

Navarre Minerals Limited
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ASX Code: NML

Corporate Details

Issued capital:

278.6M ordinary shares
22.2M unlisted options

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NAVARRE COMMENCES 2018 DRILLING

*Major drilling campaign of up to 25,000m
at five Navarre projects over next 6 months*

Key Points:

- 25,000m drilling campaign comprising air-core, reverse circulation and diamond drilling underway
- Majority of drilling allocated to flagship Irvine and Tandarra gold projects to further define extent of gold mineralisation
- First-pass drilling planned on regional plays: St Arnaud and Stawell Granite gold projects (newly granted) and the Glenlyle project
- Drilling commenced at Stawell Granite and Tandarra gold projects
- Drilling at Irvine Gold Project planned to commence this month
- Results to be released as they become available

Navarre Minerals Limited (**Navarre** or the **Company**; **ASX: NML**) is pleased to announce the commencement of a major drilling campaign across its key projects and several regional prospects in central and western Victoria (Figure 1).

The drilling programs on Navarre's tenements over the next six months are scheduled to total approximately 25,000 metres of air-core (AC), reverse circulation (RC) and diamond core drilling (DD) across five project areas.

These exploration programs represent a significant investment in gold exploration in Victoria, and it is the Company's most expansive field season to date.

In summary, the five programs are:

- **8,000 metres of AC, RC and DD infill and extension drilling** at the 100%-owned Irvine Gold Project, targeting additional Stawell-style gold mineralisation on the east flank of the Irvine basalt dome, similar to the recent discoveries at the Resolution and Adventure Lodes, and the Dutton prospect;
- **2,500 metres of first-pass AC drilling** testing for potential Fosterville-style high-grade gold mineralisation in four targets at the St Arnaud Gold Project (100% Navarre), where the historic St Arnaud Goldfield is believed to project north under shallow Murray Basin cover;
- **1,200 metres of first-pass AC drilling** targeting potential gold hosted in granite at the Stawell Granite Gold Project (100% Navarre);
- **1,800 metres of first-pass and infill AC and RC drilling** at the 100%-owned Glenlyle Project, targeting a potential porphyry copper-gold system in an extension of the same volcanic package that hosts the nearby Thursdays Gossan deposit; and

- **Up to 12,000 metres of an ongoing program of AC, RC and DD drilling** targeting repetitions and extensions of Bendigo/Fosterville style high-grade gold at the Tandarra Gold Project (100% Navarre; Catalyst Metals Ltd (Catalyst, ASX: CYL) earning 51%).

Navarre advises that the first-pass AC drilling campaign at the Stawell Granite Gold Project (see Figure 2) has commenced and that DD drilling is expected to commence at the Irvine Project within the next two weeks. Diamond and RC drilling has recently recommenced at the Tandarra Gold Project after the Christmas-New year period. Catalyst is funding and managing this program under its Farm-out Agreement with Navarre.

The remaining programs will be commenced progressively over the coming months, and the Company will update the market on their progress and developments. Results are expected to be released on an ongoing basis, as they become available.

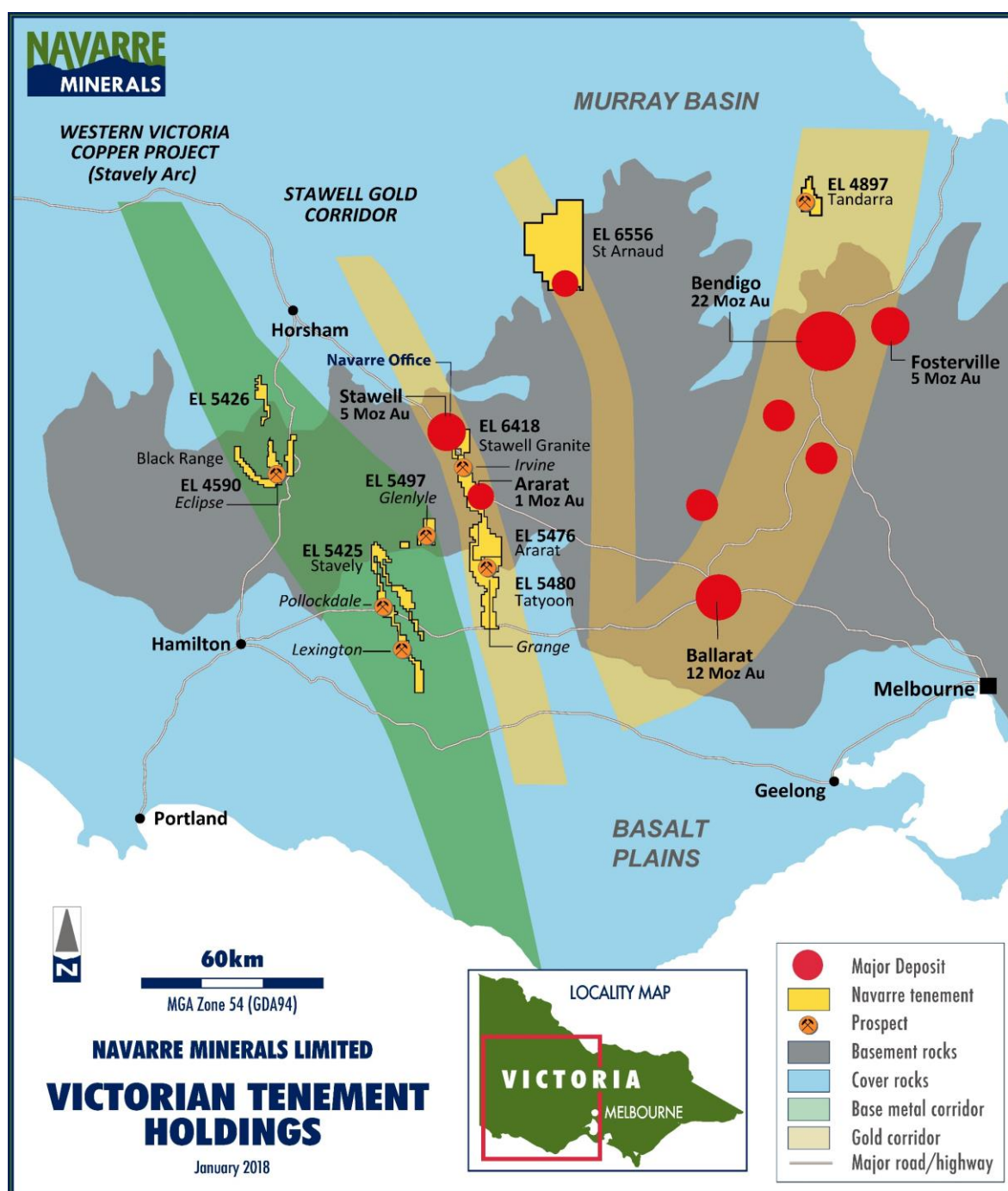


Figure 1: Location of Navarre's Victorian mineral projects

These drilling programs are expected to be funded through a combination of:

- existing cash reserves (\$2.6M as of 1 January 2018);
- proceeds of exercise of “in the money” 5c NML unlisted options (c. \$0.8M if fully exercised);
- Victorian Government TARGET Minerals Exploration Initiative co-funding grant (up to \$0.4M); and
- Navarre free-carried on exploration expenditure for Tandarra Gold Project while Catalyst earns its 51% equity interest.



Figure 2: AC drilling underway at the Stawell Granite Gold Project

Background to Navarre's Projects

Navarre Minerals Limited (ASX: NML) is an Australian-based resources company that is creating value from a portfolio of early to advanced stage gold projects in Victoria, Australia.

Navarre is searching for gold deposits in the extension of a corridor of rocks that host the Stawell (~five million ounce) and Ararat (~one million ounce) goldfields. The discovery of outcropping gold at the **Irvine Gold Project** is a prime focus for the Company. The Project is located 15km south of the Stawell Gold Mine, which Arete Capital Partners has recently acquired from Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.

The high-grade **Tandarra Gold Project** is located in close proximity to Kirkland Lake Gold's world class Fosterville Gold Mine, and 40kms north of the 22 million-ounce Bendigo Goldfield. Exploration at Tandarra is targeting the next generation of gold deposits under shallow cover in the region. Under a farm-out agreement, Catalyst may earn a 51% equity interest in Navarre's Tandarra Project by spending \$3 million over four years to September 2018 by advancing the project towards mineral resource status.

The **Stawell Granite Gold Project** incorporates the regionally significant Coongee Fault which is considered to be a major conduit for gold mineralisation in the adjacent Stawell and Ararat goldfields. Available data indicates the potential for a large-scale mineralisation system associated with reactivation of this fault with multiple structural and geochemical targets apparent. This conceptual target has never been drill tested.

At the **Glenlyle Project** the Company has identified a potential porphyry copper-gold system that occurs in the same volcanic package that hosts the nearby Thursdays Gossan deposit. Several targets have been generated for reconnaissance drilling.

In line with the Company's strategy of targeting gold mineralisation near multi-million ounce gold mines, the Company secured an area of 479km² surrounding the historic St Arnaud Goldfield (Figure 1). Available data has highlighted considerable potential for a Fosterville-style high-grade gold mineralisation system at the **St Arnaud Gold Project** containing multiple structural targets beneath shallow cover. Four priority, untested, targets have been generated for a reconnaissance AC drilling program.

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