



New Bendigo Gold Project Newsletter

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SCIENCE AWARD STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THE DEPTHS OF BENDIGO

During the school holidays a number of Bendigo's top science students travelled down the New Bendigo Gold Project decline tunnel beneath the city.

The students were the recipients of Bendigo Mining's Annual Science Awards. They were taken on an underground tour of the mine as part of their science award. Each year Bendigo Mining provides awards for excellence in science to a student in each Bendigo secondary college. The award recipients for 2001 were:

Cassandra Byers, Bendigo Senior Secondary College; **Alice Mildren**, Catholic College; **Tim Byrne**, Creek Street Christian College; **Tam Hein**, Eaglehawk Secondary College; **Daniel Addlem**, East Loddon P-12 College; **Robert Jones**, Flora Hill Secondary College; **Madeline Mitchell**, Girton Grammar School; **Ross Brown**, Golden Square Secondary College, **Kylie Ruiz**, Kangaroo Flat Secondary College; **Joanna Gear**, Victory College; **Linda Knight**, Weeroona College.



Students underground in the Swan Decline, approximately 550 metres below the city of Bendigo.

MINE DEVELOPMENT

Development work in the decline tunnel resumed in late December 2001. The tunnel is presently 3.7km in length and over 570m beneath the surface.

Development underground is now advancing both to the north and south. The main Swan Decline is presently under the Deborah industrial area, south of Breen Street, and will continue to spiral down to targets at approximately 700m below surface.

The work on the northern decline, between Hargreaves Street and Creek Street South is to create an alternate access for emergency purposes. Work on the project is conducted 24hrs, 7 days a week.



Bendigo Mining geology staff explain their work to science students, Linda Knight, Cassie Byers and Alice Mildren.

WORKFORCE

More than 80 people are working full time on the project, an increase of 25 positions since December 2001. Approximately 70% of all positions at the mine have been filled locally.

The types of jobs carried out at the mine include:

Mining engineer, geologist, research geologist, miner, truck drivers, electrician, heavy diesel mechanic, accountant, safety and training officer, drafting specialist, IT specialist, computer services support, fitter, loader operator, jumbo (drilling machine) operator, secretary, office administration, community affairs co-ordinator, rehabilitation worker, environmental engineer, financial manager, environmental monitoring assistant, driller, field assistant, core sampler, water control engineer and assistant, stores officer, cleaner, surveyor, maintenance mechanic.

DEWATERING

Water is pumped from the Carshalton, Red White and Blue Consolidated and New Moon shafts and is evaporated at the Woodvale ponds. Due to the very dry conditions over summer, evaporation has been extremely high and exceeded both the pumping supply and rainfall.

A desalination plant to treat the water from the old and new workings beneath Bendigo, is currently being planned. It is expected to be in operation by mid 2002 and will be located at the New Moon site in Eaglehawk. This plant will produce clean water.

REHABILITATION

Seeds from indigenous plants have been collected from both the Carshalton and Woodvale sites over summer. More than 80 indigenous plant species have now been established on the Carshalton site in Kangaroo Flat. Plans are to recommence revegetation work during the winter planting season.

EXPLORATION

One drilling rig continues to operate underground from the Swan Decline. All drilling over the last two months has been on the Deborah line of reef and over 1km of drilling was completed during that time.

Research into historical mining continues on the Garden Gully, New Chum and Paddy's Gully lines. It is planned to have the entire goldfield modeled in 3D by April 2002.

ADVISORY BOARD

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

Board Members are:

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

ANNUAL **PUBLIC OPEN DAY** **at the** **MINE SITE**

ALL WELCOME

SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2002

11am – 4pm

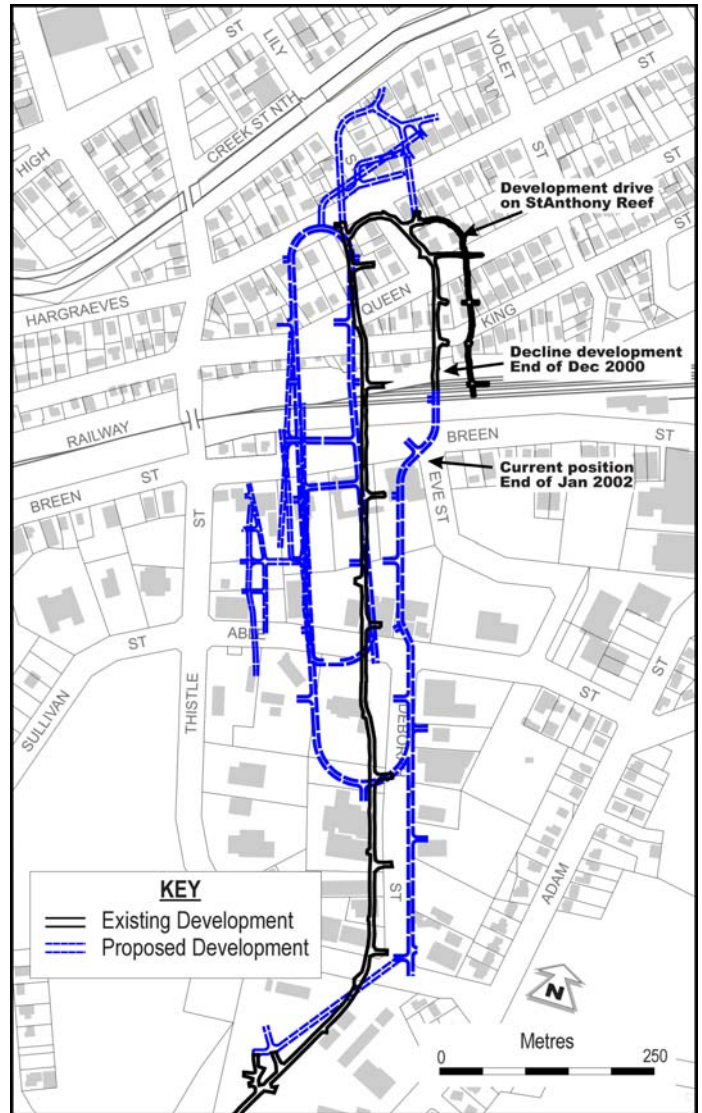
Free buses will leave the car parks at Lansell Plaza and Market Place every 30 minutes.

(surface tours only – no access underground)

ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

The Bendigo Mining Environmental Trust is calling for applications for financial support from community groups to assist with local environmental projects. Application forms can be obtained from Bendigo Mining. Ph: 5447 1834.

Applications Close: 30 April 2002.



Development on the decline has resumed and the drilling program continues to define further targets at depth.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The three year term of the current community representatives on the Environmental Review Committee have expired. The City of Greater Bendigo recently called for expressions of interest to join the committee and these appointments will be made shortly. The next meeting of the ERC will be at Bendigo Mining on 6 March 2002.

Your current representatives are:

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

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