

Safety doesn't stop at the fence

Every day over 1000 employees, contractors and visitors are at work out on the Olympic Dam site. They are subject to strict safety regimes whether they're working in an administration centre, underground or in production.

Contractors are subject to strict controls and expectation by BHP Billiton. There is no leeway for even a minor breach of so called minor injuries as was demonstrated on Friday April 16 when BHP called a Stop for Safety due to two minor incidences in 24 hours.

Mining can be a dangerous profession if people do not follow the rules whether the non compliance is the company, contractors or employees.

On site, "Safety" is the word and it is taken seriously, you would never see someone working in a confined space or climbing on a roof without the right equipment, or not following the correct procedures or support.

BUT, does the safety experience and training transpose to the home?

It would seem that is doubtful according to a study by J Lund and J Hovden of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.

Their findings indicate that workers in two of the three studies did not transfer safe behaviour from workplaces with a high focus on safety to home and leisure areas.

It's a startling fact, when you consider the consequences of slight injury let alone major injury or fatality has on families, friends and employers.

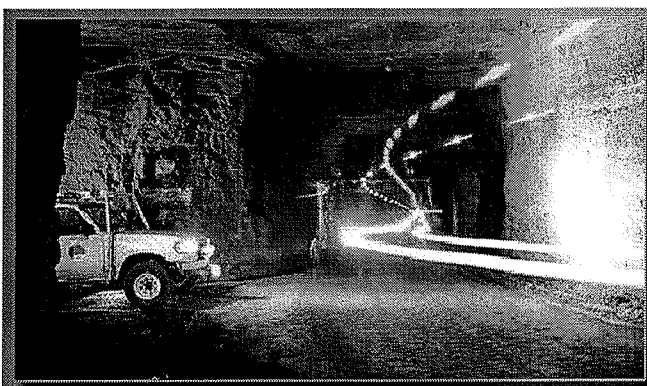
After all it's not as if we don't know any better!

In a town so well resourced when it comes to safety maybe we should be looking for programs, promotion and a building of awareness of site for small businesses and community facilities and homes.

Start them young, take a leaf out of the Environment Movement which had every school child trying to reform their families into recycling experts. Look at the Outback Smart model and find a way to take it into homes. Could the Environment Forum drive it, can CFIT become involved?

What is already happening, can we build on it?

However, can we approach it as a community? In doing so we need to remember safety does not start or end at the fence it's a 24/7 state of alert and is everyone's responsibility.



Broadspectrum is part of the recovery team at the Clark Shaft, Olympic Dam

Broadspectrum Australia has had a long-standing commitment at the Olympic Dam mine in Roxby Downs, providing trades and associated labour to BHP Billiton and contractors.

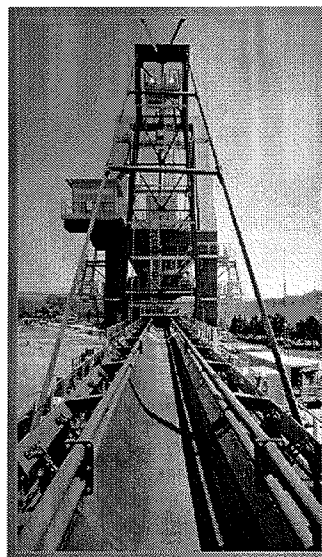
"Currently, Broadspectrum is involved in the high-profile recovery of the Clark shaft, the main ore carrying shaft at Olympic Dam, working on everything from the Winder room, head frame and underground aspects of the project," said the company's Area Manager Mark Bradley.

The company has a core project team providing electrical and instrumentation services in construction and maintenance across the site from the Smelter and processing plant to the mine itself.

"Our resources division draws upon a national pool of qualified and experienced trade labour providing ongoing and shutdown personnel ranging from mechanical fitters and boilermakers, crane drivers, riggers and scaffolders to electricians and instrumentation technicians.

Broadspectrum Roxby Downs's office and workshop is conveniently located in the main heavy industrial area on Charlton Road; where the major contractors are able to service the site.

"Broadspectrum has a commitment to service excellence and maintaining a proactive and partnering approach to our customers, continually looking to improve what we do and how we do it, while looking after our most important assets along the way, our people," Mr Bradley concluded.




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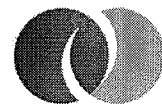
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