

# McPhillamys Gold Project

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## Planning for jobs, training and apprenticeships

Whether you're trained or untrained, a university graduate or a tradie, the McPhillamys Gold Project will provide great career opportunities for local people.

Manager Special Projects, Tony McPaul said the Regis 'locals first' policy would ensure the local community benefitted from the project.

"We won't have a Fly In, Fly Out workforce," Tony said.

"We've also met with job and training organisations and will continue to discuss partnering opportunities with Skillset, TAFE and other providers," he said.

As the project continues through the final stages of the assessment process, the Regis team is working on plans and policies for the construction phase, in preparation for a possible approval.

Tony McPaul, said Regis wanted to be ready to start construction without delay, if the project was approved.



*Above: Regis Administration Officer, Stacey McFawn has enjoyed a long career in mining doing a variety of roles including machine operating, training, control room operations, IT, finance and administration.*

**Find out more about jobs at McPhillamys Gold Project... P2**

## Covid 19: Staying on track and staying safe



Covid 19 continues to present challenges for everyone in our community, including businesses like Regis. But, despite the lockdowns, restrictions and changes to the way we work, we are staying safe and staying on track.

We haven't been able to meet with as many local groups or attend events as often as we have in the past, but we're staying in touch in other ways.

Wherever possible, we've switched to online meetings or telephone catch-ups, to continue our work with local stakeholders.

This includes our close neighbours, as we work through individual property plans and negotiated agreements, to minimise and mitigate project impacts.

*Left: Face masks, physical distancing and temperature checks are all part of Covid-safe work practices at McPhillamys.*

## Jobs planned for McPhillamys: construction, mining, processing, administration

### Construction jobs

*Planning  
Building  
Carpentry  
Plumbing  
Electrical  
Earth moving  
Drilling  
Fencing  
Road building*

### Mining jobs

*Administration  
Planning  
Engineering  
Geology  
Geotechnical  
Surveying  
Mine production*

### Processing jobs

*Metallurgy  
Processing  
Maintenance  
Electrical  
Instrumentation  
Administration*

### Administration jobs

*Environmental  
Human Resources  
Training  
Community  
Health & Safety  
IT  
Procurement  
Security  
Business/  
Commercial*



## New water and power supplies: an opportunity for Blayney Shire

The McPhillamys Gold Project will provide all sorts of business and job opportunities during construction, mine operations and rehabilitation: but the opportunities are not just during the life of the mine.

Long after the mine is closed, the local area could benefit from important new infrastructure—such as power and water—that the mine will bring to Blayney.

### **Long term water supply to Blayney**

A unique feature of the McPhillamys project is that water for operations will be provided via a 90km underground pipeline from the Lithgow area. This will bring surplus water from the Centennial Mine and Energy Australia operations. The pipeline will have the capacity to carry an average of 13 megalitres a day, to the site.

That's good news for Blayney because it means we don't need water from the local area. During construction of the site and the pipeline from Lithgow, water will be provided from bores on Regis-owned land.

Once mining has finished, the pipeline could play an important part in providing a more secure, long-term supply of water to Blayney and the Central West.

### **Increasing the local power supply**

The mine will also require a significant power supply which will be delivered via a new powerline, to be constructed by Regis.

The power supply could also remain after the mine has closed, providing potential for further growth in Blayney and the Shire.

## Regis support for community groups and local causes

Despite the challenges of Covid, many local groups and organisations are continuing their voluntary care and other activities, to make life better for our community.

Regis helps a number of local sporting, charity, art and educational causes with financial and other support. Some of our recent donations include:

- **United Hospital Auxiliary Blayney** – \$1,700 to help purchase a chair for the Palliative Care Unit
- **Blayney Public School** - \$500 to help construct a sensory garden
- **Blayney High School** - \$2000 to continue our support for the hothouse restoration
- **Platform Arts Hub** - \$500 for the Youth Textures of One exhibition
- **Central West Dressage Group** - \$2,500 pledge and support for the construction of Showground stables
- **Blayney Knitting and Hobbycraft Inc.**— \$250 towards good quality wool and fabric for their knitted donations.

*Below: Local winners at the Youth Textures of One Exhibition.*



*Above: Regis Environmental Superintendent, Danielle Wallace, in a Zoom class with Blayney High students, during lockdown.*

## Zoom class talks about sustainability

Zoom meetings have become a daily feature of our work during lockdown, including a recent class with Blayney High School students on the topic of sustainability.

Regis Environmental Superintendent Danielle Wallace chatted with Year 8 students on issues including economic and environmental benefits and negatives of mining.

Danielle said it was good to see and hear the level of interest in local environmental issues, including the management of flora and fauna during mining.

“I’m passionate about the work we do,” Danielle said, “And it was great to be able to share our plans for managing and protecting the local environment.”

## Where are things up to? When will you start?

Whether it’s jobseekers or business owners, people are keen to see things moving at McPhillamys.

Getting a decision on the project is also very important for our near neighbours so they can make plans with certainty, either way.

The assessment process is very thorough and complex, involving scientists and other experts, a range

of government agencies and many other stakeholders.

Our project team is continuing to make its way through the various issues and questions raised by local stakeholders and government departments.

It isn’t possible to put a date on when a decision will be made, but please be assured we are working hard to

keep things moving so the project assessment can be finalised. We are hopeful that this will happen before the end of 2021.

In the meantime we’re getting on with the project planning which will enable construction to start promptly, if the project is approved. Like many in our community, we want the jobs and other benefits to flow into Blayney as soon as possible.

# Farewells and new faces...

We're a tight knit team at McPhillamys so it's always sad to see people go. But, when staff move on to take a step up in their career or make more time for their family, they go with our very best wishes.

Two longstanding and highly-regarded members of our team, Paul Flitcroft and Jess Grivas will soon be leaving us: Paul, to take up a more senior exploration role here in the Central West and Jess, to spend more time with her young family.

Both Paul and Jess have made a huge contribution to the project and we will miss them.

At the same time, as we prepare for the next phase of the McPhillamys Project we've also welcomed some friendly new faces to the team.

Tim Kindred has joined us as the Project Director, Delice Aird as the Health, Safety, Environment and Community Adviser and Peter Thomas is our new Project Engineer. Tim, Delice and Peter are settling in and looking forward to meeting local stakeholders as the project progresses.



*Left from top:  
New members on the  
team, Delice Aird, Tim  
Kindred and Peter Thomas.*

*Below:  
Departing staff, Jess  
Grivas and Paul Flitcroft.*



## Where are we up to? What happens next?

### Assessment Process



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