

McPhillamys Gold Project

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Jobs and business opportunities at McPhillamys

As the McPhillamys Gold Project continues through the final stages of the assessment process, the Regis Resources team is developing plans and policies for the construction phase, in preparation for a possible approval.

Manager Special Projects, Tony McPaul, said Regis wanted to be ready for an immediate start on the project, if it gets approved.

“Rest assured, we’re not getting ahead of ourselves here and all of this planning is subject to getting approval for the project,” Tony said.

“But if we do get the go-ahead we want to be able to start as soon as possible, to get the jobs and other benefits flowing into the local economy,” he said.

Tony said it was standard practice in mining and other large projects to prepare tenders and order equipment ahead of a final decision being made.

McPhillamys will create 480 jobs during construction and another 260 jobs during operations. It will also add \$67 million in direct and indirect household income to the local economy.

Regis is committed to using local people and local services wherever possible, if the project is approved.

“The Regis ‘locals first’ policy will ensure the local community benefits from this project,” Tony said, “We won’t have a Fly In, Fly Out (FIFO) workforce.”

Regis has had some initial discussions with local job and training organisations and will continue to explore options and opportunities while the project goes through the assessment process.”



Above: Regis COO Stuart Gula recently met with representatives of Skillset to discuss job placement and training programs for local people.

(L-R) Craig Randazzo and Jane McWilliam (Skillset); Louise Hobby and Stuart Gula (Regis); Graham Stirling and Emma Thomas (Skillset).

MINING CAREERS DINNER—free event!



This is a free event for school students:

- Hear personal stories about mining careers
- Learn about the pathways to future jobs
- Meet university and industry representatives

Tuesday 25 May, 2021 - 6-9pm

Orange Ex-Services Club

231-243 Anson Street, Orange

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Meeting with neighbours and stakeholders



Above (L-R) Kings Plains resident Cheryl Toohey chatting with Regis staff Louise Hobby and Sarah Parfett at the McPhillamys information stand in April. Below: Regis staff Ben Anderson and Louise Hobby catching up with Blayney resident, Heidee Nixon.

Getting information out to our neighbours, local landowners and the community is a priority for the McPhillamys Project Team.

We are continuing to meet regularly with our close neighbours in particular, as we work through the details of individual property plans, to help minimise and mitigate the impacts of the project. These plans include measures such as:

- tree planting to create visual screens;
- double glazing to reduce noise impacts; and
- various building alterations and additions.

Our pop-up stand at the Blayney IGA shopping centre has also been a good way to catch up with locals and that will continue in the months ahead.



Did you know?

The McPhillamys Project team has been asked a lot of questions and covered a lot of topics in our meet and greet sessions at the local shopping centre, recently.

It's great to see the level of interest in different aspects of the project: jobs, training, housing, noise, dust, animal welfare and tailings storage water, to name just a few.

The following explanations provide details on two issues of importance to many local stakeholders.

What happens to native animals during clearance activities?

Animal welfare is a priority for the

project and we will go to great lengths to protect any koalas or other wildlife which might be in areas impacted by project activities.

Prior to any tree clearing being done, a wildlife 'spotter/catcher' will inspect the area and carefully remove any wildlife from an area that is about to be cleared.

Any wildlife removed will then be relocated to suitable habitat in an area not being cleared. This may be onsite or on one of the Regis offset areas (such as Aziel).

During clearing operations, spotter/catchers will be present to relocate any other animals identified during the actual clearing progress.

Does the water in the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) contain harmful levels of cyanide?

No. The processing water in the TSF does not contain environmentally harmful levels of cyanide.

The tailings are treated to destroy/reduce concentrations of cyanide and stabilise other metals in tailings water, minimising potential impacts to the environment. At the processing plant, a detoxification process reduces the concentration of cyanide in the tailings before it goes into the TSF.

This reduces the level of cyanide in the tailings to 30 parts per million which is well within the limits for environmental safety.

Dust: reducing and managing the impacts

Controlling dust (particulate matter) will be a major focus for the McPhillamys Gold Project.

So how do we do that? It's an important issue for all mines and there are many effective dust management techniques.

Here are some of the ways we will manage dust at McPhillamys:

- dust suppressants will be applied to the highest traffic routes exiting the pit to the ROM pad and to the waste rock emplacement.
- Other roads will be controlled with watering equipment;
- a road speed limit of 60 km/hr will apply to all internal roads; however, the average travel speed of material haul trucks is actually less than 40 km/hr;
- the design of crushers, screens and associated transfer points at the processing circuit will include dust control, dust extraction and filter systems;
- conveyors at the processing circuit will be covered;
- water sprays will be used around the site including at the ROM pad hopper and primary crusher dump pocket;
- the coarse ore stockpile will be covered and drill rigs in the pit will be fitted with dry filter capture devices;
- water carts will be used to limit dust from mining activity in areas for waste rock and topsoil operations; and
- topsoil stockpiles, waste rock dumps and TSF walls will be progressively rehabilitated through hydro mulching, hydro seeding, or something similar.



Above: Water trucks will be used to reduce dust on unsealed roads

Regis acquisition

Regis Resources has purchased a 30% interest in Tropicana, a top 5 Australian producing gold mine.

The acquisition diversifies Regis' existing production base with a non-operated interest in a high quality, low cost, high-margin gold asset.

The purchase is a joint venture with AngloGold Ashanti, a proven gold miner with a successful track record of developing and operating Tropicana and other underground assets.

The purchase delivers a well-established, long-life asset to the Regis portfolio, with an expected mine life of 10+ years.

Jim Beyer, Regis' Managing Director and CEO said the acquisition would create substantial value and provide Regis with multiple additional opportunities to deliver growth for Regis shareholders over the short, medium and long term.

"This is a genuinely transformational transaction for Regis," Mr Beyer said.

"It delivers on our strategic objective to grow as a safe, responsible, reliable, long life, low cost gold producer, generating strong financial returns," he said.

Improving biodiversity

After a cool, wet summer the ground is now perfect for our next round of tree planting.

The first stage was completed by Skillset Land Works in early April with 1,400 trees planted along existing corridors, to fill gaps caused by losses during the drought.

The next stage will take place over the coming weeks with screening trees being planted on a neighbouring property and a major planting program on our offset property Aziel, south of Blayney.

Free trees for neighbours

We'll also be giving away 2,000 native tube stock to our near neighbours around Kings Plains and Guyong Road so they can also take advantage of this great planting season.

These will include native species grown from seeds collected around the McPhillamys site and propagated by Central Tablelands Landcare and Skillset Land Works.

Right: A Skillset Land Works crew planting infill tube stock along a McPhillamys tree corridor.



Can you help?

Volunteers are needed to assist at the Blayney Visitor Information Centre

If you have a few hours to spare the Blayney Visitor Information Centre would love to hear from you.

The Centre is currently looking for more volunteers to help out at their shop front which is open Monday-Saturday from 9am-2pm (if volunteers are available).

The Centre provides free maps and brochures with advice on local attractions, accommodation, restaurants and cafes. For information on how to get involved please contact Elizabeth Russ:

(ph) 0408 682 122 or elizabeth.russ@hotmail.com

Below: Tom Williams volunteers regularly at the Visitor Centre



Supporting St Paul's Church

Congratulations to the Carcoar community on achieving their goal of raising over \$450,000 to purchase the local St Paul's Church.

Regis was pleased to be part of the fundraising effort with a donation of \$5,000 to the fund.

With plans for restoration works and new facilities there is still time to be a part of this great community project.

For information about the campaign or how to make a donation please go to: www.stpaulscarcoar.com

Where are we up to? What happens next?

Assessment Process



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www.mcphillamysgold.com

Or call and we'll take your details over the phone: (02) 6368 4100