



# New Bendigo Gold Project Newsletter

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## TRIAL PROCESSING COMMENCES

**Work at the New Moon facility in Eaglehawk North commenced recently and 12 people have been employed to operate the processing plant.**

Bulk samples of material taken from underground have been treated over the past month and this work is necessary to determine the grade of gold bearing ore. The Eaglehawk processing plant being used was built by Western Mining over 20 years ago and is currently undergoing construction work to upgrade the facility. Trial processing of ore taken from the Deborah and Sheepshead lines of reef will be conducted over the next 12 months. The results of the trial processing will enable the development of an appropriate gold grade estimation technique and provide information for the feasibility study required prior to full production.



*Ben Clayton operating the 50Kg sample plant*

### LATROBE UNIVERSITY STUDENT WORKS ON MINING BY-PRODUCTS

Tayne Evans, a final year engineering student from the Bendigo Campus of La Trobe University, has been involved in an investigation into the reuse of mullock from the New Bendigo Gold Project. Tayne's report focuses on finding a local engineering application for the mullock. (Mullock is rock that does not contain gold.)

Tayne undertook a number of experiments in order to establish a geo-technical evaluation of the mullock. He investigated three engineering applications; controlled fill, concrete aggregate and use for road base or sub-base.

### BENDIGO'S UNDERWORLD

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 Centre. The DVD, titled "Bendigo's Underworld", takes visitors on the virtual flying tour of the goldfield and down among the thousands of shafts dug last century. Bendigo Mining staff provided the historic data and digitized information used in the DVD as well as technical support to the DVD production company. This new exhibition is to be launched shortly by the City of Greater Bendigo and is sure to be a popular exhibit.

### WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Many students this year have been able to experience the various career opportunities provided by the mining industry. Recently Stephen Maher from Golden Square Secondary College spent a week at the mine working with staff from a variety of departments.

Chris Egan a year 10 student from Flora Hill Secondary College has been working in the heavy machinery maintenance workshop on a special work placement program that has seen him at the mine one day per week during fourth term.



*Stephen watches Ross Fox operate the jumbo drilling machine.*



*Chris working on the Bell truck.*

#### DID YOU KNOW???????

- That the main Swan Decline tunnel is now 4.7km long and 725m below the surface.
- The end of the main decline is currently below the Queen/Hargreaves Street area.
- There are approximately 8km of tunneling under the city.
- The South Exploration Drive is being developed to the south under the Adams Street area.
- More than 110 people currently work at the mine

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**PERSONALITY PROFILE (Who's Who at Bendigo Mining):**  
**Laurie Cheesman - Leading Hand, Service Crew**

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Laurie has been working on the NewBendigo Gold Project for 4 years. He worked on a number of other local mining operations at Maldon, Wattle Gully Mine- Chewton and the Maxwell Mine at Inglewood. He has also spent some time at a diamond mine in the Kimberley in Western Australia.

Laurie lives out at Lockwood with his family and has resided in the Bendigo area for 12 years. When not at work he loves to ride his motor bike and used to enjoy fishing but there never seems enough time for this activity these days.

Laurie says he has always enjoyed mining and finds it an industry where people look after and care for each other. The service crew guys say he is noted for his funny "one liners" and provides them with plenty to laugh about.



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**ADVISORY BOARD**

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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.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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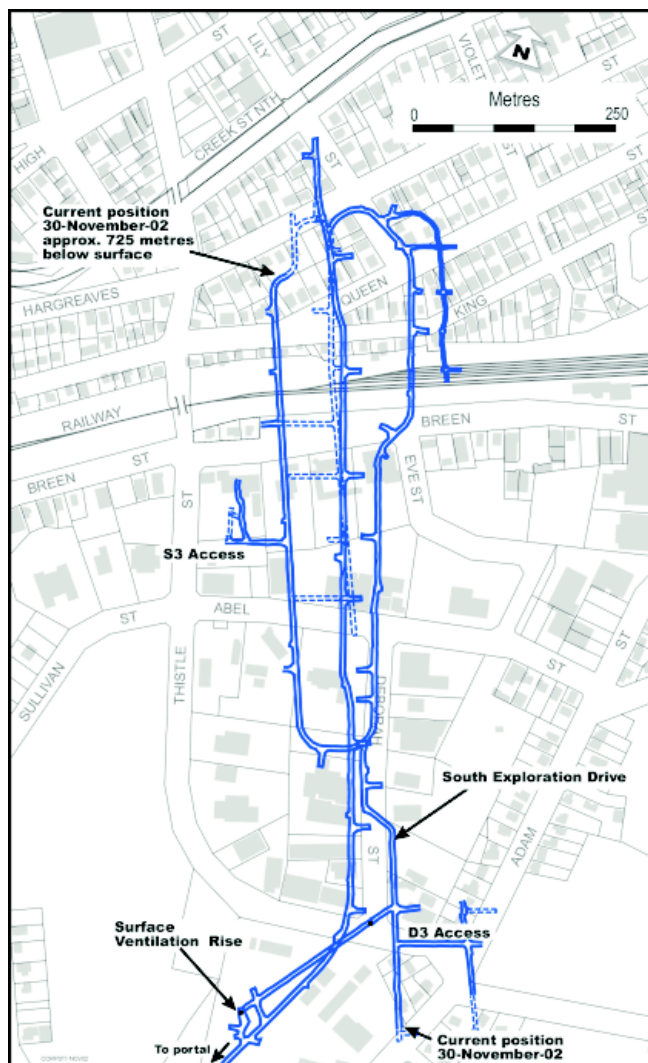
Your community representatives are:

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

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