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It is great to see Diggers & Dealers forging ahead in 2021, with so much excitement across WA mining and also a return to the conference's traditional August timeslot.

Of course, the reason why Diggers took place in October last year was because of COVID-19, and the pandemic continues to affect us going on for 18 months since it arrived on our shores.

One of the greatest attributes the WA mining and resources sector has shown in its history is the ability to adapt to changing circumstances and get the job done.

It has got us through 170-plus years of changing commodity demand and economic fluctuations, and it is helping us

not only to negotiate COVID-19 but also thrive in spite of it.

Diggers is always one of the highlight events on the calendar, when the buzz that is invariably circulating in and around Kalgoorlie-Boulder gets even more noticeable.

With gold prices hitting record levels during the past two years and forecast to continue to stay

strong, it is no surprise that commodity features heavily on the presenter list.

They don't call it the Goldfields for nothing!

But it is pleasing to see the great variety of commodities and operations that will also share the Diggers spotlight.

Everything from rare earths, to potash, lithium, copper, zinc, cobalt and iron ore are on the agenda, highlighting the healthy and broad-ranging nature of the

WA mining and resources sector.

There will be presentations from some of WA mining's best-known operators and also the opportunity for up-and-comers to showcase their emerging operations and endeavours.

This is not to say our sector is not without challenges.

COVID-19 is one of the most high-profile of them, and CME and its member companies have also been front-and-centre in outlining the skills shortages likely to affect WA in the next few years.

Diggers offers the chance to meet with peers and network around some of these mutual challenges.

It is also an opportunity to hear important views and learnings from outside our sector, including from keynote speaker Professor Ian Goldin, an expert on globalisation and technological and economic change.

To all the attendees, I wish you all the best for Diggers & Dealers 2021. CME is proud of what the WA mining and resources sector has achieved in the past two years and Diggers represents some of the best of that.

Please enjoy your stay in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. It is one of the most unique parts of WA and Diggers in turn is one of its most unique events.

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