



COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

The meeting was held on 7 November 2019 at the Peak Gold Mines, Hillston Road, Cobar.

Meeting commenced at 4.05pm with a site visit.

Present at the Meeting:

Garry West (Independent Chair)
Chris Bruce (Community Representative)
Julie Payne (Community Representative)
Russell Grant (Community Representative)
Kay Stingemore (Community Representative)
Neal Valk (General Manager, Peak Gold Mines)
Samantha Lloyd (Peak Gold Mines, Environment and Social Responsibility Advisor)
Laura Barnes (Peak Gold Mines, Graduate Environment and Social Responsibility Advisor)
Jonathon Thompson (Aurelia Metals Ltd, Representative, Group Manager, Environment)
Garry Ryman (Cobar Shire Council, Director of Planning & Environmental Services) as Observer

1. Apologies

NIL

2. Pecuniary and other interests

No new declarations were made.

3. Company Presentation

A presentation was provided detailing the environmental performance of the Peak Mine operations. (A copy will accompany the final minutes and be placed on the company website)

Works to clean up the oily waste discharge reported at the previous meeting has been completed and the drain was recommissioned in early August 2019.

Several complaints were received during the last quarter regarding blasting vibration.

Dust monitoring at both the mine and town gauges showed elevated levels which have been exacerbated by the drought conditions. Despite this, results are compliant to licence conditions.

Raw water useage has declined during 2019 and is under constant review. An application to de-water Great Cobar has been lodged however, assessment by Water NSW is delaying the project.

A clean up of both the New Cobar and Peak site has occurred to create and encourage a tidy, safe and effective workspace.

There was 1 recordable injury in July and 2 in September all to contractors, however the total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR) for contractors is declining.

The mill upgrade project is on schedule for commissioning early in 2020. The project has resulted in \$10.5M being spent through 45 local vendors and project personnel have all been accommodated in town and none at the mining camp.

During September, significant community consultation has been undertaken for the EIS for the Great Cobar Complex as well as the installation of additional dust monitoring and blast monitoring stations to establish baseline data.

PGM has been involved in feral animal trapping; Festival of the Miners Ghost; community donations of approximately \$30,000. Planning is underway for another community meeting in December 2019.

The Company indicated they were reviewing conceptual ideas for the possible location of the ventilation rises further away from town as part of the Great Cobar project.

4. Matters which Community Representatives wish to raise with the mine operator

- De-silting of the drains for Newey was raised and general discussion occurred;
- Water harvesting opportunities; and
- Project impacts on the Museum.

5. General Business

Several issues were raised and discussed including:

- 150th Anniversary of mining in Cobar in 2020; and
- 60th Anniversary of the library

Next Meeting

5 March 2020 commencing at 4pm

Meeting Closed: 5.55pm



PEAK GOLD MINES

CCC – NOVEMBER 2019

Oil Spill – Contaminated Drain

- Oily waste was discharged from the oil-water separator, contaminating the drain leading to the Process Water Dam.
- The oil was contained in the contaminated drain and there was no discharge from site.
- The appropriate works were completed to clean up the oil contamination.
- Drain was recommissioned in early August 2019.



Environmental Monitoring - Wind Speed July – Oct 2019

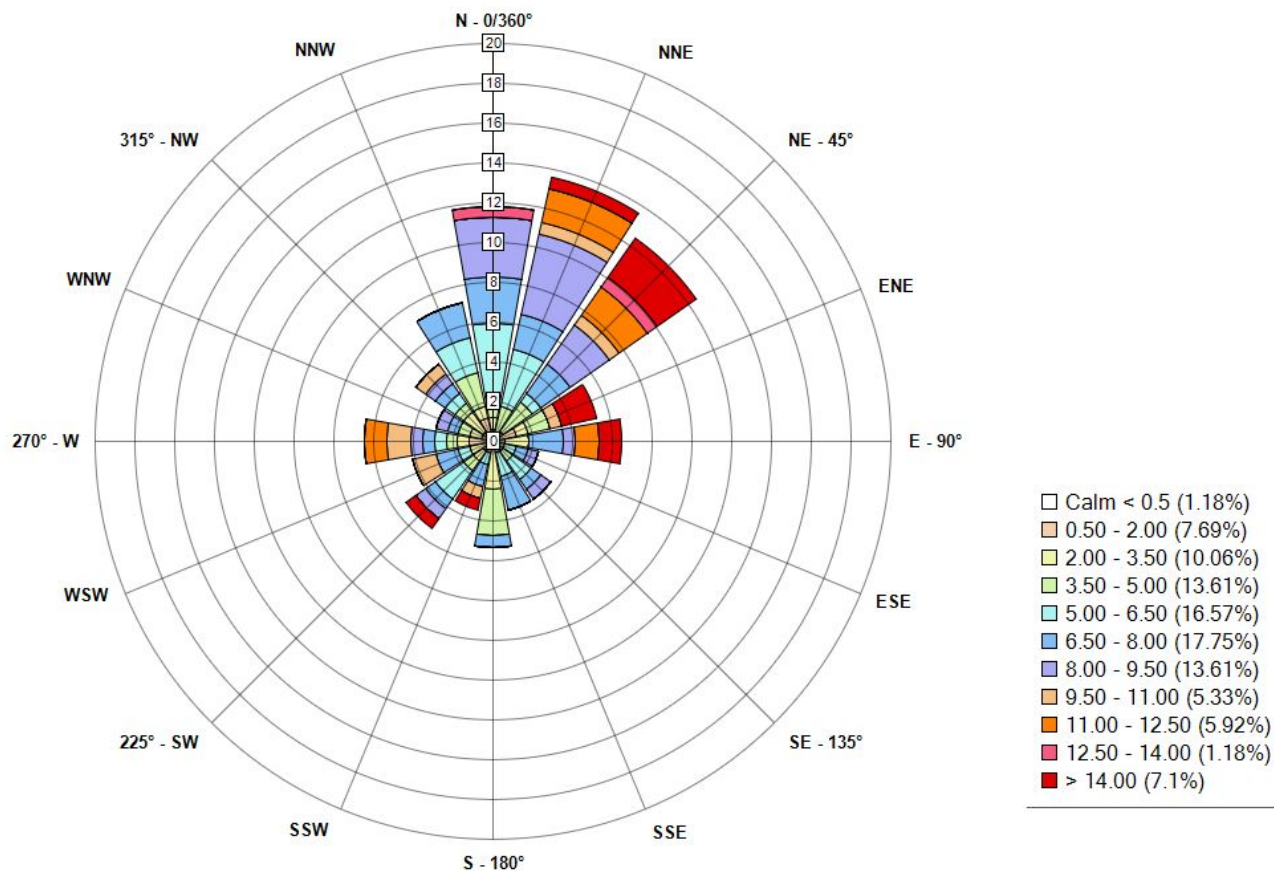


Wind Rose Report for: Peak Gold Cobar - Daily Summary

VWDIR Vector Wind Dir and VWSP Vector Wind Spd in km/h

Period: 2018-07-01 00:00 to 2019-10-31 00:00

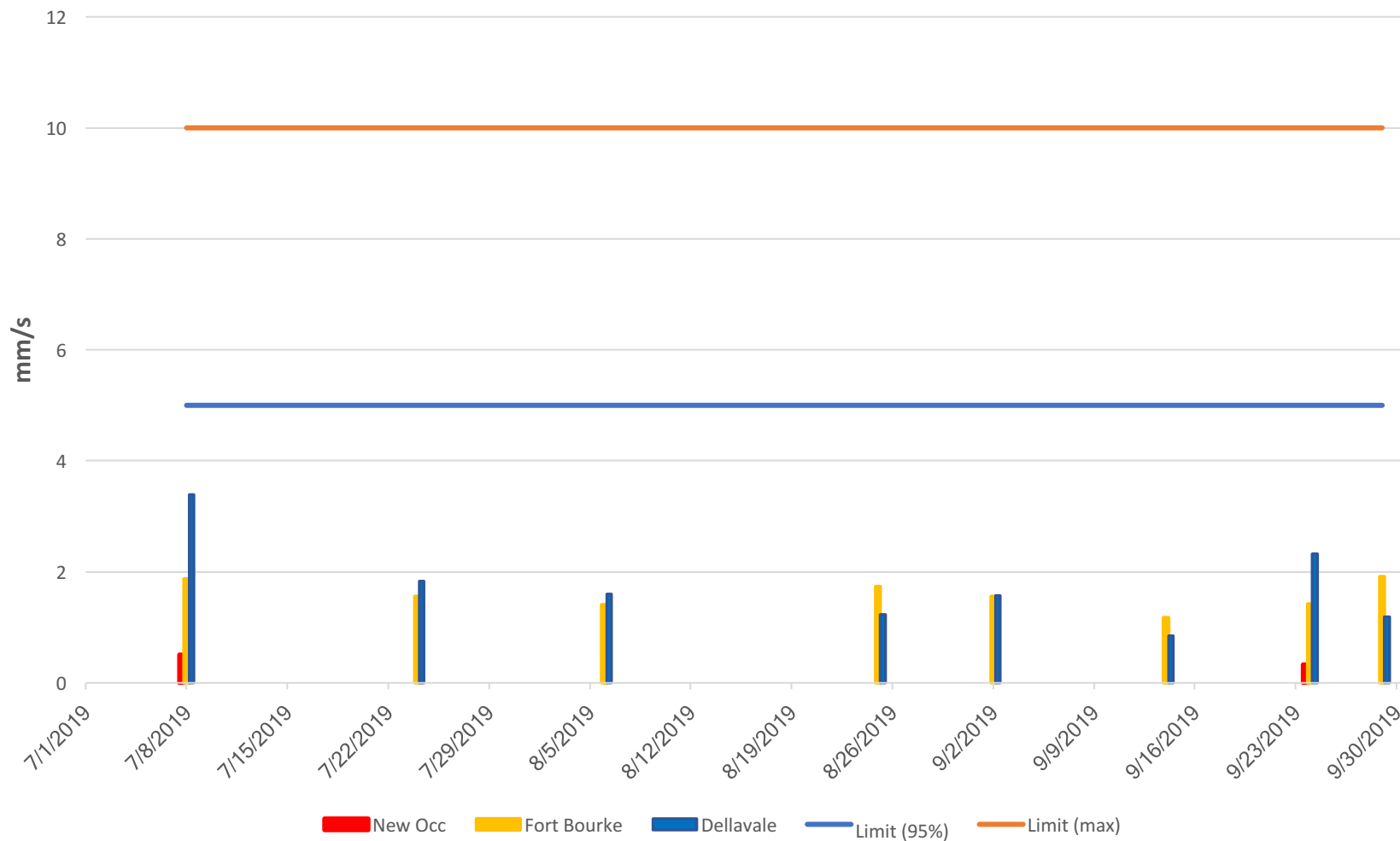
Direction the Wind is Blowing To



Environmental Monitoring - Blasting



Production Blasting July - Sept 2019



Complaints July – September 2019

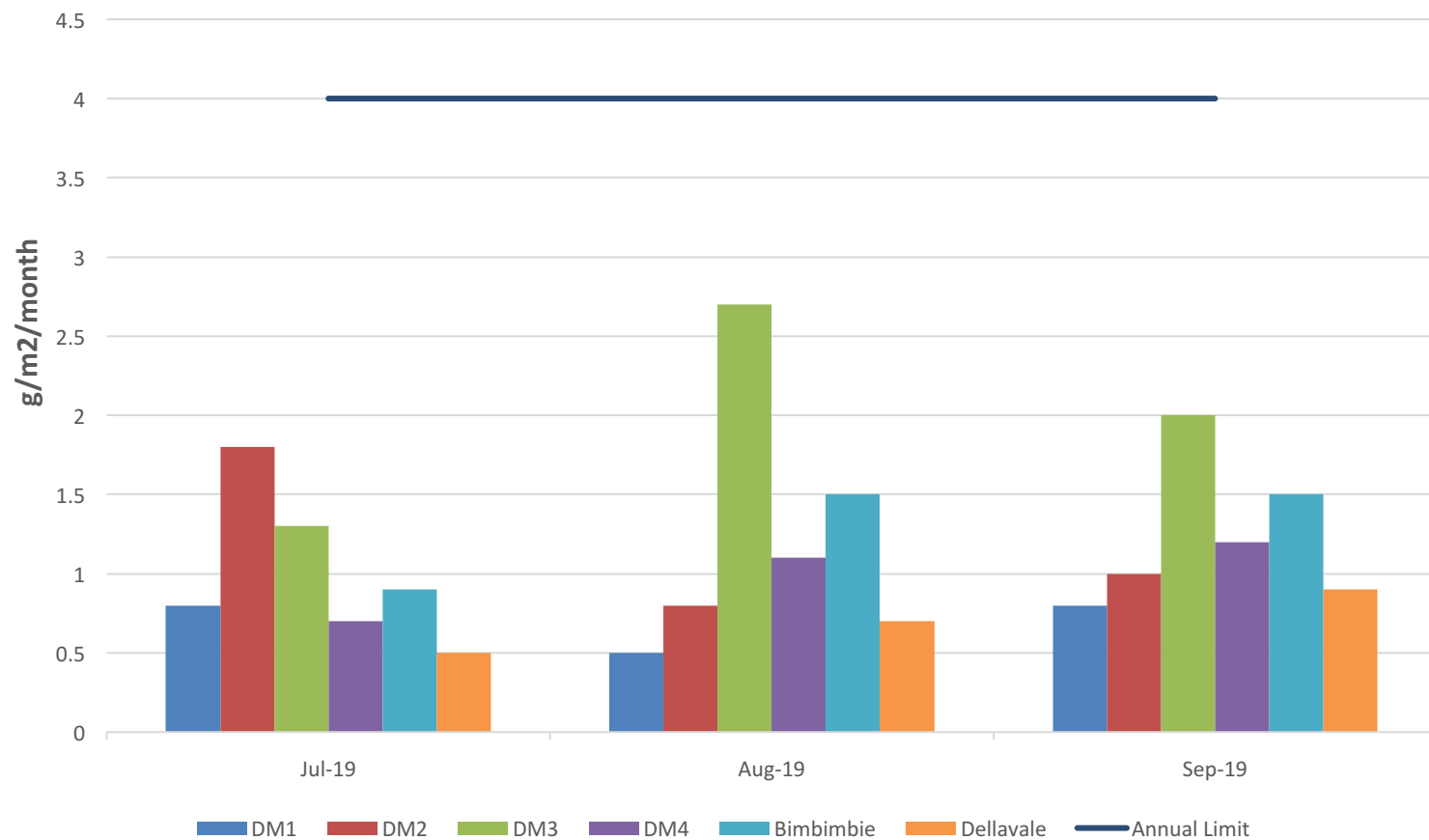


Date	Notification only	Complaint	Reason for complaint
6/07/2019		Yes	Blasting Vibration
8/07/2019		Yes	Blasting Vibration
10/07/2019		Yes	Blasting Vibration
24/07/2019		Yes	Blasting Vibration
06/08/2019		Yes	Blasting Vibration
02/09/2019		Yes	Blasting Vibration
25/09/2019		Yes	Blasting Vibration

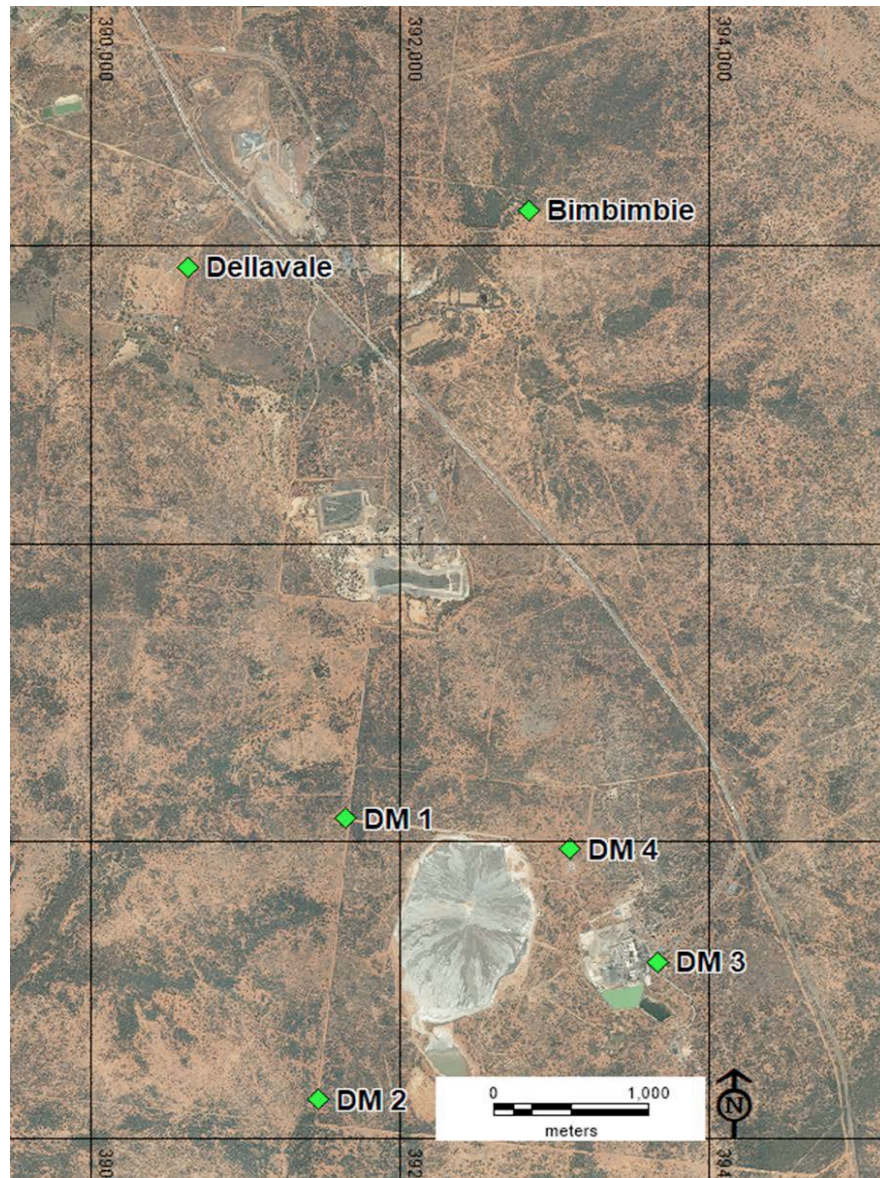
Environmental Monitoring – Depositional Dust



PGM Monitors July - September 2019



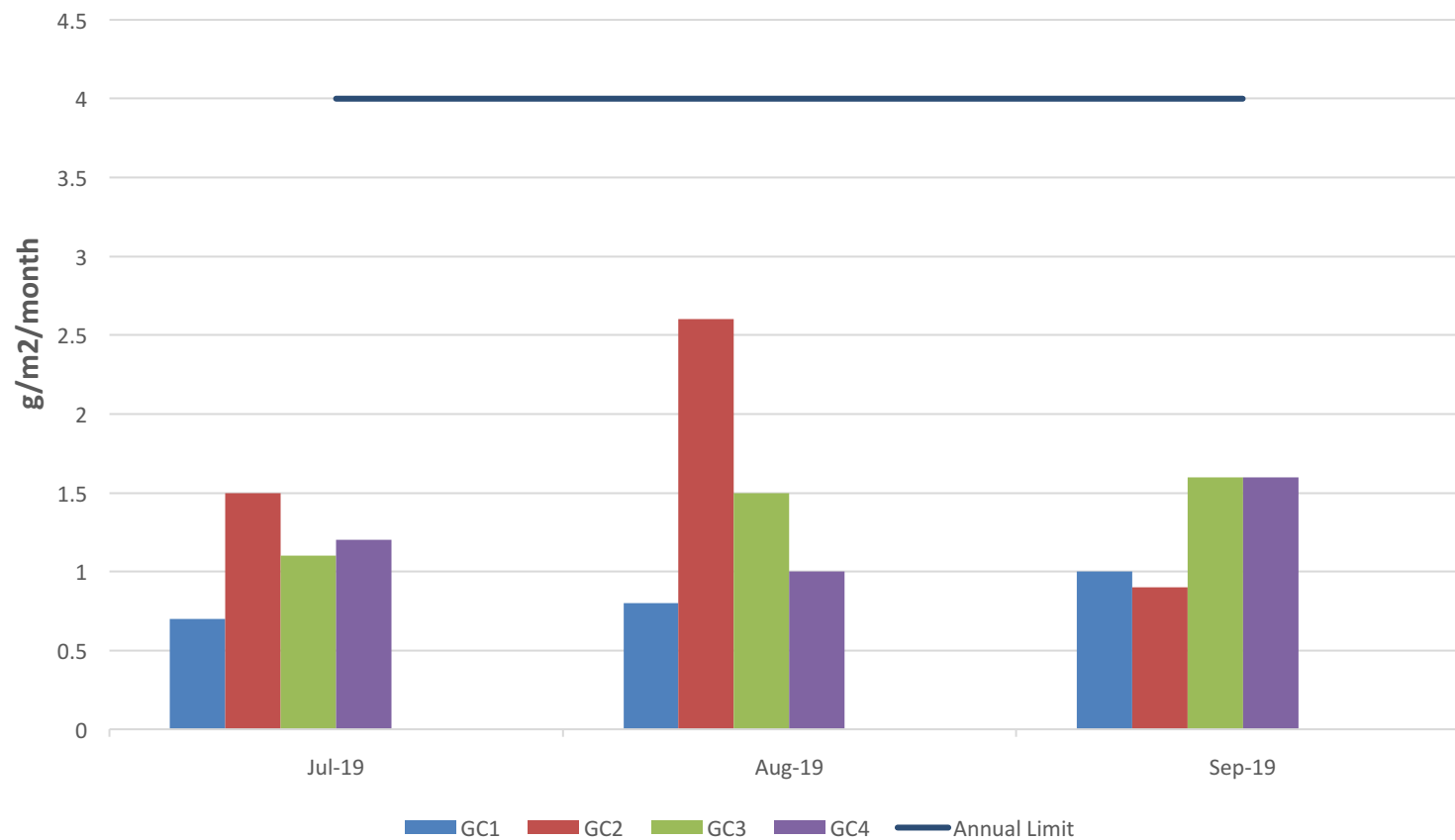
PGM Dust Monitoring Locations



Environmental Monitoring – Depositional Dust



Town Monitors July - September 2019



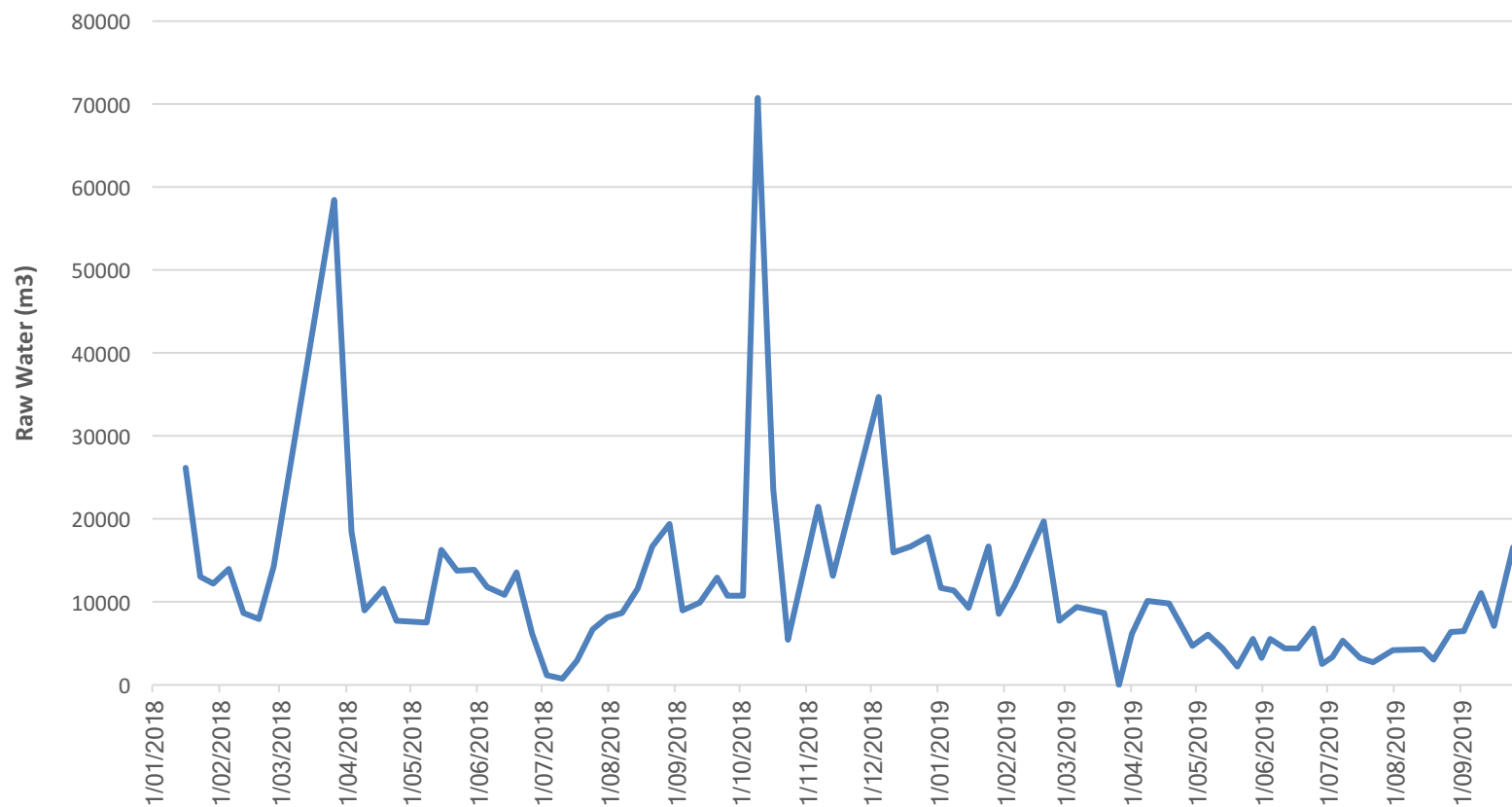
Town Dust monitor Locations



Water Balance



Raw Water Usage 2018-Present



Environmental Monitoring – Site Clean up



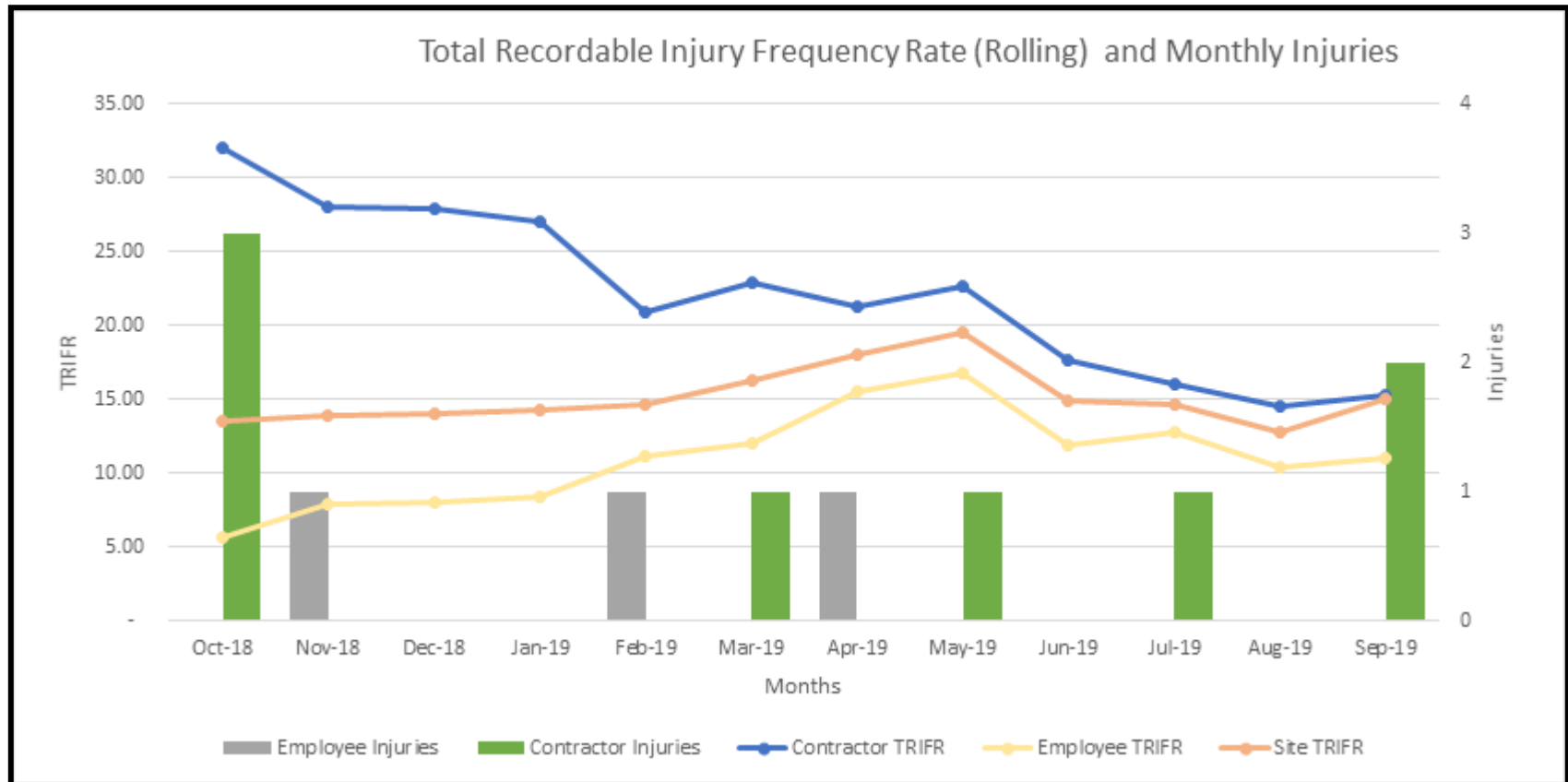
Peak Gold Mines have been focusing on cleaning up both New Cobar and Peak site to create and encourage a tidy, safe and effective workspace.

Focus areas have included tidying and/or removing the following;

- Pallets
- IBC's
- Poly pipe
- Scrap metal



Safety October 2018 – September 2019



Projects

- Project on schedule for commissioning Q1 2020.
- 45 local vendors used on the project thus far, \$10.5M spent through local vendors which equates to 21% of total project construction.
- Project direct manning averaging 70 persons, project personnel accommodating in town (Pub, Motels, short term renting) no persons at mining camp.



Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for New Cobar Complex

In September, significant community consultation was completed including:

- Meeting with Cobar Shire Council
- Meeting with Cobar Councillor's
- Community walk in session
- Community surveys

Works Completed to date:

- Seeking approval to pump groundwater from Great Cobar to meet site demands (drought response)
- Installation of additional dust monitoring stations
- Installation of additional blast monitoring stations



Exploration

- Surface drilling commenced approximately 2 weeks ago with purpose to test at depth beneath the Peak/Kairos deposits
- Results under review from the large geophysical survey completed over CML8. The intention of this survey was to locate rhyolite bodies and/or mineralization.



Environmental Initiatives



- Feral animal trapping; 3 cats have been caught at New Cobar this quarter
- Festival of the Miners Ghost involvement included, Mines Rescue Guard of Honour, Surface Tours, Road Crash Rescue Demonstration and a stall at the mini mining expo.
- Round 2 of PGM Donations has been completed – approximately \$30,000 donated to the Cobar community.
- Next community meeting planned for December 2019.

