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Safety and skills star at Victorian Mine Rescue Competition

Statement from James Sorahan, Executive Director, MCA Victorian Division

The world-leading expertise of Australia's mining industry was on display at the 27th annual Victorian Mine Rescue Competition.

Nine teams from Victorian and New South Wales mines competed in a range of events including team skills, firefighting, first aid, rope rescue and search and rescue at Energy Australia's Yallourn Mine over the weekend.

The competition featured a variety of simulated emergency situations where teams put their skills to the test.

CMOC Northparkes Mines won best overall at the event, followed by Oscar 1 Emergency Response Brigade in second place and Fosterville Gold Mine in third place.

Safety is the number one priority for the minerals industry. The simulated emergencies faced by the teams at the competition help prepare them for real-life situations.

While they were up against each other, the teams were sharing their knowledge and experience. This enables mine rescue personnel to be called upon not only in their own operations but operations throughout the state and across the country.

Having a significant pool of highly trained rescue personnel across Australia contributes greatly to the minerals industry's commitment to zero harm.

2019 Victorian Mine Rescue Competition full results

Overall

1st: CMOC Northparkes Mines

2nd: Oscar 1 Emergency Response Brigade

3rd: Fosterville Gold Mine

Winning Team Captain

Tyson Taylor, Fosterville Gold Mine

Winning Team – Safety

Oscar 1 Emergency Response Brigade

Fire Exercise

1st: Estate Services Yallourn

2nd: Fosterville Gold Mine

3rd: Peak Gold Mine

First Aid

1st: Estate Services Yallourn

2nd: Oscar 1 Emergency Response Brigade

3rd: CMOC Northparkes Mines

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Ropes Exercise

1st: CMOC Northparkes Mine

2nd: Newcrest Cadia Valley

3rd: Oscar 1 Emergency Response Brigade

Search & Rescue

1st: Oscar 1 Emergency Response Brigade

2nd: Mandalay Costerfield

3r: CMOC Northparkes

Skills Exercise

1st: Estate Services Yallourn

2nd: Fosterville Gold Mine

3rd: Oscar 1 Emergency Response Brigade

Theory

1st: CMOC Northparkes Mine

2nd: Mandalay Costerfield

3rd: Evolution Mining third

Breathing Apparatus

1st: CMOC Northparkes Mine

2nd: Newcrest Cadia Valley

3rd: Mandalay Costerfield

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