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Record numbers as Meeting of the Mines 2026 powers ahead

Meeting of the Mines 2026 will be the biggest in the event's history, with a record 250 delegates registered for Cloncurry Shire Council's annual resources conference.

Registrations are up around 25 per cent on last year's 199 delegates, with almost 130 organisations represented — from ASX-listed miners and explorers to contractors, government agencies, peak bodies and Cloncurry businesses.

Cloncurry Shire Council Mayor Greg Campbell said the record turnout reflected the growing confidence in Cloncurry as the heart of the North West Minerals Province.

"This is the biggest Meeting of the Mines we have ever held, and it has grown because industry and government recognise the importance of the bringing together decision makers from across industry and government to shape the future of the region," Mayor Campbell said.

"260 delegates, a sold-out dinner and all accommodation at capacity is a clear reflection on the importance of Cloncurry and the region."

Under the theme "Powering Ahead", this year's program focuses on energy and enabling infrastructure, critical minerals and downstream processing, and the investment case for the North West.

The Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, Regional and Rural Development, the Hon Dale Last MP, will attend in person and deliver a keynote on priorities for the North West, followed by a session with Queensland Coordinator-General Gerard Coggan. Assistant Minister for Resources Senator Anthony Chisholm and Senator Susan McDonald will also address the conference, alongside Member for Traeger Robbie Katter MP.

Presentations from Evolution Mining, Glencore, South32, Harmony, Austral Resources, AIC Mines, Chinova, Southern Cross Fertilisers and Richmond Vanadium Technology sit alongside panels on power, land access and engagement with pastoralists, approvals and coordination, the Financial Provisioning Scheme review and enabling infrastructure.

"Every part of the North West resources economy is in the room this week — the producers, the next generation of explorers and critical minerals projects, the contractors, and decision-makers from all three levels of government," Mayor Campbell said.

“The world needs our minerals and for two days the people who decide where that investment goes are here in Cloncurry, engaging directly with the companies doing the work.

“And I will be letting them know what our community expects in return.”

The conference opens with a Welcome Function on Wednesday evening, followed by two full days of program on Thursday and Friday, the Gala Dinner made magical by Miguel Maestre on Thursday night, the Beat the Heat Paddock Party and, for the first time, a Meeting of the Mines marquee at the Cloncurry Races on Saturday.

Mayor Campbell thanked the sponsors, speakers and delegates who had made the record year possible.

“Meeting of the Mines is a Cloncurry Shire Council event, run for the region, and it has become the place where the North West does business. We are proud to host it, and we are already thinking about what a bigger event needs for 2027.”

Meeting of the Mines 2026 is hosted by Cloncurry Shire Council. Program details are available at meetingofthemines.com.au.

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