

McPhillamys Gold Project

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McPhillamys Community Open Days

Regis Resources will be holding another series of Open Days at the Blayney Community Centre in October, to talk to locals about the McPhillamys Gold Project.

With the project Environmental Impact Statement now on public exhibition this will be another opportunity to talk to our staff and technical experts, ask questions and provide feedback.

Jobs and business opportunities

Regis staff will also be on hand to discuss local employment, training and business opportunities which will flow from the project (see p3).

With the assessment process expected to take at least 12-18 months the projected start date is still some time away. But Regis is happy to discuss the kinds of opportunities available and how local people can take advantage of them if the project is approved.

Save the date!

Tuesday 15 October 2019, 12pm-7pm
Wednesday 16 October 2019, 12pm-7pm

Community Centre
41 Church Street Blayney



The McPhillamys Project Open Days provide an opportunity to find out more about the project.

Discussing options with neighbours and landowners in Kings Plains

The McPhillamys Project Environmental Impact Statement has identified a number of houses in Kings Plains which will experience some noise and visual impacts during construction and operations.

Some will experience impacts which require Regis to provide mitigation measures to lessen the impact for residents. Regis is continuing to meet with these neighbours and landholders to discuss the ways in which noise and visual impacts can be reduced.

Double glazing, insulation and air-conditioning are examples of ways that houses can be modified to lessen noise impacts.

Options to reduce visual impacts include tree planting, landscaping, outdoor screens and fencing.

Regis will work closely with our neighbours to understand their concerns and develop individual property plans to address the impacts.



Above: Environmental scientist, Jess Grivas (L) checking a bore with Regis safety officer, Sarah Parfett (R).

Finding the solutions to environmental challenges

Jess Grivas has always had a passion for the environment and exploring the links between air, land, water, plants and animals. So, it's no surprise that her interests led her to study environmental science.

Jess started her career working on sustainable agricultural programs before moving to mining a decade ago.

For the past two years she has worked on a variety of monitoring programs (air, water, flora and fauna) for the McPhillamys project.

"I really enjoy working with the local community and helping to find solutions to environmental challenges," Jess said, "And as an environmental scientist you get to work outdoors in some amazing landscapes."

After growing up in Western Australia Jess moved to Orange in 2010 and has now settled here with her family.

Jess will be leaving the project to have her second baby, this month, but we have our fingers crossed for her return when the timing is right. Good luck, Jess!

Loving the mining life: behind the desk or the wheel of a truck

When 19 year old Stacey McFawn started working in the accounts department of a local gold mine she never imagined where that role would take her.

Fifteen years and many jobs later, the company was sending Stacey overseas to train other staff in open-cut mining dispatch systems.

Stacey says there are great opportunities for women in mining and she is excited about what McPhillamys will offer to locals.

"I started in accounts and then got interested in driving the big machines, which I loved," Stacey said.

She drove dump trucks, grid rollers, water carts and wheel dozers and also trained other staff in dispatch systems, both locally and overseas.

From desk, to driver, to supervisor

By 2010 Stacey was supervising the control room and managing upwards of 20 staff across the open pit and underground mine.

"I loved the people and the opportunities that mining provided," she said

"For a number of years I worked alongside my dad and I also met my husband there."

"There are so many opportunities for training and professional development in mining.

"You just have to be willing to have a go at everything, get involved and not be scared to try roles that you thought you could not do."

Below:

Stacey McFawn at her desk in the Regis office and standing in front of the haul truck she drove in her former job.



McPhillamys jobs and business opportunities

The McPhillamys Gold Project will provide a major economic boost to the local Blayney community as well as the broader Central West.

Hundreds of jobs will be created during construction and operations, boosting regional economic activity and supporting local businesses.

At least 480 jobs will be created during the initial 12-18 month construction period and another 260 jobs (average per year) once the mine is operating.

The project will provide an additional \$67 million in direct and indirect household income to the regional

economies of Blayney, Bathurst, Cabonne and Orange local government areas, annually.

There will also be business opportunities for people providing goods and services required by the mine and the people it employs.

There will be demand for things like food, housing, technology, childcare, training, mechanical parts, servicing and more.

Regis will recruit locally to fill as many positions as possible, so locals will benefit from the opportunities at McPhillamys.

Employment opportunities

The McPhillamys Gold Project will provide a range of job and training opportunities during construction and mining; and in site rehabilitation once mining operations cease.

Regis is engaging with local training providers to ensure that local people have every opportunity to be 'job ready' if the project is approved.

Some of the occupations and skills that would be required by the project include:

- Construction workers
- Mechanical and electrical trades, including apprentices
- Environmental scientists
- Truck drivers & equipment operators
- Geologists and engineers
- Secretaries and administration assistants
- Health and safety officers
- Community relations
- Hydrologists
- IT and computing specialists.

Importantly, Regis will work with local businesses to manage employment demand—the aim is not to compete with or adversely impact their activities if the mine goes ahead.

Business opportunities

The local economy will receive a significant boost from the McPhillamys Gold Project.

There will be opportunities for existing and new businesses.

The mine, its workers and their families will need goods and services such as:

- Groceries and fuel
- Restaurants, bakeries, coffee shops
- Hairdressers, medical, dental
- Accommodation and housing
- Childcare and education
- Electrical, building and construction
- Technology and communications
- Administration & accounting
- Mechanical devices and repairs
- Engineering and geological
- Mining equipment hire and purchase
- Agricultural and land management.

Regis will work with local businesses, councils and community organisations to prepare for and maximise their opportunities.

Our focus will be on supporting sustainable, local businesses in the Blayney Shire.

McPhillamys CCC: September meeting update

The McPhillamys Community Consultative Committee (CCC) met again in September, giving residents and community representatives the opportunity to ask questions about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the assessment process for the project.

CCC membership includes representatives from the Kings Plains and Blayney communities; local interest groups; Blayney, Bathurst and Cabonne Councils; and Regis staff.

A number of CCC members asked questions on behalf of local residents and these questions and their answers are made available on the McPhillamys website, along with meeting minutes.

You can find them at:

<http://www.mcphillamysgold.com/mcphillamys/community>

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on exhibition

The State Significant Development Application (SSDA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for McPhillamys Gold Project is now on public exhibition.

This is another opportunity for the community to find out more information, ask questions and have a say on the project. You can view the EIS at this link:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/9821>

Printed copies of the EIS are available to view at Blayney, Cabonne, Orange, Bathurst and Lithgow Councils.

Regis is also providing electronic copies of the EIS (on USB sticks). Call into our office to collect one. Members of the public can also make a submission on the project to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).

Send written submissions to:
Planning Services, NSW Department of Planning,
Industry and Environment (DPIE)
GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001.

Online submissions can be lodged via the following link:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/9821>

If you need help with your submission call into our office or phone us on (02) 6388 4100.

Stay up to date!

Register for McPhillamys
Project news and updates at:
www.mcphillamysgold.com

Or call us and we'll take your
details over the phone:

(02) 6368 4100

McPhillamys Project Assessment Process

Step 1:

Studies carried out by
independent experts

Step 2:

Project team examines the
impacts and issues

Step 3:

Design finalised and results shared
with our neighbours and other
impacted parties

Step 4:

Project submitted to
NSW Government

Step 5:

Project goes on public exhibition:
community consultation

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2018-19
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**We
are
here**

Step 6:

Project assessed and decided by
Government or sent to an
independent body for decision