



New Bendigo Gold Project Newsletter

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WATER TREATMENT PLANT RECEIVES EPA APPROVAL

Eaglehawk to benefit from Water Treatment Plant

EPA Victoria has approved an application by Bendigo Mining to treat water for discharge to Lake Neangar. This water will provide flows into Lake Neangar and Lake Tom Thumb and will be available for reuse by the Neangar Park Golf Club and Eaglehawk North Primary School. Bendigo Mining has welcomed the approval and will commence construction of the 1.7 megalitre per day water treatment facility at the New Moon site in Eaglehawk North shortly.

Doug Buerger, Managing Director of Bendigo Mining said, "the approval will enable the Company to proceed with its plans to make the best use of the water extracted from underground workings. Bendigo Mining has always sought to make beneficial reuse an important aspect of its operations. We are committed to the best possible use of such a valuable resource in light of the Company's ongoing development of the goldfield."

EPA's North West Regional Manager Mr John Williamson said "The approval will allow for the productive use of water that is currently going to waste and the discharge of treated water is likely to improve the quality of water in Lake Neangar and Lake Tom Thumb and reduce the number of blue green algal outbreaks".

The treated water will be subject to EPA standards and guidelines and used in accordance with an EPA approved Environmental Improvement Plan to ensure no negative impact on environment and health.

BENDIGO'S UNDERWORLD

The City of Greater Bendigo launched "Bendigo's Underworld" a DVD that takes residents and visitors on the virtual flying tour of the goldfield and down among the thousands of shafts dug last century. As part of the 150 Years of Gold celebrations held last year, the Government granted \$22,000 to create a detailed DVD to compliment the physical model of the Central Deborah Mine which is housed at the Visitors Information Center.

Bendigo Mining staff provided the historic data and digitised information used in the DVD as well as technical support to the DVD production company.

This interactive DVD can be viewed at the Tourist Information Centre in Pall Mall. Copies can be purchased.

DID YOU KNOW???????

- That the main Swan Decline tunnel is now 5km long and 750m below the surface. The end of the main decline is currently below the railway line and advancing south towards Breen Street.
- There is approximately 8km of tunneling under the city.
- 12 local people gained employment recently at the New Moon site in Eaglehawk.
- Eaglehawk will gain treated mine water for community use.
- Water from historic mine workings is removed to provide a safe work environment for current underground development.



Science Award Students Visit Mine Site

As part of the Bendigo Mining Annual Science Awards recipients were invited to visit the Carshalton Mine site in Kangaroo Flat and to meet and share lunch with staff. This gave students the opportunity to glean information about the variety of occupations required by the mining industry.

The following students received awards for excellence in science and were selected by the staff from their respective schools.

David Rose	Bendigo Senior Secondary College
Andrew Keating	Catholic College Bendigo
Laura Cay	Creek Street Christian College
Naidine Speirs	Eaglehawk Secondary College
Dale Gladman	East Loddon P-12 College
Christopher Egan	Flora Hill Secondary College
David Reaburn	Girton Grammar School
Ione McCormick	Golden Square Secondary College
Simon Harrison	Kangaroo Flat Secondary College
Lauren Leed	Victory College
Bryden Pyke	Weeroona College



Naidene Speirs, Dale Gladman and Andrew Keating prepare to go underground.

MINERALS VENTURE

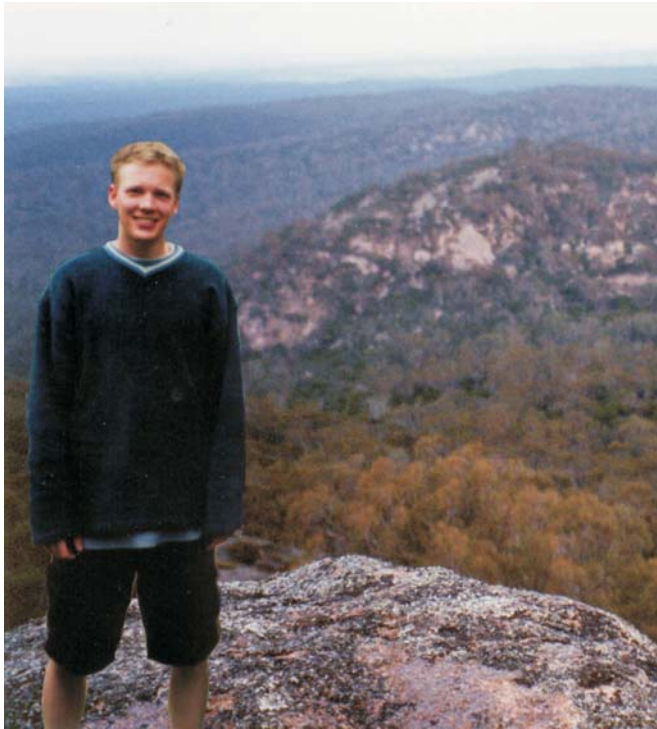
Over 30 secondary school students from Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, NSW and ACT attended a two week Minerals Venture sponsored by the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. They visited the Bendigo Mining operation during January. The students were selected from the top science students and were given a comprehensive tour of the mining industry including visits to the Minerals Division of the CSIRO and Latrobe and Monash Universities.

PERSONALITY PROFILE (Who's Who at Bendigo Mining):
Baden Coakley - Information Technology Officer

Baden grew up in Bendigo and attended Specimen Hill Primary School, Golden Square Secondary College and Bendigo Senior Secondary College. Baden still lives in the Specimen Hill area. He recently completed his Microsoft Certification and is undertaking a Degree in Business.

Baden was well known to the staff at Bendigo Mining prior to his appointment in September 2002. Whilst in Year 10 at Golden Square Secondary College he completed Work Experience with the Geology team and was also awarded one of the Bendigo Mining Science Awards. In 1998 he returned to work as a casual student employee during his holidays. Baden says he enjoys working at Bendigo Mining because it's close to home, he is familiar with the staff and the project and the Company provide a good environment in which to gain experience.

Baden spends his spare time camping and hiking and is a committed cricket follower.



Baden on a recent camping trip to Mt Kooyoora.

MINE PUBLIC OPEN DAY

Sunday 13th April 2003
11am - 3pm

Free buses will take visitors from Lansell Plaza or the Bendigo Railway Station to the Mine site in Ham Street, Kangaroo Flat.

ADVISORY BOARD

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

Board Members are:

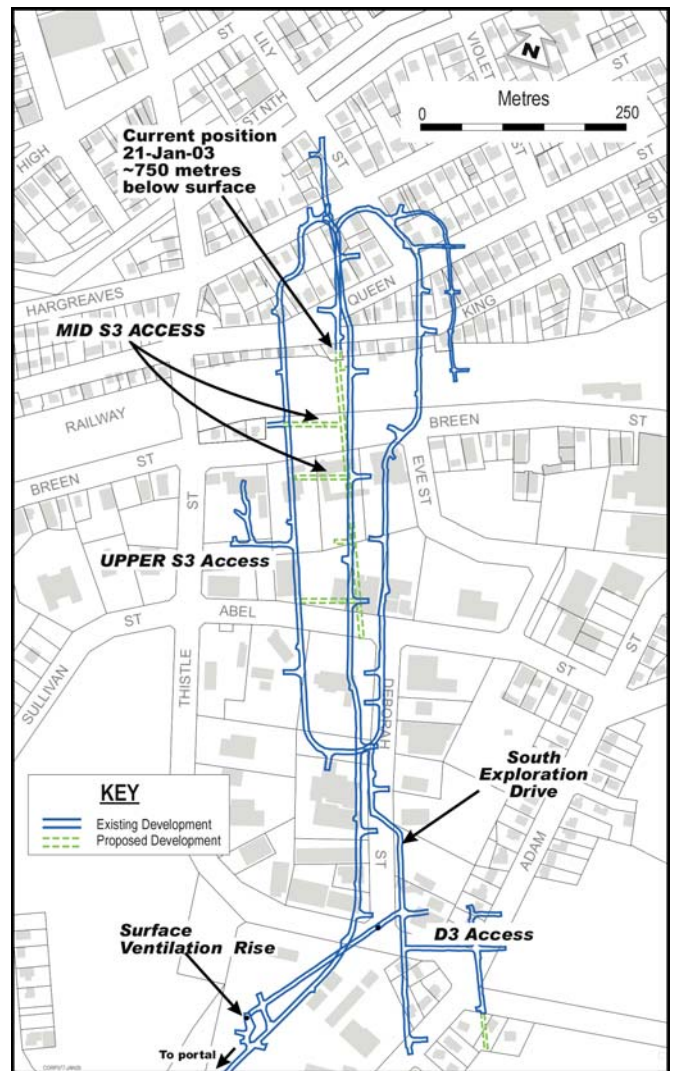
Cr. Daryl McClure, Cr. Willi Carney, Cr Rod Fyffe, Ms Ann Jones, Mrs Fay Buerger, Mr Bill Lucas, Mr Peter Galvin, Mr Leighton Rawlings, Mr Bryan Lewis, Mr Dennis Demeo, Ms Marika McMahon and Mr Maurie Sharkey.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Your community representatives are:

Mr Bernie Cusack, Mr Ken Draper, Mr Maurie Lewis, Mrs Mary Markey. Mr Ray Leerson has been invited to attend ERC meetings on behalf of the Eaglehawk community.

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