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COVID-19 might have delayed it, but **Phil Dickinson's** Noosa mining conference still managed to assemble another large gathering earlier this month.

Dickinson (illustrated)

tells City Beat that approximately 300 attendees met in person and more than 1000 joined online, with presentations from more than 70 ASX-listed resource and energy companies Australia-wide at the hybrid event.

Although restrictions prevented another Surf Club bash, mining entrepreneur **Steve Bizzell** again sponsored drinks for the thirsty miners, followed by a networking dinner at the popular Bistro C and elsewhere.

Among the Brisbane miners presenting, Diatreme's **Neil McIntyre** pointed to a bright future for the silica sand miner amid the ongoing solar energy boom in the Asia-Pacific, while the gleam of gold was in the eyes of Platina's **Corey Nolan** and tin for Elementos' **Chris Dunks**.

Lake Resources' **Steve Promnitz** also pointed to a bright future for lithium miners, with electric vehicle sales surging in Europe and North America.

The good news is the regular July event appears back on the cards for 2021, while the organisers are also planning a Brisbane conference from March 17-18.

