



# Maximus scans Eagle history

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Gold explorer Maximus Resources has delved into State Government records from the 1930s to refine targets ahead of a drilling campaign at the Eagles Nest prospect near Kambalda.

Part of the Spargoville project, Eagles Nest sits on the same tenement that produced the 1135oz Golden Eagle nugget in 1931. It remains the biggest gold nugget found in WA.

Maximus managing director Kevin Malaxos said a search of State Government archives and Department for Mines and Petroleum records had provided significant in-

formation, including detailed descriptions of the Spargoville goldfields and the location of big nuggets found during the 1930s.

Eagles Nest is 8km south of the Wattle Dam mine, which produced 286,000oz under Ramelius Resources' ownership until its closure in late 2012, and was once considered

the highest-grade gold mine in Australia.

Drilling at Eagles Nest in 2005, including a drill line across the original nugget field of Eagles Gully, revealed the existence of at least four "blue lodes".

"Government reports at the time documented the intimate association of the blue lode, more recently

interpreted as carbonaceous and calcareous finely laminated interflow sediment, and the location of reported nuggets finds," Mr Malaxos said in a statement.

"These blue lodes display similarities to the interflow shale unit at the Wattle Dam underground mine, which is intimately associated with high-grade gold mineralisation there.

"The Eagles Gully, where the Golden Eagle and several other large nuggets were found was noted to have up to three blues lodes rather than the single blue lode that formed the extensive ridge

along strike throughout the mining lease."

Maximus has won approval and engaged contractors for its next drilling campaign, scheduled to begin in early March.

Encouraging results, including 7m at 4g/t and 24m at 3.05g/t, were announced to the ASX in January.

The next campaign will focus on a 120m-wide zone, with 14 holes planned on three close-spaced drill traverses to determine the potential for high-grade mineralisation.

Maximus has shelled out more than \$650,000 in cash and shares in the past seven months, boosting its stake in the Spargoville project from 25 per cent alongside Tychean Resources to 100 per cent ownership.