

# McPhillamys Gold Project

## Project update - Modification 1 & Final Investment Decision

Late in 2023, Regis began working with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to seek modifications to the approved project.

Since McPhillamys started the planning approvals process in 2018, our understanding of the project has improved and we have identified modifications that will allow it to operate more efficiently.

It is common for State Significant Developments to seek modifications to adjust an approved project. For the DPHI to approve modifications they must leave the project 'substantively the same' as the originally approved project.

The changes proposed in Mod 1 would improve the operability of the project including further refining the mine layout, providing engineering solutions for site water management and incorporating alterations to the pipeline corridor. Designs for on-site infrastructure have been adjusted, including a minor realignment of the on-site section of the mine access road to avoid established trees and the site power supply has been included in the project scope.

Those project changes require additional heritage, flora, fauna and aquatic surveying which is currently underway and being used by specialists to prepare new or updated environmental reports. Consultation with stakeholders has also started. It is likely that DPHI will assess Mod 1 in 2025.



*Above: Regis' James Egan takes water samples from the Belubula River as part of the aquatic survey. River water samples contribute to the collection of baseline data.*

The McPhillamys team continues to prepare the Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS). The DFS, expected to be released this month, will inform the funding strategy and timing for a Final Investment Decision by the Regis Board. The decision is expected in 2025.

It is business as usual with the project team continuing to prepare management plans. Regis has also purchased additional monitoring equipment to support the continued collection of baseline data.



### Get in touch

Our community relations team is always available to meet with people and answer questions about the project. As well as continuing to work with stakeholders, they are supporting heritage, flora, fauna and aquatic surveys.

If you have any questions about the project or wish to join our mailing list to stay up to date please get in touch on (02) 6368 4100 or call in to our office at 57 Adelaide Street, Blayney.

You can also email us on [nsw\\_enquiries@regisresources.com](mailto:nsw_enquiries@regisresources.com) or visit our website [mcphillamysgold.com](http://mcphillamysgold.com)



## McPhillamys noise monitoring equipment



Above: Nic Bourgeot, Regis Superintendent - Environment with the new portable noise monitoring trailer.

Below: The portable noise monitoring trailer's microphone array and built in weather station.

Regis has developed a draft Noise and Blast Management Plan, which is required under its development consent. The Plan includes a network of seven fixed location noise monitors, with four in the Kings Plains area.

To supplement the fixed position monitors, Regis has also purchased a portable noise monitoring trailer, which arrived in May 2024.

The portable monitor can be used to measure noise at locations anywhere on or off site. It will help operators to understand the noise generated from mining activities as well as respond to community concerns about noise.

The portable noise monitoring trailer is powered by solar panels and batteries. It has a microphone array and a built in weather station.

The microphone array consists of five microphones that continuously measure noise in the surrounding environment, and can determine the direction of a noise source.

The noise monitors will be used during construction and mining operations to alert operators, via alarms, when noise is approaching the limits in the development consent.

The directional noise data and the weather data, such as wind direction and speed, will help operators quickly determine whether the noise alarm was triggered by mining activities or something else such as passing traffic on the Mid Western Highway.

## Tree Giveaway

Each year, Regis runs a free tree giveaway for the neighbours around the McPhillamys Project site. This year, the offer was extended to local schools as well. Our 2024 total was over 850 trees given to 33 neighbours and 5 schools.

The trees are grown from seed collected on site before being sent to the non-for-profit Landcare Nursery in Bathurst, who propagate the seeds and grow to tube stock size.

Selling large numbers of trees to businesses like McPhillamys offsets the cost of running the nursery as well as keeping the cost of seedlings as low as possible for the Landcare community.



Above: Sue Wakefield, Landcare Nursery Manager with tube stock



## Girls Can Too

Blayney High has run the 6-week Girls Can Too program since 2022, giving young women the chance to explore opportunities in trades and connecting them with local employers.

The program helps high-school-aged women understand exactly what it would be like to work in different trades. This year, participants had the added advantage of being able to learn in Blayney High's new Construction Cottage.

Delivered by TAFE NSW and supported by Skillset, over 6 weeks, 12 students from years 9 and 10 tried their hand at a range of different trades including carpentry, joinery, plastering and painting.

This year, Regis team member Stacey McFawn was invited to share her pathway into mining with the group. After starting off in the accounts department at Cadia, Stacey switched to driving



Above: Regis' Stacey McFawn, with Girls Can Too participants in Construction Cottage

equipment in the pit and operating the open pit dispatch system. Her career in mining has taken her to remote parts of Australia as well as New Guinea and South America. "If you're willing to learn and work hard, mining will let you go as far as you want to," Stacey said.

## The 146th Blayney Agricultural Show

This year's 146th annual Blayney Agricultural Show was a great success.

Around 3,000 people from all over NSW attended. Credit goes to the 80 volunteer stewards and helpers, the Rotary volunteers on the gate and the 18 Blayney High students who worked in the kitchen and on the BBQ.

This year's show fielded 150 horses and riders, 220 show dogs and 145 photographs in the photographic section. People came from all over NSW to be part of the classic cars and utes section. The vegetable section showcased a great selection of homegrown goodness, with the longest zucchini and giant pumpkins being star attractions.

Another highlight was the Dog High Jump, which attracted lots of dogs of all sizes. It increases in popularity every year.

*Top right: Louise Hobby, Regis, admires entries in the Wool, Vegetable and Farm Produce Competitions.*

*Bottom right: Annie Hill, Dairy Goat Competition judge with Homemade Products Competition entries.*



## McPhillamys CCC- your voice on the project

The McPhillamys Community Consultative Committee (CCC) provides a regular forum for Regis to share information and answer questions from the community. The CCC includes representatives from local councils, resident and community groups and it has an independent Chairman, David Ross, appointed by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

The minutes of each CCC meeting and McPhillamys presentation can be viewed on our website: [mcphillamysgold.com/community/community-consultative-committee-ccc](https://mcphillamysgold.com/community/community-consultative-committee-ccc)

The last CCC meeting was in May 2024. Key discussion points at the meeting:

- The Definitive Feasibility Study is expected to be released in June and the Final Investment Decision is expected to be made in 2025.
- Regis is currently preparing Modification 1 (Mod 1) to be submitted to the NSW Government. It is common for modifications to be made to large projects when better, more efficient ways to operate come to light.
- Regis has begun purchasing noise and air quality monitoring equipment.
- Management plans and supplementary approvals continue to be prepared and reviewed.
- Environmental, social and governance reporting was discussed. You can read Regis' latest Sustainability Report at [regisresources.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Regis-SR23-31-10-23.pdf](https://regisresources.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Regis-SR23-31-10-23.pdf)

If you have any questions for the committee you can find member details at

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For more information about the CCC, and copies of all minutes and presentations since the CCC was set up in 2019, go to

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Factsheets about numerous aspects of the project are available on the website

[mcphillamysgold.com/the-project/fact-sheets](https://mcphillamysgold.com/the-project/fact-sheets)

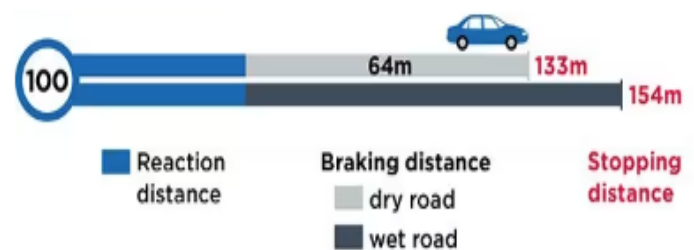


The winter months are upon us, and with that, fog, ice and often snow. Travelling on wet and icy roads increases the risk of a crash, even for experienced drivers on routes they know well. Remember to:

- \* Slow down and use caution when driving in fog, wet or icy conditions.
- \* Obey speed signs and drive to conditions.
- \* Slow down and watch for ice on roads, especially in shaded or low-lying areas.
- \* Drive with your headlights on low beam. Only use fog lights if driving in fog, mist or other atmospheric conditions that restrict your visibility.
- \* Watch for wildlife warning signs - many road accidents in snow and ice affected areas involve native animals crossing the road.
- \* Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front. Brake early and accelerate slowly.

Most drivers underestimate the distance needed to stop their vehicle, even if braking hard.

A vehicle travelling at 100 kmph in wet conditions will travel 154 metres until the vehicle stops. That's more than 1.5 football fields!



For more information about driving safely to conditions:

- \* [transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/road-users/drivers/extreme-weather](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/road-users/drivers/extreme-weather)
- \* [transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2023/speed-fact-sheet.pdf](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2023/speed-fact-sheet.pdf)



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