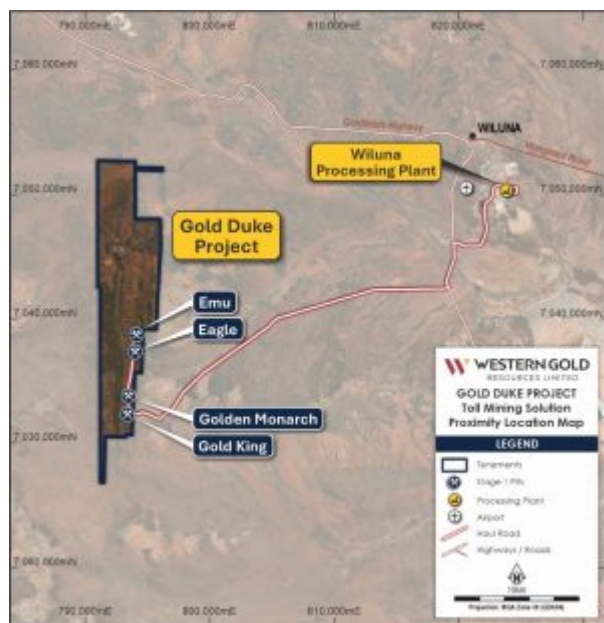


Western Gold Commences Bore Drilling For Production

[Western Gold Resources \(ASX: WGR\)](#)

Advised that drilling of the Bowerbird production bore has commenced, alongside the delivery and installation of the early stage site establishment infrastructure, at its 100%-owned Gold Duke Project in Western Australia.

Gold production is scheduled to start in Q2 2026.



	Western Gold Resources	ASX: WGR
	Stage	Development
	Metals	Gold
	Market cap	A\$51.5 Million @ A\$0.175
	Location	Western Australia
	Website	www.westerngoldresources.com.au

Production Bore Drilling Commenced and Early Stage Site Establishment

[Western Gold Resources Limited \(ASX: WGR\)](http://www.westerngoldresources.com.au) (“WGR” or “the Company”) is pleased to advise that drilling of the Bowerbird production bore has commenced, alongside the delivery and installation of the early stage site establishment infrastructure, at its 100%-owned Gold Duke Project in Western Australia.

Highlights:

- Drilling has commenced at the Bowerbird Prospect within the Gold Duke Project
- Bore replaces an existing production bore and will provide dedicated water supply for mining operations and dust suppression
- Groundwater extraction licence approval by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) is in place
- Early Stage of mobilisation has commenced with the delivery and installation of site offices
- Site offices to support current production bore drill programme as well as clearing and grubbing and next phase of site establishment
- Laydown area established to support drilling, mining and logistics for the project
- Represents first phase of “on-the-ground” activities for the Gold Duke Project

Managing Director Cullum Winn commented:

“The commencement of drilling at the Bowerbird production bore and installation of early site infrastructure represents the start of on-the-ground activities at our flagship Gold

Duke Project.

“The bore and associated infrastructure are expected to provide a low-cost, reliable water supply, positioned close to the Stage 1 operational pits, supporting efficient project execution.”

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Western Gold Prepares For

Imminent Production

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Announced the execution of key pre-mining contracts supporting mobilisation and site establishment at its 100%-owned Gold Duke Project in Western Australia.

The Company has executed Letters of Award with SSH Mining to commence site establishment works, including clearing, grubbing, open pits, lay down areas and haul road delineation.



	Western Gold Resources	ASX: WGR
	Stage	Development
	Metals	Gold
	Market cap	A\$58 Million @ A\$20
	Location	Western Australia

	Website	www.westerngoldresources.com.au
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Western Gold Prepares For Imminent Production at Gold Duke

Gold Duke Project Pre Mining Works Letter of Award, DWER Approval and Mine Operator Appointed

Western Gold Resources Limited (ASX: WGR) (“WGR” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the execution of key pre-mining contracts supporting mobilisation and site establishment at its 100%-owned Gold Duke Project in Western Australia.

The Company has executed Letters of Award with SSH Mining to commence site establishment works, including clearing, grubbing, open pits, lay down areas and haul road delineation, and has also awarded a contract to Pennigton Scott Pty Ltd for the drilling of the Bower Bird Water Bore, a critical component of early mining and Life of Mine (LOM) dust-suppression infrastructure.

These activities represent another important step in

transitioning Gold Duke from development into operational readiness, following the Board's Decision to Mine announced in December 2025

Highlights:

- Letters of Award executed with SSH Mining Australia Pty Ltd (subsidiary of SSH Group Ltd (ASX:SSH)) to commence pre-mining works at the Gold Duke Project, including clearing, grubbing and site establishment.
- Organisation of earthmoving equipment and site establishment activities underway, supporting the planned transition into mining operations.
- SSH Mining has been appointed with LGIRS as the Mine Operator as part of a Turn Key Solution for the Gold Duke Project.
- Contract executed with Pennington Scott Pty Ltd and Delta Consultancy & Drilling Services Pty Ltd for the construction of the Bower Bird Water Bore, delivering a dedicated water supply to support all mining activities and dust suppression.
- *Early works advance operational readiness and materially de-risk the planned Q1 2026 mobilisation and production schedule.*
- Activities follow the Board's Decision to Mine and represent continued execution of WGR's capital-efficient development strategy at Gold Duke.

- The Company is currently assessing the potential to increase the life of mine at Gold Duke.

Managing Director Cullum Winn commented:

“These early works mark a critical transition from planning into execution at Gold Duke.

“Commencing clearing, grubbing and site establishment, in particular open pits, waste dumps and haul roads plus water infrastructure development provides a strong foundation for mining operations and significantly de-risks our mobilisation schedule.

“Gold Duke continues to advance in line with our Decision to Mine and capital-efficient development strategy whilst also assessing options to increase the life of mine at Gold Duke.”

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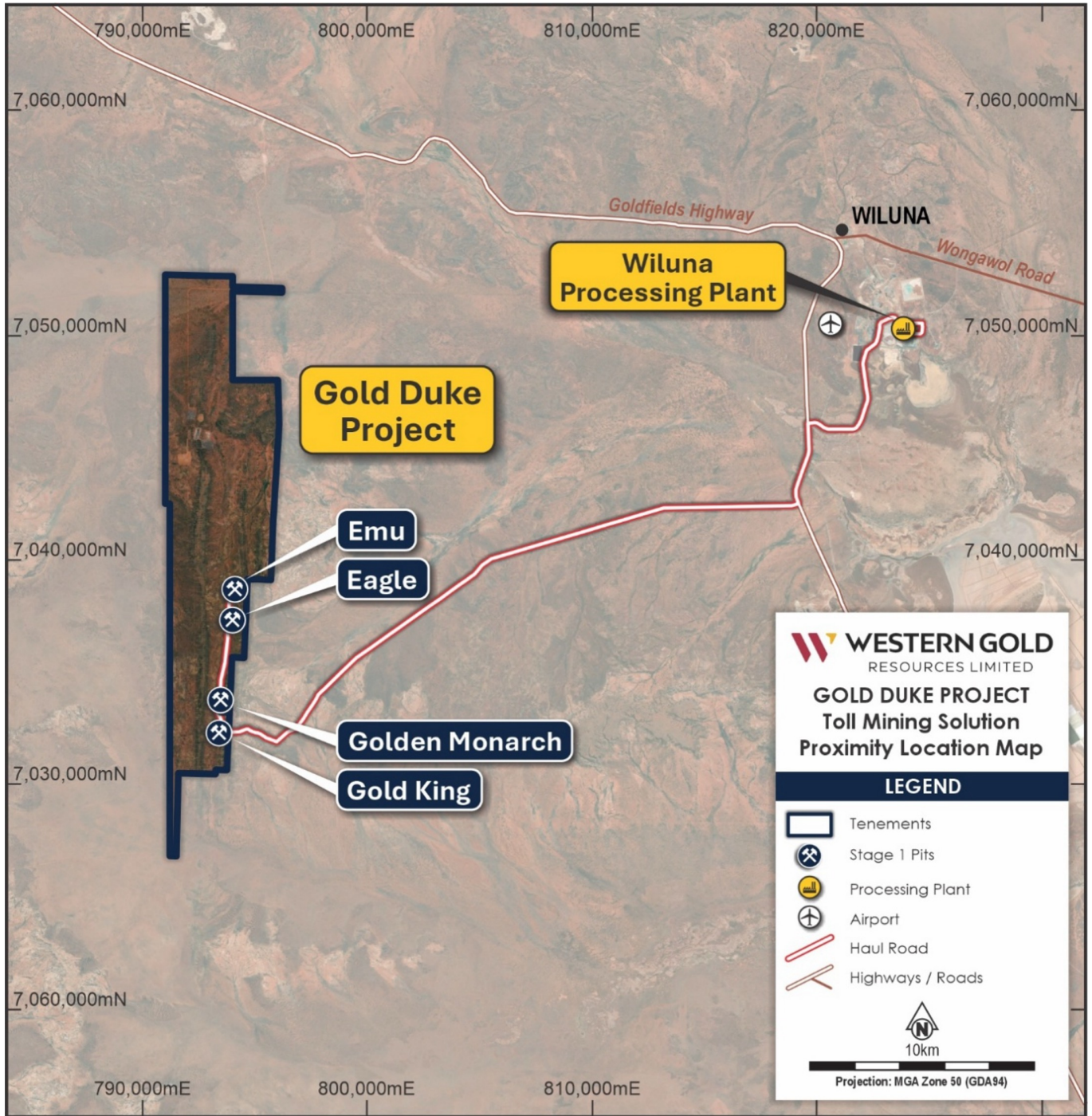
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Gold and silver are volatile again after the New Year.

Gold is still hovering above \$4,300, but silver remains around it's all-time high price as supply remains tight. The CME has twice raised margin requirements to try and curb speculators, but to no avail thus far.

Western Gold is about to become the next Australian producing gold miner, with a startup imminent in Q1 2026.

Western Gold are featured in our tier2 Watchlist as a late stage developer, early production company. Arrangements are now almost complete for production startup, and I expect the share price to run closer to the commencement of production.

I hold shares in Western Gold and recently added. I intend to rotate some profits from another company to increase my holding here in the near term to take advantage of any rise in share price that normally occurs as a developer enters production.

News from our other tier 1 and 2 watchlist companies is pasted below, click on the link to be taken to the full story.



[Horizon Minerals Formal Sale Agreement For Nickel Assets](#)

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[Barton Gold High Resolution Gravity Survey Targets Challenger Repeats](#)

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[Ora Banda Mining Confirms a Significant Extension at Sand King](#)

[Great Boulder Resources +1 M Oz High-Grade Gold Resources at Side Well](#)

[Pacgold's St George Defines 14km Gold and Antimony Anomaly](#)

[Kaiser Reef Completes Union Hill Waste Dump Drilling](#)

[Westgold Sells Mt. Henry to Alicanto Minerals](#)

[Westgold to Spin-Out Non-Core Assets to Valiant](#)

[Equinox Gold Sale of Brazil Operations, Reduces Debt](#)

Metal Prices	40125	Weekly % change
Gold price in UK £	3229	-2.74%
Gold in AUD\$	6600	-0.75%
Gold	4333	-3.30%
Silver	72.94	1.40%
Palladium	1700	0.06%

Platinum	2162	-3.40%
Rhodium	8300	2.15%
Copper	5.69	3.27%
Nickel	7.53	8.66%
Zinc	1.4	0.72%
Tin	19.5	-1.17%
Cobalt	24	0.21%
Lithium	16510	13.21%
Uranium	81.4	0.49%
Iron Ore	104.4	0.00%
Coking Coal	211.5	-0.24%
Thermal coal	105.5	-0.47%

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Western Gold Grade Control Supports Mine Decision

[Western Gold Resources \(ASX: WGR\)](#)

Reported that assay results from a further 28 RC drillholes across the Eagle South and Gold King deposits within the Gold Duke Project continue to deliver strong and consistent gold intersections, confirming the continuity of mineralisation within and beyond the Stage 1 pit designs.



Credits – Western Gold Resources

	Western Gold Resources	ASX: WGR
	Stage	Development
	Metals	Gold
	Market cap	A\$43 Million @ A\$16.7 cents
	Location	Western Australia
	Website	www.westerngoldresources.com.au

WESTERN GOLD GRADE CONTROL RESULTS PROVIDE STRONG SUPPORT FOR PENDING DECISION TO MINE AT GOLD DUKE

Western Gold Resources Limited (ASX: WGR) (“WGR” or “the Company”) is pleased to report that assay results from a further 28 Reverse Circulation (RC) drillholes across the Eagle South and Gold King deposits within the Gold Duke Project located 35km southwest of Wiluna, in the Goldfields region of Western Australia continue to deliver strong and consistent gold intersections, confirming the continuity of mineralisation within and beyond the Stage 1 pit designs.

These early results reinforce the robustness of the geological model and suggest potential pit extensions and resource growth opportunities within the broader Gold Duke corridor.

With all 35,300 metres of drilling for Stage 1 now complete, the Company is advancing toward the resource model update that will underpin the Decision to Mine process.

Highlights:

- Early results from the 35,300 m grade control and infill drilling confirm the Gold Duke model’s accuracy, with early Eagle South and Gold King assays closely matching Scoping Study1 grades and validating mineralisation continuity along strike and at depth.
- Grade control drilling results reported to date have delivered high-grade, continuous intersections consistent with

modelled expectations, with better intercepts including:

Eagle South:

- 10 m @ 3.78 g/t Au from 30 m (EG00069)
- 9 m @ 3.75 g/t Au from 17 m (EG00070)
- 8 m @ 3.06 g/t Au from 18 m (EG00059)

Gold King:

- 9 m @ 1.57 g/t Au from 12 m (GK00181)
- 7 m @ 2.06 g/t Au from 18 m (EM00162)
- 5 m @ 3.99 g/t Au from 40 m (EM00070)
- The tight 5 m × 10 m drilling pattern has verified orebody continuity and grade consistency, reinforcing confidence in production, design, and cash-flow forecasts—supporting projected undiscounted pre-tax cash surpluses of A\$56M (A\$4,500/oz) to A\$97M (A\$5,500/oz)¹.
- All samples were analysed by ISO-certified labs (Nagrom and Jennings) using 50 g Fire Assay with full QA/QC.

Statistical review confirmed no bias or drift, ensuring JORC-compliant accuracy and repeatability.

- Strong correlation between new grade control and historical drilling validates geological models and pit designs, de-risking the Decision to Mine pathway and confirming continuous, mineable Stage 1 mineralisation.

- Results received for a further 28 of 1,107 holes demonstrate excellent grade continuity, with assays from the remaining ~32,550 m (~1,020 holes) to be progressively incorporated into the Resource Model Update.

- Backed by a fully funded development plan, low pre-mining capital requirements (~A\$2.6–2.8 M), and a rapid payback period (3 months), *Western Gold Resources is now poised to commence mining with strong geological confidence, proven technical validation, and outstanding leverage to record Australian gold prices, further strengthening the upcoming Decision to Mine process.*

Managing Director Cullum Winn commented:

“These results from the Gold Duke grade control drilling program mark a major technical milestone for Western Gold Resources.

“The strong correlation between new assays and our Scoping Study model confirms the robustness of the orebody and underpins the integrity of our mine design and financial forecasts.

“With a fully funded development plan, low start-up capital, and rapid payback, we are exceptionally well positioned to move into production at a time of record Australian gold prices—further strengthening the upcoming Decision to Mine process.”

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