

# PRRA Staff Weekly Unite for the Recovery Update # 5 – Friday 19 June 2020

Hi everyone

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Pike River Recovery Agency's weekly staff updates which includes information on uniting for the recovery from COVID-19 and also operational matters. Please forward any contributions to me that would be of interest to the team.

**UPDATES FROM [www.uniteforrecovery.govt.nz](http://www.uniteforrecovery.govt.nz)**



## ***NZ COVID Tracer QR code poster***

The Agency's office and the mine site both have the NZ COVID Tracer QR code poster on display to enable people to keep track of where they've been.

## ***See your own backyard***

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## **AGENCY UPDATES**

### ***Health & Safety***

The weekly operational mine site H&S committee meeting was held on Tuesday 16 June 2020. Items discussed included:

- Driver training will be held at the mine site on Wednesday 24 June 2020 for Agency staff who have come on board since the previous training held in August 2019. This is timely since winter has arrived and the road to the mine site is subject to frost and other hazards.

- Six safe work observations have been completed this week by members of the mine team; and everything is on track to achieve the monthly target of 16.
- Hazard : Incident ratio – so far this month 6 hazards have been reported with 3 incidents.
- Corrective action being taken to address hazards identified include weatherproofing the Merlo bay, preparing standard operating procedures on de-icing for roll-out to the workforce, making modifications to the emergency door stop, and waterblasting the wooden area outside the Police building and installing black anti-slip mesh.
- The competency training matrix has been completed and will continue to be regularly updated by the Mine Manager and the Health, Safety, Risk and Assurance Advisor.

### ***From the Office (Wellington and Greymouth)***

The small office-based team continues to work flexibly (both from the office and remotely) and continues to advance work across a range of areas including finalising the end of financial year work programme, advancing the internal audit work programme, weekly supplier payments, preparing the Agency's submission for Treasury's reporting on specific fiscal risks, finalising the expense disclosure for the Chief Executive for the year ended 30 June 2020, and continuing to provide day to day IT and administrative support to the mine-based personnel.

Next week planned activities include:

- FRG and Agency weekly contact meeting to be held via Zoom on Monday 22 June.
- Providing administrative support to the Minister as required.
- The Health, Safety and Wellbeing steering committee is meeting via teleconference on Monday 22 June 2020.
- Support to the FRG Chair.
- Payroll and Supplier payment runs.
- Submitting the weekly report to the Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-entry – this report provides regular updates on the Agency's progress with our work programme.

### ***Re-entry and recovery operations – as at Thursday 18 June midnight***

Good progress was achieved underground earlier in the week. Later in the week, time was spent on Working at heights training for both shifts (Thursday 18 June 2020). The reconnaissance barrier is currently at 865m (as at 7.00am on Friday 19 June 2020). An area has been identified in the drift that requires an additional 50-60 bolts for roof support out-bye between 675m – 693m. The bolting work will take place after the Working at heights training has been completed, so there won't be any further progress in the drift this week.

### **From an operational viewpoint this week achievements included:**

- Ventilation and services advanced to 865m.
- Conveyor and belt structure removed up to 865m mark.
- Forensics completed to 865m.
- Risk assessment completed on temporarily extending shift roster hours giving the mine site a 90 hour week onsite instead of 80 hours per week to maximise time and progress underground. We are currently putting the changes through our risk assessment and change management process which involves our workforce's participation. The proposed changes also fall within our Fatigue and Stress Management Policy and Procedures and these documents are being updated and will be published shortly.
- Fan 2 stage 1 variable speed drive commissioned.
- Tell-tale TT11 to TT14 wired-up.
- Pull testing completed.

**Work planned from Friday 19 June onwards and the coming week includes:**

- Cycle of reconnaissance, forensics, services, ventilation, monitoring and communications will be advanced in 20m increments, as well as removing the conveyor structure, installing geotechnical tell-tale monitors as required and advancing the refuge chamber every 200m.
- Electrical inspection of new Tell-Tales underground.
- Run sample tube for 1000m mark.
- Install 6 pair phone cable underground.
- Fan STALL programme and SCADA configuration.
- Pull testing needs to be advanced to the current barrier at 865m.

**QUIZ**

Answers to Quiz Questions from Friday 12 June 2020 (out of 10)

**Celebrity Statues – Identify the famous people who have been made into statues.**

1. Freddie Mercury – Liverpool
2. Amy Winehouse – Camden
3. Eric Morecambe – Morecambe Bay
4. Ken Dodd – Liverpool Lime Street
5. Andy Warhol – New York City
6. Thierry Henry – Emirates Stadium
7. Bruce Lee – Hong Kong
8. Albert Einstein – Washington DC
9. Cristiano Ronaldo – Funchal, Madeira
10. Kate Moss (Sphinx, work by Marc Quinn)



## Today's Quiz Questions (out of 10)

A free quiz from <https://www.readymadepubquiz.com>

Please note down your answers and you can score yourself when the answers come out in the next weekly update. Please No Googling - Good luck!

UNESCO Sites Quiz – This week's picture quiz is a selection of ten UNESCO World Heritage sites. Can you identify them from their images?



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Take care everyone and stay safe!

Have a great weekend, go the Warriors and Crusaders!!

Best regards  
Michelle