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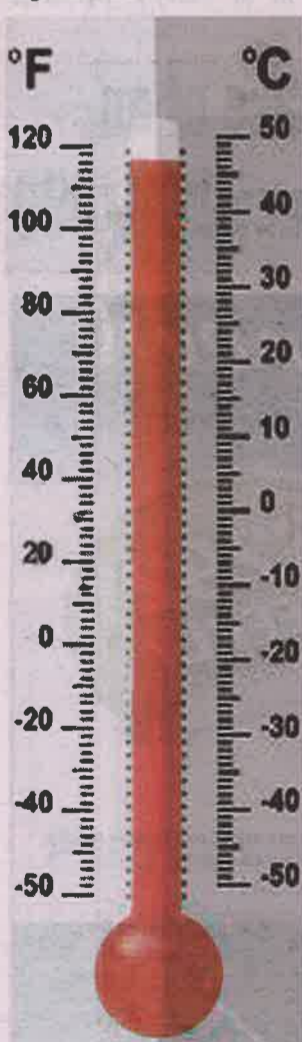


**TODAY**

## 46.3 degrees smashes the record

The cool change which swept the district last Sunday afternoon brought welcome relief to most residents after enduring the hottest ever February day for West Wyalong on Saturday.

The maximum 46.3 degree temperature easily eclipsed the previous record for February of 44 degrees in 2004.



Saturday's shocker came on the back of the second highest maximum record day of Friday, at 44.7 degrees, up from the already uncomfortable 40.2 degrees on the Thursday.

By Monday when temperatures had cooled considerably to a pleasant 26.9 degrees, the month's long term average had already lifted from 32.1 degrees to 37.2 degrees.

The couple of relief days were welcomed by most before temperatures were forecast to rise again yesterday (Thursday) to 38 and again today at 39 degrees before dropping 10 degrees for a cooler weekend of 29 and 26 degrees.

# Gold rush

## Argent Minerals get drilling approval

The Bland Shire gold rush continues with Argent Minerals Limited announcing it has received regulatory approval for the West Wyalong drilling program.

The plan has been developed to drill key positions on the Theia and Narragudgil targets, located south east of Wyalong adjacent to Goldfields Way, to test for the occurrence of a copper-gold porphyry system and associated epithermal gold mineralisation that is based on Argent's conceptual model for the area.

The six-hole drill program has been designed for a total length of 2300 metres with the deepest hole to reach 500 metres depth.

Five holes will test the Theia copper-gold porphyry target with drillholes generally

designed to 350-metre depth and the deepest hole to 500 metres.

At the same time a single hole has been designed to test the potential for epithermal gold mineralisation at the Narragudgil target to a depth of 400 metres.

On October 26 last year, Argent announced the awarding of \$200,000 of NSW Government funding for the company's West Wyalong project.

The heavily contested funding award was granted to Argent following the evaluation by an independent expert panel of the West Wyalong project's prospectivity and technical basis, as well as the soundness of the company's financial management.

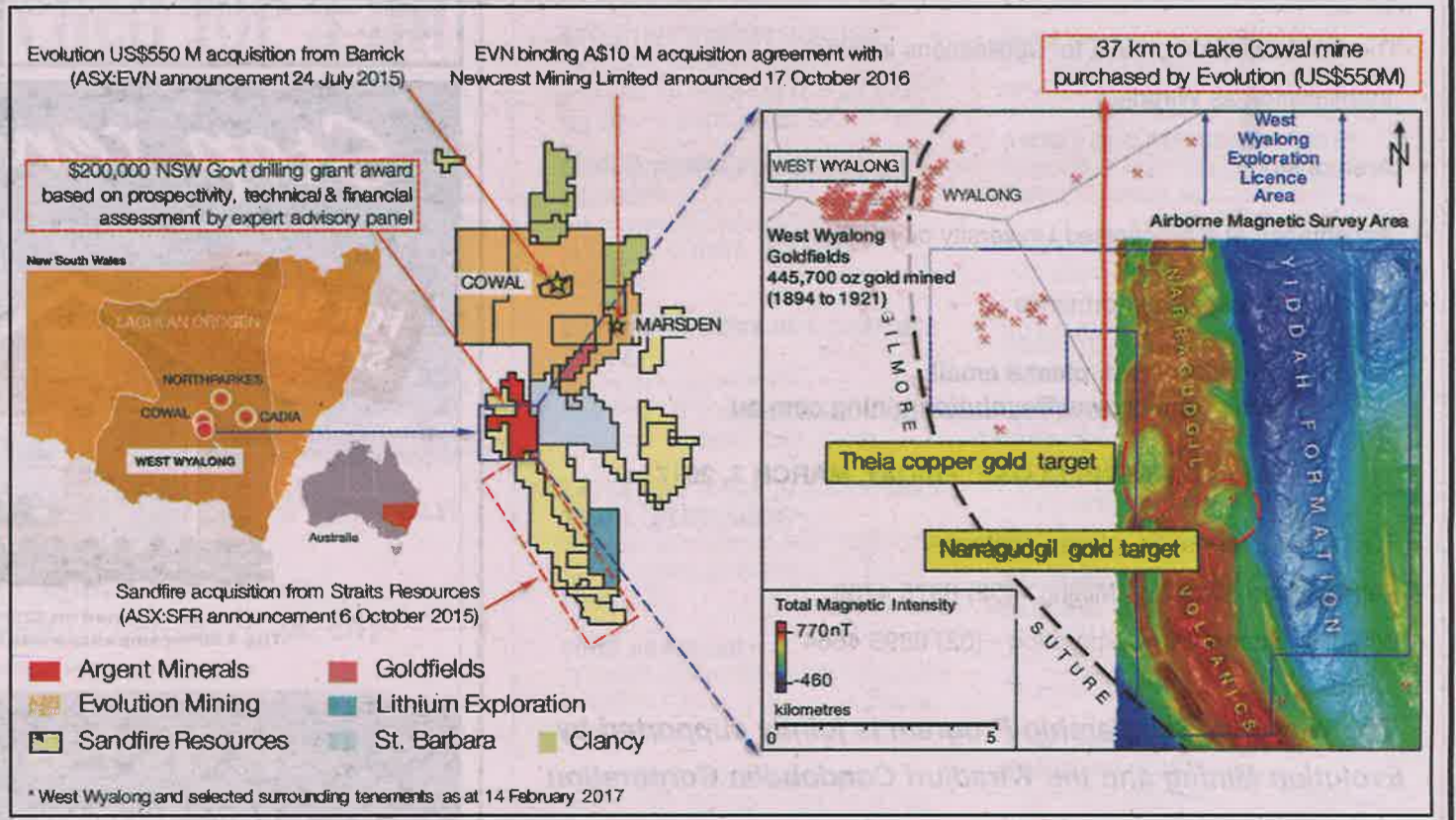
The regulatory drilling approval included a new condition requiring Argent to submit

details of the post-drilling rehabilitation plan no less than 14 days prior to drilling commencement.

The resultant delay allows drilling to commence from next week, but no earlier than February 22, for compliance with the new condition.

Although drillholes are located well beyond the statutory minimum from dwellings, Argent has decided that any possible interaction with a local dwelling should be considerate and reasonable, therefore drill shifts have been reduced to daylight hours only.

The program schedule is planned to be completed within a 70 day period, subject to factors outside the control of Argent such as weather and drilling conditions.



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XXXX Gold stubbies 24pk \$43	Woodstock One Footer cans \$20	Yellowtail Range 750ml \$9
VB stubbies 24pk \$49	Jim Beam & Canadian Club 4pk \$16	Enzed Range 750ml \$12
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