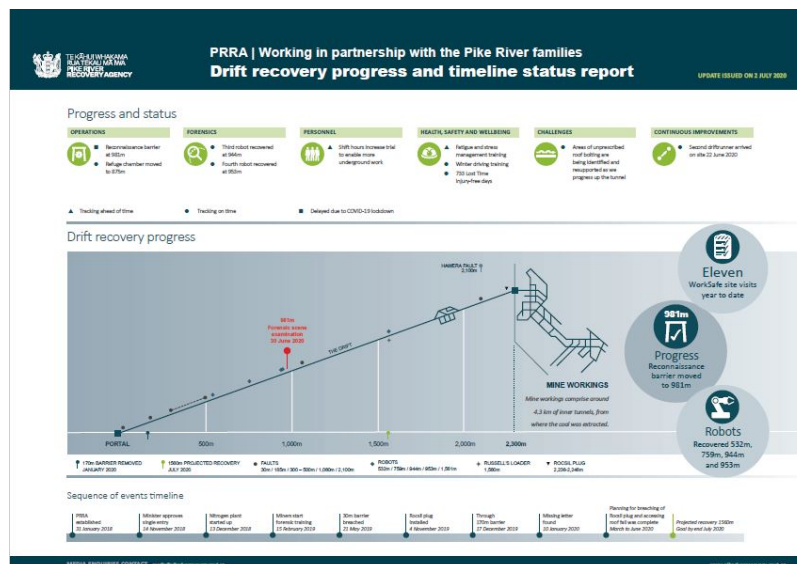
loader by the end of July, all going to plan.



The new driftrunner was recently loaded in Christchurch for transportation to the site.

Work over the past week includes:

- * Prescribed roof bolting between 1040m and 1081m
- * Forensics completed, ventilation and services advanced, and conveyor disassembled to 1061m
- * Introduction to site of new driftrunner (for operational efficiency and emergency response)



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Read all about it...

The latest correspondence between WorkSafe and the Agency is available in the Documents section of the Agency website.

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