

Anglo ramps up drilling at Think Big

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John Jones' Anglo Australian Resources has stepped up drilling at the Think Big prospect at Feysville, 14km south-east of the Super Pit, kick-starting a reverse circulation campaign on the eve of the Diggers and Dealers Mining Forum.

The ground, accessed via Woollibar Station, is wedged between Westgold Resources' South Kalgoorlie Operations and the southern limits of KCGM's regional ground south of the Golden Mile.

And although Mr Jones has been fond of saying he is looking for a repeat of the famed Golden Mile, which poured its official 60 millionth ounce in June via KCGM at its Fimiston Mill, others say the prospect bears more similarity to the gold deposits found at Gold Fields' St Ives operations near Kambalda.

Geologist Ed Baltis, a former Western Mining Corporation rock kicker who worked for Gold Fields until leaving in 2013 to set up his own consultancy, Gold Vector, said it was surprising how little work had been done at Feysville given its proximity to town and relatively little cover, never down to more than 5m.

Mr Baltis — a member of the team that discovered Gold Fields' 1.4 million ounce Invincible deposit at St Ives in 2012 — said while old-timers had left scratchings and more than a hundred old workings on the quartz bearing hills over looking the prospect to the west, they were unable to

parse the sediment-bearing lake structures to the east.

Located on a lake structure along the Ethereal shear zone, east of the Goldfields Highway, the ground was one of a number of targets historically locked up in WMC's extensive and ignored exploration tenure.

The current campaign at Feysville will see about 2000m drilled to 120-150m below surface across up to 20 holes.

Think Big, a new prospect uncovered at the south of the Feysville tenement package where air-core drilling uncovered 1.6km of strike length with a mineralised core of about 800m and a peak value of 3.6 grams per tonne, will host at least 10 of those holes with drilling starting there on Friday.

Mr Jones, whose long career in the WA gold industry includes a two-decade stint as chairman of Troy Resources, said early success had given Anglo-Australian the confidence to put an option on ground held by prospectors to the south of Think Big.

"An RC drilling campaign is the logical next step in our evaluation of Think Big," he said.

"We can only hope that the results continue to provide encouragement.

"Should Think Big prove to be a new discovery, it will be beneficial that we have secured the right to add to our ground position in the nearby vicinity."

Anglo Australian was trading unchanged at 4.9c on Friday.



Gold Vector director Ed Baltis at the Think Big site and drill rig.
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