

2026

VICTORIAN MINE RESCUE COMPETITION PROGRAM

27 FEB - 1 MARCH

**FOSTERVILLE GOLD MINE AND LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
BENDIGO**

The Victorian Mine Rescue Competition, which started in 1993, is a national event where teams from mine sites across Australia participate to develop new skills and put their abilities to the test in a safe environment.

Competition Officials

Key Contact	
Event Manager	Sahil Puri 0427 506 554
Adjudicator Coordinator	Dan McMahon 0417 082 700
Head adjudicator	Simon Delander 0418 253 201

First Aid	
Lead Adjudicator	Josh King
Adjudicators	Tyson Taylor Matt Lewis Morgan Young Emilie Woodhead

Fire	
Lead Adjudicator	Oliver Strode
Adjudicators	Henry Vale Sean Blake

Hazmat	
Lead Adjudicator	Andrew Burt
Adjudicators	Tony Walkinshaw Tony McCreanor Ben Fraser

Vertical Rescue/Heights	
Lead Adjudicator	Jamie Pope
Adjudicators	Peter Andrews Richard Lendon

Competition Officials

Search and Rescue

Lead Adjudicator	Adam Coates
Adjudicators	Dean McHardie Matt Botting Aly Jad

Road Crash Rescue

Lead Adjudicator	Andrew Shaw
Adjudicators	Mark Jameson Jessica Bennett Michael Terry

Skills

Lead Adjudicator	Karl Shay
Adjudicators	Sean Pontelandolfo Jason Shay Scott Christian Drew Shard Brett MacCallum Owen Shay

Confined Spaces

Lead Adjudicator	Brenton Smith
Adjudicators	Alex Lennon Fabian Benc Wayne Miller Nick Mitchell

Theory

Lead Adjudicator	Jarod Dubyna
Adjudicators	Scott Symons

Competing Teams

1. Victory Minerals
2. Alkane Costerfield Operations
3. Stawell Gold Mine
4. CSA Mine
5. Evolution - Cowal Gold Mine
6. Cement Australia (Cornwall Coal)
7. Newmont Cadia
8. ISH24 Mutual Aid Women's Team
9. Evolution – Northparkes Operations
10. Bengalla Mining
11. BHP Copper SA
12. CFA Oscar 1
13. Fosterville Gold Mine



Competition Sponsors

An event of this size simply
wouldn't be possible without
the invaluable support of our
sponsors:



Thanks to all our Sponsors





Hosts

**A special Thanks to
Fosterville Mine & Latrobe University for hosting the
2026 Victorian Mine Rescue Competition**



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FOSTERVILLE



LA TROBE
UNIVERSITY





Competition Weekend Itinerary

• VENUES

The underground rescue scenario will take place at Agnico Eagle's Fosterville Gold Mine.

La Trobe University Bendigo Campus will become the centre of surface scenario action, where competitors will showcase their skills through scenario-based training challenges open to the public, family and friends to watch.

• Team Hub

All sponsors will be located indoors at La Trobe University Bendigo, in the Gallery & Plaza area on campus. This space is near the Gate 5 car park, just behind the large La Trobe sign.

• Catering

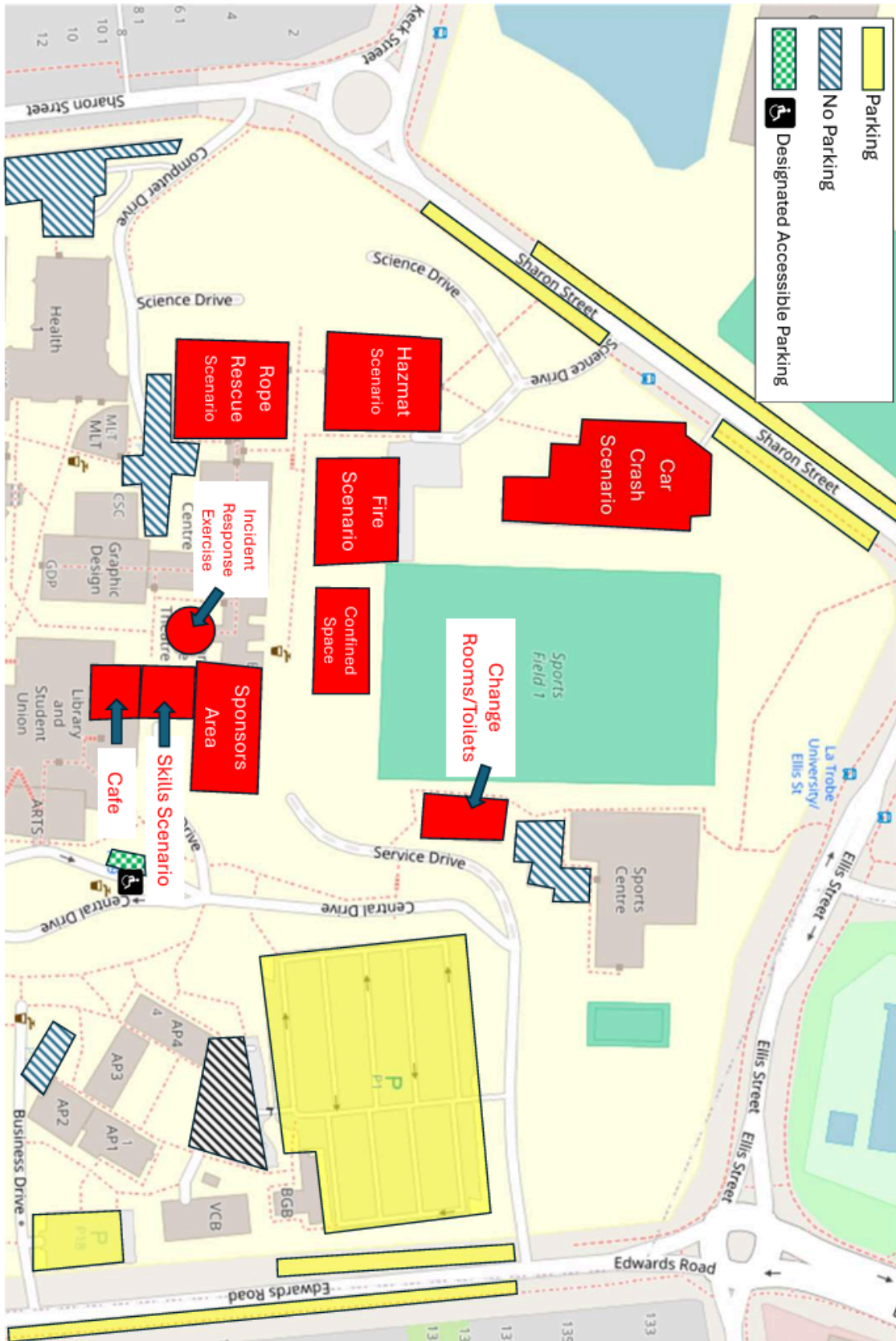
Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all participants of the competition on both February 28th and March 1st, including adjudicators, volunteers, teams, and sponsors.

- Friday, February 27th: Welcome Event; Dinner will be provided.
- Saturday, February 28th: only Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- Sunday, March 1st: breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided, with dinner served during the presentation ceremony at Chateau Dore, Mandurang Valley.



For inquiries please contact:
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Campus Map





Scenarios

MCA gratefully and sincerely acknowledges the significant time, commitment, and dedication of our adjudicators and volunteers who support this important competition each year.

Your safety and comfort are our highest priority. Please speak to the adjudicators if you have any questions or require assistance at any time.

The competition will feature a diverse range of scenarios, providing participants with valuable, hands-on experience in a simulated underground environment.

- Firefighting: led by Oliver Strode
- Skills: led by Karl Shay
- Confined spaces: led by Brenton Smith
- Search & Rescue underground(optional): led by Adam Coates
- Hazmat: led by Andrew Burt
- First aid: led by Josh King
- Road crash rescue: led by Andrew Shaw
- Rope rescue: led by Dan McMahon
- Theory: led by Jarrod Dubyna



FRIDAY 27 FEB

**ALL TEAMS AND
ADJUDICATORS TO ATTEND
*SPONSORS ARE ALSO
WELCOME TO ATTEND AS
SPECTATORS**

7:00AM-3:30PM

UNDERGROUND COMPETITION
BEGINS AT FOSTERVILLE

4:00PM

WELCOME CEREMONY

5:00PM

REGISTRATION OPEN AT CENTRAL
DEBORAH

6:00PM

DINNER SERVED



Central Deborah Gold Mine
76 Violet St, Bendigo VIC 3550



COMPETITION DAY 1

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

TEAM (6):		CFA	Costerfield	Fosterville	Ballarat	Stawell	Mutual Aid Women's
start time	end time	Friday 27 Feb					
6:00 AM	6:45 AM	Breakfast					
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	S&R					
8:30 AM	9:30 AM		S&R				
10:00 AM	11:00 AM			S&R			
11:30 AM	12:30 PM				S&R		
1:00 PM	2:00 PM					S&R	
2:30 PM	3:30 PM						S&R
4:00 PM	7:00pm	Welcome Event					
		Comp Day 1 end					

COMPETITION DAY 2

SATURDAY 28 FEB

UNDERGROUND RESCUE SCENARIO WILL
TAKE PLACE AT AGNICO EAGLE'S
FOSTERVILLE GOLD MINE; ALL OTHER
SCENARIOS WILL BE AT LA TROBE
UNIVERSITY BENDIGO CAMPUS



6:00AM-5:00PM



BREAKFAST & LUNCH WILL BE
SERVED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

Gallery & Plaza area of La Trobe
University, Bendigo.
135 Edwards Road, Flora Hill



COMPETITION DAY 2

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY

TEAM (13):		CFA	Costerfield	Fosterville	Ballarat	Stawell	Mutual Aid Women's	Cowal	Cadia	North Parkes	Cornwall	CSA	Bangalla	BHP
start time	end time	Saturday												
6:00 AM	6:45 AM	Breakfast												
6:45 AM	7:00 AM	Get Ready												
7:00 AM	8:00 AM						Fire & BA PRAC	RCR	S&R	Hazmat		Confined Spaces	Ropes	
8:00 AM	9:00 AM													
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Ropes	Skills	Confined Spaces	RCR					Fire & BA PRAC	S&R			Hazmat
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Skills	Confined Spaces											
11:00 AM	12:00 PM													
12:00 PM	1:00 PM													
1:00 PM	2:00 PM													
2:00 PM	3:00 PM													
3:00 PM	4:00 PM													
4:00 PM	5:00 PM													
5:00 PM	6:00 PM													
Comp Day 1 end														

COMPETITION DAY 3

SUNDAY 1 MARCH

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TAKE PLACE AT AGNICO EAGLE'S
FOSTERVILLE GOLD MINE; ALL OTHER
SCENARIOS WILL BE AT LA TROBE
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6:00AM-2:00PM



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6.00PM ONWARDS

PRESENTATION DINNER (RSVP
REQUIRED)



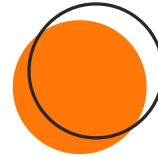
Chateau Dore, Mandurang Valley
303 Mandurang Rd, Mandurang VIC
3551

COMPETITION DAY 3 SUNDAY 1 MARCH

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<https://minerals.org.au/about/mca-vic/victorian-mine-rescue-competition/>

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