

Dubbo Project Community Newsletter

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Welcome to our October edition of the Dubbo Project community newsletter. With Spring well underway, we're abuzz with ASM news for you.

Busy day in Dubbo for ASM's new CEO

In July, the ASM Board appointed Rowena Smith as Chief Executive Officer, after the former Managing Director stepped down.

Long-time followers of the Dubbo Project may recognise Rowena, as she was previously ASM's Chief Operating Officer, leading the Dubbo Project team and overseeing construction and commissioning of the Korean Metals Plant.

Rowena was in Dubbo at the time of her appointment, and was delighted to spend her second day as CEO out and about amongst the community.

The day started early, with a breakfast meeting with the Dubbo Regional Council, where Rowena provided an update on the Dubbo Project.

It was then off to ASM's Toongi site, for the official launch of the Macquarie Agricultural Pathways (MAP) program. Rowena met with representatives from Macquarie Anglican Grammar School and was introduced to the first cohort of students taking part in the programme.



Meeting MAP program students (Dubbo, NSW)



Representatives from ASM, Macquarie Anglican Grammar School and Toongi Pastoral Company at MAP program launch (Dubbo, NSW)

In delivering her first speech as ASM CEO, Rowena said:



“ASM is proud to be a partner in this exciting approach to learning and exploring career pathways.

While ASM has big ambitions for our Dubbo Project to play a key part in a sustainable, cleaner energy future for the world – we are also committed to bringing lasting benefits – today - to the people and region of Dubbo.

We want to support programs like this - that will help the community grow and develop with us.”

ASM Chair gives key address at business breakfast with NSW Premier in Korea

Also in July, ASM Chair Ian Gandel was honoured to be invited to speak at a business breakfast in Korea with NSW Premier, the Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP. The breakfast was organised by the NSW government and the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Korea.

The NSW Premier travelled to Korea to provide an economic update for the state and to hold meetings with a range of government and corporate stakeholders.



Attendees at NSW government and AustCham Korea business breakfast (Seoul, Korea)

The breakfast gave the Premier an opportunity to speak with industry and the broader Australia-Korea business community. The Premier highlighted NSW's strong and resilient economy, and that NSW is open for business.



NSW Premier Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP addressing breakfast guests (Seoul, Korea)



ASM Chair Ian Gandel addressing breakfast guests (Seoul, Korea)

ASM Chair Ian Gandel spoke about the existing, strong Australia-Korea relationship and the potential for further collaboration across government and industry, to strengthen our ties, and to explore economic and strategic opportunities.

Modification Report (MOD1) update

ASM has lodged a Response to Submissions with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, following closure of the MOD1 public exhibition period.



Six public submissions were received by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, and nine submissions from government agencies.

We are now waiting on determination from the department, which is expected toward the end of the year.

The MOD1 reflected several Dubbo Project design improvements resulting from the [Optimisation Study](#) completed in December 2021.

Community Consultative Committee welcomes two new members



The Dubbo Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) met in August.

The committee Chair was delighted to welcome two new community members, Ms Ashleigh Knight and Mr Paul Carr.

The next meeting of the committee is planned for Tuesday 1 November 2022.

First sale and delivery of NdPr metal from Korean Metals Plant

In exciting news for September, ASM secured its first sale of neodymium praseodymium (NdPr) metal from the Korean Metals Plant.

ASM subsidiary, KSM Metals signed a binding agreement with Korean company NS World for the sale and delivery of up to 10 tonnes of NdPr ingots from September to December 2022.



The first pallet of NdPr metal from the Korean Metals Plant gets loaded onto the delivery truck (Ochang, Korea)

Following the signing, the first delivery of NdPr metal left the Korean Metals Plants on 16 September – a proud day for all the team in Korea.



Korean Metals Plant team celebrate first NdPr metal sale and delivery (Ochang, Korea)

NS World intends to use this metal in the production of bonded magnets for use in the automotive and household appliance industries.

Read sales agreement announcement [here](#)

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