

McPhillamys Gold Project

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Regis welcomes local interest in McPhillamys

Regis Resources has welcomed the broad community interest in the McPhillamys Gold Project following the public exhibition of the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Almost 670 submissions were received from members of the public, 20 from organisations and 18 from government agencies.

Regis Manager Special Projects, Tony McPaul said it was great to see so much local and regional interest in the project.

"Whether people are for or against the project it's really important that they get involved and express their views," he said.

"We were pleased to see strong support for the project in over 235 submissions, many of them mentioning the jobs and economic benefits it will bring to Blayney.

"They want the jobs; they want the business opportunities; and they want Blayney to grow..."

Tony said the submissions were consistent with the general response Regis had received from locals.

"People have questions and issues that need to be managed but on balance they feel that the benefits far outweigh the concerns," he said.

"The message is that locals want jobs; they want the business opportunities; they want Blayney to grow."



Can you help your local Rural Fire Service?

With the bushfire season making an early start this year, our local Rural Fire Service (RFS) brigades are preparing for a busy summer.

As always, they are looking for volunteers so please get in touch with your local brigade if you are interested in joining. All equipment and training is provided.

Find your local brigade details at: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Left: Regis staff Luke Bowman and Sarah Parfett have joined the Kings Plains RFS brigade.

What makes Missy so special?

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Supporting local events

The Regis team includes more than a few part time farmers and it's fair to say we love our working dogs. So, we really enjoyed watching the skills on display at the 50th National Working Kelpie Trials in Carcoar, in November.

The kelpies and their handlers put on a great show as they manoeuvred the sheep around open areas, through gates and in the yards.

Regis was pleased to sponsor the event which attracted competitors from all over Australia. Congratulations to the National Working Kelpie Council on a great event.

Regis provided sponsorship for a number of other local events recently including the 2019 Carcoar Show (October); and Blayney Harness Racing's Carnival of Cups and the Central Western Dressage Group's 2019 Championship event (November).



Above: 2019 handler finalists at the 50th National Working Kelpie Trials, in Carcoar..

Belubula River surveys measure water quality and quantity

Six months of water surveys along the Belubula River were completed in November, providing valuable information about water quality and flows between the McPhillamys site and Carcoar Dam.

Regis worked with the majority of landholders along the Belubula to complete the survey work.

Independent hydrologists conducted the surveys as well as inspecting a number of local springs and groundwater bores.

Survey results will be shared with the participating landholders.

Below: Kate Holder and Imogen Frawley survey the Belubula River



Missy helps identify koalas on Regis offset property

Meet Missy, the talented Springer Spaniel who identified the presence of koalas on the proposed Regis offset property, Aziel, south of Blayney.

Working only by the whistle commands of handlers Olivia Woosnam and Alex Dudkowski, Missy is trained to find koalas by searching for their droppings (scat).

Olivia says Missy's breed and her specialised training make her ideal for the job which can involve searching hundreds of thousands of trees per day.

"These dogs have no inherent desire to hunt or round up animals, so Missy has no interest in the wildlife," Olivia said.

"She has also been trained to avoid snakes so she is perfect for outdoor detection work."

Missy and her handlers surveyed the Aziel property in September and were pleased to find evidence of Koalas on the site.

The presence of koalas strengthens the case for the land to be permanently preserved as part of the offset (or compensation) for environmentally valuable land being disturbed on the McPhillamys mine site.



Above: Missy waiting for her handler's whistle command to start searching for Koala scat.

Left: Once Missy has found koala scat she 'indicates' to her handler by lying down and placing her nose near the find. She can locate scat up to one metre below the groundcover.

Read more about Missy and detection dogs at: www.owad.com.au



Is your property accessible?

With the fire season well under way it's important to know if an RFS truck would be able to access your farm, residence or rural business.

In order to provide the quickest and best assistance in the event of a fire, local brigades need access for Cat 1 tankers (pictured on the right). These tankers are four metres high, three and a half metres wide and eight metres long. Please check your access gates/driveways against the measurements shown.

Contact your local brigade captain to clarify any other requirements for firefighting equipment access to your property.



McPhillamys CCC: November 2019 meeting update

The McPhillamys Community Consultative Committee (CCC) met again in November, 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 will be available on the McPhillamys website, along with meeting minutes.

You can find them at:

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

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McPhillamys Project assessment process: Next steps

The public exhibition period for the McPhillamys Gold Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now finished and Regis is currently reviewing the hundreds of submissions received.

A total of 669 submissions were received including:

- 624 from members of the public
- 27 from organisations; and
- 18 from government departments/ agencies.

The next step in the assessment process is for Regis to review and respond to the issues raised and the requests for additional information.

This will be done in a document called a Response to Submissions (RTS).

The RTS is expected to be submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in the coming months.

The project is also expected to be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for assessment, given the trigger for this referral (25 or more objections) has been reached.

For more information on the IPC see their website at: <https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/>

