



## Red metal captures mine life

WORKERS at OZ Minerals' Prominent Hill mine live in the world of copper. Appropriately their portraits have now been captured in copper etchings created for the 2012 South Australian Living Artists Festival.

The etchings were made by Adelaide artist Mei Sheong Wong, winner of the 2012 OZ Minerals' SALA copper sculpture award.



Wong spent a week as an artist in residence at Prominent Hill, experiencing life at a working mine site. She spoke to em-

ployees and sketched their portraits, the desert and the mine workings.

The collection, *Heavy Metal*, was unveiled at the Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre last week and will be open to the public until August 26.

Wong will hold an artist's talk at the centre on August 17.

"Utilising copper, Mei has uniquely portrayed the people and landscapes at Prominent Hill," OZ Minerals managing director Terry Burgess said.



**ETCHED:** Artist Mei Sheong Wong, far left, visited Prominent Hill to meet and sketch workers before creating portraits in copper.