



New Bendigo Gold Project Newsletter

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER JOINS THE TEAM

An Environmental Manager, Ms Philipa Varris, has been appointed to the New Bendigo Gold Project to further expand the active and committed environmental team.

Philipa has worked in a number of other mining operations including the internationally recognised and awarded Henty Gold mine located in sensitive sub alpine rainforest on the west coast of Tasmania.

As a finalist in the Telstra Business Women's Awards in Tasmania, a member of the Community Leaders Group and a participant in the Foundation for Young Australians, Philipa values open community consultation and engagement.

"I love the city and have found it to be a very welcoming community and am impressed with the relationship established between the community and its mine" said Ms Varris. Philipa and her partner, Kent, quickly settled into Bendigo having already bought a house and joined sporting teams.

Managing Director, Doug Buerger stated that "the inclusion of Philipa in our team not only increases our specialist environmental and community skills but reflects our commitment to achieving the best environmental management possible."



*Philipa Varris
Environmental Manager*

DID YOU KNOW ????????

- That the decline is now 4.1 km long and 630m below the surface
- The end of the decline is currently below Deborah and Thistle Streets
- 289 historic shafts have been re-searched and put into a 3D computer model
- Bendigo Mining has a Case

WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS ON THE WAY

Plans for the establishment and operation of a water treatment facility to produce good quality water from that extracted from historic underground workings is progressing. An application for Works Approval has been submitted to the EPA. In preparing this application the potential for impacts on the environment have been fully investigated and only positive impacts have been identified. When established, the plant will produce 1.7 million litres of water per day of a suitable quality for a variety of uses, including agriculture. The plant will be built at the New Moon site in Eaglehawk North.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH



Bendigo Mining regularly provides Work Experience opportunities for local secondary school students and at present Year 11 student, Sonny Middleton from Bendigo Senior Secondary College, is on Work Placement as part of his VCE studies.

NEW SHAFT BELOW THE SURFACE

Bendigo Mining is currently developing a 260m deep shaft underground near the corner of Thistle and Deborah Streets. This shaft will be used in the ventilation system of the mine and will be sunk from the decline at 340m below surface to a depth of 600m. Raise Bore Australia has the contract to construct the shaft and equipment for the job is presently being taken underground. The work is expected to take approximately 2 months.



The raise drill rig weighs approximately 32 and tonnes and will be positioned 340m underground



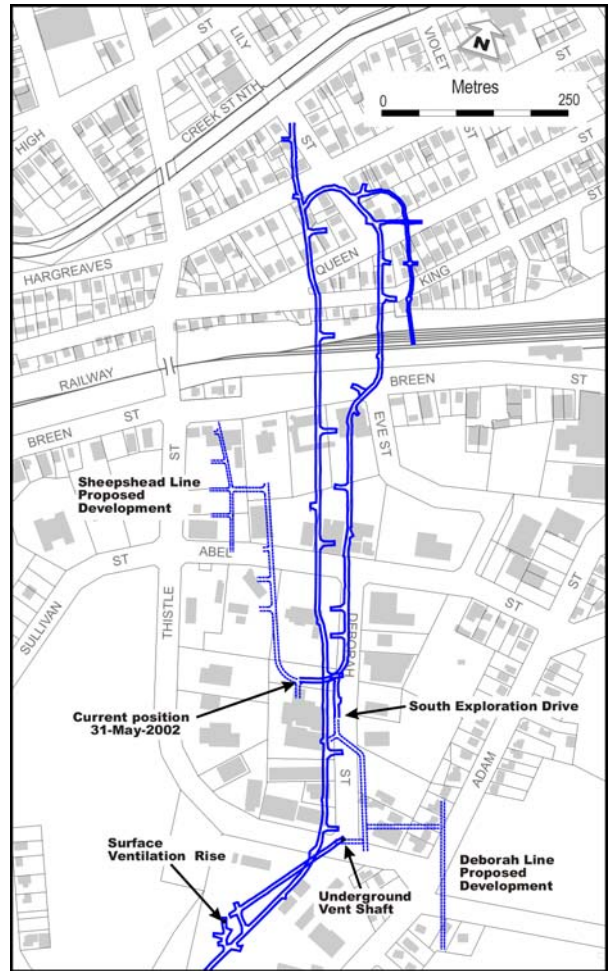
ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST PROVIDES FUNDS TO LOCAL GROUPS TO IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

The following groups received funding in the latest round of grants:

- Atisha Centre – rehabilitation of site.
- Big Hill Primary School – re-vegetation of school grounds.
- Eaglehawk Community House Inc – community garden project.
- Eaglehawk Secondary College – re-vegetation of school grounds.
- Flora Hill Secondary College – re-vegetation of degraded area.
- Huntly Primary School – re-vegetation using bush food plants.
- Neagar Pre School – re-vegetation of school grounds.
- Quarry Hill Primary School – re-vegetation of degraded area.
- Wildlife Rescue Information Network – specialist food for local fauna.

Community Groups wishing to apply for funding from the Bendigo Mining Environmental Trust should request an application from the Company or apply on line www.bmnl.com.au

Applications for the next round of funding close on August 31 2002.



Drilling program continues to define further targets to depths in excess of 900 m below surface.

PERSONALITY PROFILE (Who's Who at Bendigo Mining): John Cahill (Frank) Senior Geologist



History: John has been working for Bendigo Mining for over 8 years and was born and raised in Bendigo. John has a strong family history in Bendigo with links back to the early 1860's. His family's association with the city and mining led John to take up geology at La Trobe University - Bendigo, after having attended Camp Hill Primary School and Bendigo High School.

What is so great about working on this project?

"Having been involved in the project for a long time I have a strong sense of ownership in it and I'm looking forward to the re-emergence of the Bendigo field as a major gold producer."

Hobbies: Motorbikes, Classic Monaro cars, Water skiing and indoor

ADVISORY BOARD

The Bendigo Mining Community Affairs Advisory Board meets regularly throughout the year.

Board Members are:

Cr. Daryl McClure, Cr. Willi Carney, Cr Rod Fyffe, Ms Ann Jones, Mrs Fay Buerger, Mr Bill Lucas, Mr Peter Galvin, Mr Leighton Rawlings, Mr Bryan Lewis, Mr Dennis Demeo, Ms Marika McMahon and Mr Maurie Sharkey.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Your community representatives are:

Mr Bernie Cusack, Mr Ken Draper, Mr Maurie Lewis, Mrs Mary Markey.

The next meeting of the ERC will be held at Bendigo Mining on September 4 2002.

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