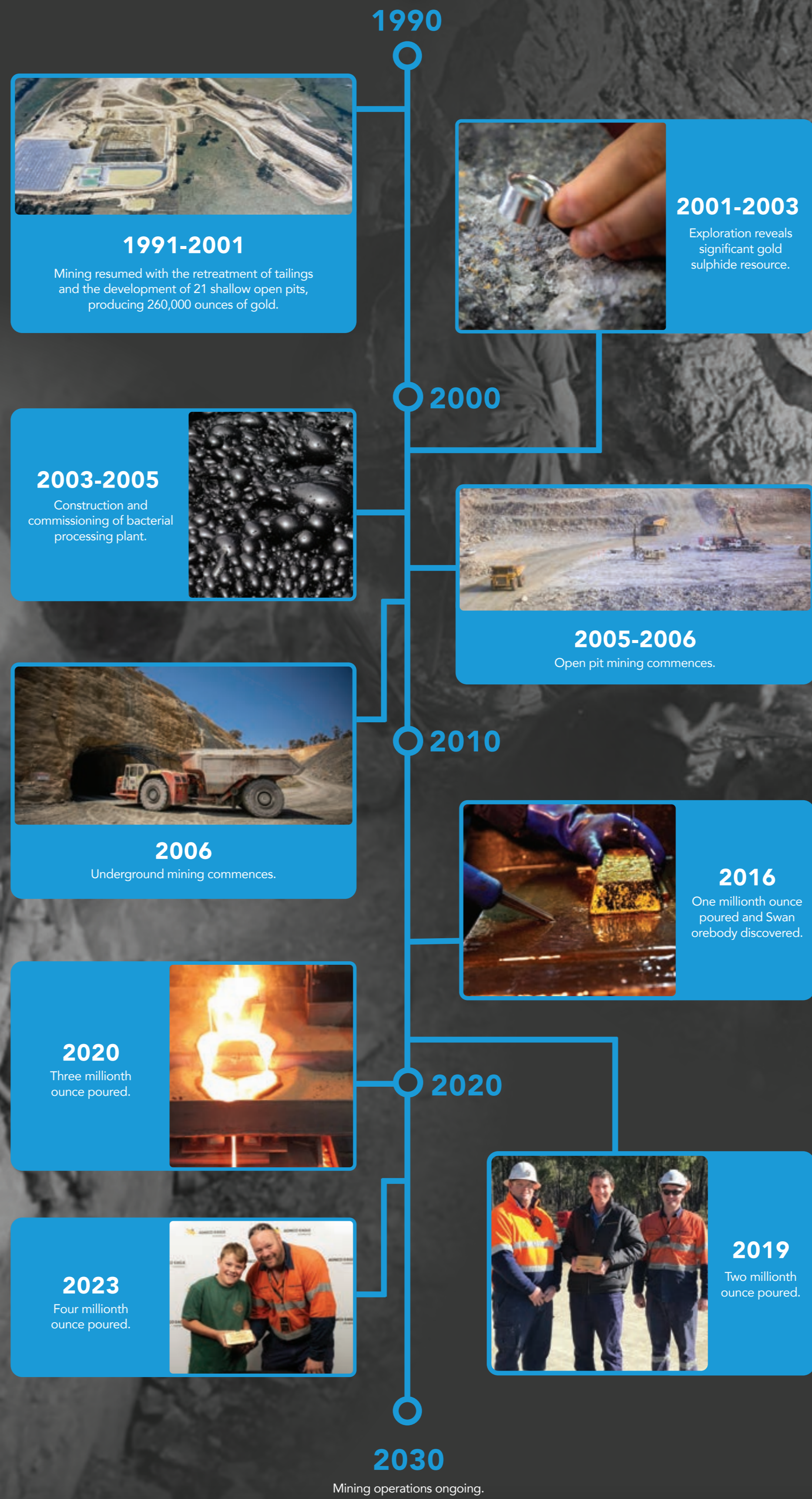


Fosterville Gold Mine's story so far...

Fosterville has a rich mining history which dates back to the late 1800s, when 28,000 ounces were mined from what was then called the Ellesmere Goldfields.



THEN AND NOW

While the basic process of gold mining involves the same steps of exploration, development, mining and processing, these steps have seen significant advancement in approach and scale, since the early days.

SAFETY



THEN: Being a miner was a risky business back then with very few safety measures in place.



NOW: Today's miners take a "safety first" approach, which minimises the risks for those working in the industry.

DEVELOPING THE MINE



THEN: Miners using picks and shovels and manual ore trucks.



NOW: Modern approach to mining the face.

MINING THE ORE BODY



THEN: Old mining methods were mostly manual and dangerous.



NOW: Modern machinery has made mining much more efficient and safe.

SURFACE/PROCESSING OPERATIONS



THEN: Central Deborah Gold Mine in 1945 before the wooden poppethead was replaced with the steel structure that is now in place.



NOW: The scale and complexity of modern gold processing has changed significantly over the past 100 years.