

# McPhillamys Gold Project

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## Talking with the community about McPhillamys

After almost two years of Covid lockdowns and limits on local events, it's great to see community groups now getting back to their regular meetings.

The McPhillamys Project team has also been out and about, catching up with locals to provide updates and answer questions.

In recent weeks we've been out to visit groups including Blayney Rotary, Regional Development Australia (Central West), Newbridge Progress Association and Blayney Men's Shed. We appreciate the hospitality shown by these and other local groups.

If you'd like us to meet with your group please get in touch, we'd be happy to do a presentation or come for a chat. You can email us at [nsw\\_enquiries@regisresources.com](mailto:nsw_enquiries@regisresources.com)



Above: Regis' Kath Logan meeting the crew from Blayney Men's Shed, and (left) Regis' Danielle Wallace talking with Mike and Jane Whitten at the Blayney Rotary Club May meeting.



## Blayney Men's Shed

Blayney Men's Shed is a place for men to get together to work on projects or just catch up. Call Ian Tooke, President, on 0409 590 547 or [blayneymenshed@gmail.com](mailto:blayneymenshed@gmail.com)

**Blayney Shire Men's Shed**

**10.00am—2.00pm, Tuesdays & Fridays**

**10 Oldham Place, Blayney**

## Applications open for community grants

Regis will be investing around \$40,000 in the Blayney LGA during the June round of local community donations and investments.

One round of grants (under \$1,000) will focus on small, community-driven groups while larger investments (over \$1,000) will be aimed at larger groups and clubs (including schools) that deliver shared benefits.

Regis External Relations Manager Kath Logan said the grants would target environment and biodiversity; health; education/training; and sport and community development. Grant recipients will include:

- Landcare
- WIRES
- Blayney schools
- Can Assist
- Meals on Wheels
- Blayney health services.

To put in an application for your group, please contact us via email at [nsw\\_enquiries@regisresources.com](mailto:nsw_enquiries@regisresources.com) or drop in to the Regis office for a hard copy.

**Applications close on Friday 24 June.**

*Above right: Regis' Louise Hobby with native tube stock grown for Regis at the Landcare nursery in Bathurst*



### Blayney High team needs your help!

The Blayney High Boys' Volleyball team needs to raise funds so they can participate in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup (Gold Coast) in December.

Regis has donated \$1,000 to the cause and we'll match it with another \$1,000 if they raise the same amount through their fundraising efforts. If you'd like to help out please call Maureen Dickson: 6368 2100.

## Getting the word out about careers in mining



*Above: Stacey McFawn has had many roles during her long career in mining.*

Local high school students and their parents came along to hear about careers in mining at the NSW Minerals Council Careers dinner in Bathurst, on 25 May.

Regis representative, Stacey McFawn was one of a number of local people who shared stories with the students about their pathway from school to a career in mining.

Stacey said she had no idea what she wanted to do when she left school and her first job was with a local newsagent. From there she

studied administration and started out in the accounts department of a local mining company.

One thing led to another and she was soon driving trucks, overseeing the site assets operations centre and flying around the world training people at other mines.

"When I started out I had no idea how many different jobs there were in mining," Stacey said, "There's also a lot of on-the-job training so you don't need a degree to progress into well-paid and interesting jobs."

## McPhillamys questions: the assessment process

Something which comes up regularly when we talk to people about the project is the lengthy and very complicated process for assessing projects like McPhillamys, in NSW.

Why does it take so long?

When will we have a decision?

Whether you're for or against the project, the lack of certainty is both frustrating and disappointing.

### *Uncertainty is stressful*

For our neighbours and nearby landowners, that uncertainty can also be very stressful.

We share that frustration and we're as keen as you are to get a decision—hopefully an approval so we can get on with delivering the project and the many jobs and other benefits it will bring to Blayney and the Central West.

However, projects like McPhillamys are large and complicated and every aspect of our proposal is being examined and tested in great detail.

Even though it takes years to get through, the benefit of that process is that it is very thorough. Nothing is left to chance, and nor should it be.

### *Where are we up to?*

Our project team continues to do everything we can to keep the process moving.

And we are working with government agencies to meet the remaining requests for information required to finalise the assessment.

Once that happens, the project will go the NSW Independent Planning Commission for a final decision.

Our team thanks all of you for your patience and we'll keep you up to date on our progress in future newsletters and Chronicle columns.



Above (L-R): Regis CEO Jim Beyer, with CSU representatives Justin Williams and Dr Sandra Mendel, and CSU second year medical student, Georgia Goodhew.

## Supporting rural medicine

Regis believes it is important to support the communities in which we operate and we also understand the pressing need to have more doctors in rural areas.

Regis CEO, Jim Beyer, recently visited the School of Rural Medicine at Charles Sturt University (CSU) in Orange, to make a donation to support training for more rural doctors.

The Doctor of Medicine degree is offered jointly between Charles Sturt and the Western Sydney University.

They aim to tackle the shortage of doctors in regional and rural Australia by training medical students to become rural GPs.

The Regis donation was a very practical one, providing for two throat models and an advanced epidural and lumbar puncture model.

The models will enable students to practise procedures such as intubations, epidurals and lumbar punctures, in conditions as close to 'real life' as possible.



# I spy Koala!

Join the growing number of people in the community helping to record information about the koala population, with the *I spy koala* app.

The app allows community members to record sightings of koalas in the wild. You can enter information about the location and condition of the koala, as well as photos and other details.

For more information go to:

<https://koala.nsw.gov.au/>

## New faces on the team



Above (L-R): James Egan, Dale Harding, Rachel Healy and Josh Manns

We're pleased to introduce a number of new faces to the growing McPhillamys Project team.

### Dale Harding:

As our health and safety adviser, Dale has a broad role but his primary focus is on managing the safety aspects of the project.

### Rachel Healy:

After a long career with Qantas Rachel has returned home to the Central West. She has joined us for six months to assist with community engagement.

### James Egan:

James is our new project geologist and he takes over from Paul Flitcroft as our exploration manager.

### Josh Manns:

Josh is already out and about meeting people in his new role as project environmental adviser.

## Meet the dogs of Regis...

At Regis, we love our dogs. Especially when they are as cute as these two, from a recent litter by Bonnie, our Administration Manager's Jack Russell.



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

### Assessment Process



## McPhillamys Project = Jobs + Business Growth

The McPhillamys Gold Project will create hundreds of new jobs for Blayney and the Central West.

It will also bring all sorts of opportunities for existing and new businesses in the local area.

To find out more about the Project opportunities please register for our updates and mailing list.

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