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MINING GAMES COMMITTEE



Hi, I'm Tahnee and I'm the 2026 Vice-President for the AusIMM Southern Queensland Student Chapter and the Principal Games Coordinator. Through leading the student-run Mining and Metallurgy Association at UQ and competing in local, national, and international mining games, I've been lucky to experience first-hand how transformative student opportunities can be. I'm excited to give back by helping create meaningful industry connections, supporting student growth, and contributing behind the scenes to deliver opportunities that future mining professionals will remember and benefit from throughout their careers.



Hi, I am Adam the 2026 President for the Southern Queensland Student Chapter. Having had the opportunity to participate in the last mining games held in Brisbane in 2024 I am so excited to be part of the team bringing the games back to Brisbane in 2026. Creating amazing opportunity for students to network, compete, and connect with their peers in a fun and competitive environment. Supporting the games is an opportunity to take part in providing that once in a life time experience for students that they will not forget, and to provide the networks that will take the future leaders through the industry.



Hi, my name is Sofia and I'm the Sponsorship Officer for AusIMM SQSC in 2026. Having participated in the 2025 Games, I gained invaluable skills and connections, and I want to ensure everyone enjoys that same opportunity in 2026. With your support, we can foster teamwork, community, and lasting professional relationships while delivering the largest and most impactful Games yet.



William Law: Treasurer



Amelia Reid: Secretary

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MINING GAMES

The Mining Games have a proud tradition of connecting students and professionals in the minerals industry for nearly five decades. First established in 1978 to honour the miners who tragically lost their lives in the 1972 Sunshine Mine Disaster in Idaho, USA, the Games have continued ever since as both a commemoration and a celebration of mining heritage. The disaster occurred when smoke and carbon monoxide spread rapidly through the underground workings, cutting off escape routes and claiming 91 lives, making it one of the most devastating mining accidents in U.S. history.

Beyond their symbolic importance, the Games preserve traditional mining practices through competitions such as track set, muck and cart, swede saw, airleg drilling, hand steel, blast board, surveying, and gold panning. These events showcase skills that remain central to the industry's identity, while also giving students the chance to experience the physical and technical challenges faced by generations of miners.

Equally, the Mining Games serve as a platform for networking and professional engagement. Students and industry representatives from across the country come together not only to compete but also to connect through career fairs, site visits, and social functions such as the Awards Dinner. For host regions, the Games provide a valuable opportunity to highlight local industry prospects, attract interstate and international talent, and strengthen ties between academia and the resources sector. In this way, the Games continue to honour the past while actively shaping the future of mining.



Southern Queensland Mixed B Team at APAC Perth, 2025

ASIA PACIFIC MINING GAMES 2026

The Asia Pacific Mining Games (APAC), formerly the National Mining Games, are the premier student mining competition in Australia. In 2026, the Games will be hosted in **Brisbane from Friday 2nd October to Saturday 3rd October**, immediately following the New Leaders' Summit.

The competition spans two full days, preceded by a compulsory training session for high-risk events, and concludes with a Gala Awards Dinner where prizes are awarded to men's, women's, and mixed teams across individual events and overall standings. Alongside the competitions, the Games feature careers fairs, site tours, and networking functions, offering sponsors multiple engagement opportunities to connect with students and showcase their organisation.

For industry partners, the APAC Mining Games represent a unique platform to promote career pathways, highlight organisational culture, and build lasting connections with the country's top mining students.



Location, Objectives, and Equipment Upgrades

Location of the Games

The 2026 Asia Pacific Mining Games will be hosted at the University of Queensland's Research Facility in Pinjarra Hills, Brisbane. This venue provides a practical and professional setting for the competition, bringing together students and industry representatives in a collaborative environment.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the Games are to:

- Uphold the proud tradition of the National Mining Games
- Facilitate the professional development of students in mining-related fields
- Showcase and attract talent to the Queensland resources industry
- Foster connections and strengthen community spirit among participants and industry guests
- Ensure the highest standards of safety for all competitors and spectators

Safety is a central focus of the Games. Each team must complete mandatory risk assessments before every event, and ensuring competitors wear the correct PPE is a priority. A zero blood-alcohol concentration is mandatory on competition days, and adherence to event rules is closely monitored to ensure participant and spectator safety.

Equipment Upgrades

As the 2026 Games will be the largest yet, equipment upgrades are being introduced to ensure smooth and efficient operations. Planned improvements include:

- New equipment for the track stand event
- A comprehensive tool overhaul
- A medium-sized sawhorse designed to better accommodate student competitors
- Adjustments to allow parallel events, increasing efficiency within the limited space available at Pinjarra Hills



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Principal Games Sponsor

\$25,000

1 Package Available

The Principal Sponsor is recognised as the leading corporate supporter of the Games and will receive the following benefits:

- Formal acknowledgement as Principal Sponsor at all major events, including (but not limited to) the Welcome Networking Evening, daily opening announcements, and the Gala Awards Dinner.
- Four complimentary tickets to the Gala Awards Dinner.
- A five-minute company presentation during the Gala Awards Dinner program.
- Four complimentary tickets to the Welcome Networking Evening.
- Complimentary sponsorship of one event of your choice, with all associated benefits as outlined in the event sponsorship package.
- Prominent display of company name and logo as Principal Sponsor on team booklets, major event banners, competition T-shirts, and all official publications.
- Prime banner placement at the main entrance to the Games site.
- Priority stall positioning at the Games site.
- Opportunity to provide company merchandise to overall winning teams.
- Opportunity to supply company-branded PPE for competitors.
- Dedicated recognition across SQSC social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- Additional benefits as specified within the event sponsorship package.



Welcome Networking Evening Sponsor

\$10,000

1 Package Available

The Welcome Networking Evening will be held on 3 October, immediately following the conclusion of the New Leaders Summit. This event will bring together competing students from across Australia, industry representatives, sponsoring partners, and the organising committee for an evening of networking over canapés and drinks.

Throughout the evening, the organising committee will formally acknowledge the Principal Networking Sponsor, extend a warm welcome to participants arriving in Brisbane, and provide an overview of the schedule and format of the Games.

The sponsor of the APAC Mining Games Welcoming Night will receive the following benefits:

- Formal acknowledgement at both the commencement and conclusion of the event.
- Opportunity for company representatives to deliver a five-minute presentation highlighting career pathways and opportunities within your organisation.
- Prominent display of company logo on all event presentation slides.
- Opportunity to showcase company banners throughout the event venue.
- Company name and logo featured on overall Games banners and official competition T-shirt merchandise.
- Six complimentary tickets for representatives to attend the Welcome Networking Evening.
- Two complimentary tickets for representatives to attend the Gala Awards Dinner.
- Company name and logo included in all official Games publications.
- Dedicated recognition across SQSC social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn).
- Opportunity to provide company merchandise for distribution during the event.

Gala Awards Dinner Sponsor

\$12,000

1 Package Available

The Gala Awards Dinner on 3 October 2026 will conclude the Asia Pacific Mining Games, bringing together competitors and industry sponsors for an evening of celebration and networking. The program includes pre-drinks and canapés, followed by a formal dinner with sponsor presentations and the awarding of medals to winning teams.

The Gala Awards Dinner Sponsor will receive the following benefits:

- Formal recognition and thanks at both the commencement and conclusion of the evening.
- Opportunity for company representatives to deliver a five-minute presentation during the program.
- Prominent banner placement on stage and inclusion within all official awards photographs.
- Company name and logo featured on all menus and throughout the awards presentation slides.
- Six complimentary tickets for representatives to attend the Gala Awards Dinner.
- Two complimentary tickets for representatives to attend the Welcome Networking Evening.
- Invitation for a company representative to present the Spirit and Merit Awards.
- Invitation to register an industry team (six participants) to compete in the Games.
- Company name and logo displayed on overall Games banners and official event T-shirt merchandise.
- Dedicated recognition across SQSC social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.



Principal Food and Drink Sponsor

\$5,000

1 Package Available

SOLD

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Across both competition days, competitors, judges, and industry guests will be provided with cooked breakfasts and lunches, complemented by a selection of beverages including water, juices, and soft drinks. These shared meals create valuable informal networking opportunities between students from universities across Australia and industry representatives.

The Principal Food and Drink Sponsor will receive the following benefits:

- Formal recognition and thanks at the commencement of both competition days.
- Prominent banner placement at the catering venue.
- Invitation for company representatives to network with participants during meals.
- Dedicated acknowledgement across SQSC social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn).
- Company name and logo featured on overall Games banners.
- Company name and logo displayed on official competition T-shirt merchandise.
- Two complimentary tickets for representatives to attend the Welcome Networking Evening.
- Two complimentary tickets for representatives to attend the Gala Awards Dinner



Safety Sponsorship Package

\$3,500

1 Package Available

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Safety is the highest priority in the mining industry, and the Mining Games are no exception. Some events carry inherent risks, and strict safety standards are enforced to protect all competitors. Participants are required to wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, steel-capped boots, helmets, safety glasses, and gloves. If at any point PPE is missing or dropped during an event, teams must pause until all members are properly equipped.

The Safety Sponsorship Package offers two options for companies: either providing financial support of \$3,500 or supplying PPE such as steel-capped boots, helmets, gloves, and other equipment for our competing teams (quantities can be discussed).

Sponsors of the Safety Package will receive:

- Company name and logo on all competition shirts.
- Company name and logo on competition banners.
- Recognition as a supporter of safety for students and emerging mining professionals, including professional photo opportunities with provided PPE.
- Opportunity to supply company-branded merchandise for use during the competition.
- Formal acknowledgement at the start of each competition day.
- Invitation to attend and observe the APAC Mining Games.
- Two complimentary tickets for representatives to attend the Welcome Networking Evening.
- Two complimentary tickets for representatives to attend the Gala Awards Dinner



Event Sponsor

\$7,000

8 Package Available

The 2026 APAC Mining Games will be hosting 8 events: Airleg, Blast Face Tie-In, Gold Panning, Mucking, Rock Identification, Survey, Swede Saw, and Track Set.

Teams consist of five competitors and compete across three categories: women's, men's, and mixed. There is one sponsorship available for each event, with a total of nine opportunities. Please contact us to discuss the event you wish to sponsor.

By sponsoring an APAC Mining Games Event, your company will be provided with the following benefits:

- Prominent display of company name and logo on event signage.
- Opportunity to showcase company banners at the event venue.
- Invitation for a company representative to assist in judging the event.
- Invitation to register an industry team (six participants) to compete in the Games.
- Two complimentary tickets for representatives to attend the Welcome Networking Evening.
- Two complimentary tickets for representatives to attend the Gala Awards Dinner, including the opportunity to present awards for the sponsored event.
- Company name and logo featured on overall Games banners, official competition T-shirt merchandise, and all official publications.
- Dedicated recognition across SQSC social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn).
- Opportunity to provide company merchandise as prizes for the event.
- Ability to supply marketing collateral and co-branding materials for distribution.



THE EVENTS

AIRLEG

In the Airleg Event, two team members work together to drill 0.7-metre holes into a concrete wall using an airleg drill. One competitor operates the drill, aiming to achieve maximum depth within approximately one minute, while the other ensures the hole is straight and accurate. The roles are then reversed, with each competitor attempting to drill again. Performance is judged on both safety and the combined depth of the holes.



BLAST FACE TIE-IN

In the Blastface Tie-In Event, teams collaborate to design an effective detonation sequence within a heading's pre-drilled holes, beginning with a burn cut and progressing outward. Competitors first develop their blast design on paper before safely placing detonators into the holes. Judging is based on safety, teamwork, quality of design, and execution.



GOLD PANNING

The Gold Panning event sees each competitor search for flattened gold-coloured BBs in a pan full of dirt and water. At the call of "gold pan!", they begin panning to recover all five BBs. When finished, the competitor calls "time!", with five minutes added for each missing BB. The process is repeated for all team members, and combined times determine the team's final score.



MUCKING

The mucking event begins with a team of five pushing an empty cart up and down the track, then the team will go into their positions with three shovelers, two active, and one on rotation, with the other two members of the team screeding, making sure the dirt is kept in the cart. The competitors will keep shovelling until the cart is filled all the way, then the competitors will push the full cart up and down the track again and once the final bumper at the end is touched the time will stop.



THE EVENTS

ROCK IDENTIFICATION

In the Rock Identification Event, teams collaborate to identify 10 unknown rock samples using hardness, acid, and magnetic tests. Judging focuses on teamwork, safety, and the number of correct identifications, highlighting both technical skill and effective collaboration.



SURVEY

The Survey Event challenges teams to work collaboratively to determine the coordinates of a designated point using a reference point and a survey total station. Competitors are provided with a notepad and pen for calculations, along with initial instructions on operating the equipment. Judging is based on teamwork, safety, accuracy of coordinates, and time taken.



SWEDE SAW

In the Swede Saw Event, each team member must saw through solid timber secured in a wooden horse as quickly as possible. Teams are provided with two blades, WD-40, and a pre-marked section of timber for the challenge. Once all members have completed their cut, time is called. Judging is based on teamwork, safety, and the total time taken.



TRACK SET

The Track Set Event challenges teams to efficiently and accurately construct a section of railway before deconstructing it. Competitors are provided with sleepers, dog spikes, fish plates, rails, and the necessary tools to complete the task. Judging is based on teamwork, safety, accuracy of the finished product, and the time taken to both build and dismantle the railway.



CONTACT US

The AusIMM Southern Queensland Student Chapter thanks you for taking the time to consider supporting our Chapter in 2026. If you have any further questions, please reach out to any of the committee members below, who will be happy to help:



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