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Myles Ertzen said the function was a daytime function held upstairs in a dining room and there will be no interaction with the barmaids.

Especially known as "skimpiers" are scantily clad female barmaids who have been a staple of the Kalgoorlie pub scene for years. It is not the first time they have caused controversy with those attending the annual mining conference in the town.

In 2014, New York-based investment bank Goldman Sachs cancelled plans to send a six-person delegation to the conference because of the presence of skimpiers in Kalgoorlie.

In 2016, the Australian boss of management consulting firm McKinsey & Co, John Lydon, said his staff would never attend the Diggers & Dealers conference because of skimpy barmaids.

He labelled it "completely

Jennifer Matthews, who said it was "really disappointing that that's still happening".

Mr Ertzen said skimpy barmaids had never been part of Diggers & Dealers and the conference had never promoted them.

"That's just Kalgoorlie — it goes on 365 days a year here," he said.

"There's part of the crowd that goes in for it, but you don't have to. There are many other good functions to go to."

Mr Ertzen noted that the Women in Mining WA function on Tuesday night, held in conjunction with the WA School of Mines Alumni, at the WASM Hall was expected to attract a crowd of about 600 this year.

He said Diggers & Dealers wanted to promote mining as a career path for males and females and reposition Kalgoorlie away from historic perceptions of it being a "frontier town" and the "wild west".

Palace Hotel owner Ashok Parekh declined to comment.

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found the zone established at the eastern wall on the northern side of the pit was inadequate.

"After the first rock fall, some rocks were identified outside the exclusion zone with one causing minor damage to a dozer that was being operated on the pit floor, beyond the exclusion zone," KCGM general manager Cecile Thaxter said.

"The pit was then evacuated before the second rock fall."

The dozer driver was unhurt.

Society Architect Jean-mic Perrine

Mr Perrine was the subject of an article which appeared in *The West Australian* and on the internet in September 2017. It has come to our attention that there were a number of errors of fact in the article, which may have caused harm to Mr Perrine's reputation and caused him hurt. *The West Australian* apologises to Mr Perrine for any harm and hurt that may have been caused to him by the publication.

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