



Project Update

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Safely managing old mines

Most locals will be aware that mining has a very long history in the Blayney Shire, dating back to the early years of European settlement.

A recent survey of old workings on the McPhillamys Gold Project site found 121 potential former mine workings.

It's very likely that other properties around Blayney and Kings Plains could have similar old workings, or traces of them.

Workings at McPhillamys

At the McPhillamys site, some of the old workings are really obvious, with large exposed entry points.

Others are little more than holes or depressions in the ground, the entrances overgrown with grass and trees.

This survey work is part of a longer term plan to identify, manage and make safe old workings on site, and cross-checking any finds with historical surveys and data.

Fortunately, these kinds of abandoned workings are a thing of the past.

Modern mines are required to lodge rehabilitation bonds and remediation plans with the NSW Government, well before any mining can commence. And there are stiff penalties for companies that don't comply.

Can we help?

If you live in the Blayney Shire and would like to find out more about potential old mine workings on your property, we'd be happy to help.

We can assist with information about accessing historical records and how to contact the relevant statutory bodies. For information call our Blayney office: (02) 6368 4100.

Regards,

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Above: Examples of historical mine workings found at the McPhillamys Gold Project site during a recent survey.