

Wallah Silver Project, NSW – Drilling Contractor Appointed, Phase 1 to Commence

HIGHLIGHTS

- NAE has appointed a drilling contractor to carry out its Phase 1 (2026) drilling campaign at the Wallah Silver Project (EL9610)
- Phase 1 program comprises two holes for approximately 300m of total drilling
- Holes to be drilled as pre-collar, open-hole percussion with diamond tail
- Drilling to commence in the first week of September, with the program expected to take 10-12 days
- Phase 1 will test the down-dip extension of known high-grade silver-polymetallic mineralisation beneath the historic Walla Walla Silver-Lead Mine
- Previous drilling indicates that grade increases with depth
- Assay results expected in early Q4 CY36 after completion of drilling
- Planning well advanced for Phase 2 drilling, targeting IP anomalies along strike to the north and south of the historic mine

New Age Exploration (ASX: NAE) (**NAE** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce the appointment of a drilling contractor to carry out its Phase 1 (2026) drilling campaign at the 100%-owned Wallah Silver Project (EL9610) (**Wallah** or **the Project**), located in the Lachlan Fold Belt of south-central New South Wales.

The update follows the completion of the Company's acquisition of Wallah (refer ASX announcement dated [30 June 2026](#)), the commencement of on-ground field exploration activities at the Project (refer ASX announcement dated [8 July 2026](#)), and the recent reprocessing of historic geophysical data that defined a series of compelling drill targets at the historic Walla Walla Silver-Lead Mine (refer ASX announcement dated [11 August 2026](#)).

New Age Exploration CEO Kirby Johnson commented:

"With our drilling contractor now appointed, we're excited to get rigs turning at Wallah within the next week. This first phase is specifically designed to test whether the high-grade mineralisation known to sit beneath the historic Walla Walla mine keeps getting better at depth, as our previous drilling suggested. It's a tightly targeted program, and assay results should be in hand within weeks of completion."

Phase 1 Drilling Program

NAE has appointed an experienced drilling contractor to carry out its Phase 1 (2026) drilling campaign at the Wallah Silver Project. The program comprises two holes for approximately 300m of total drilling, to be drilled as pre-collar, open-hole percussion (PCD) with diamond tail.

Drilling is scheduled to commence in the first week of September, with the program expected to take approximately 10-12 days to complete.

Drill Targets

Phase 1 (2026) drilling will test the down-dip extension of known high-grade silver-rich, intrusion-related polymetallic mineralisation beneath the historic Walla Walla Silver-Lead Mine. Previous drilling indicates that grade increases with depth, consistent with previous RC drilling results (refer ASX announcement dated [2 March 2026](#) for JORC Table 1 disclosure).

The targeted mineralisation is high-grade, silver-rich, polymetallic vein-style, occurring within a broader halo of vein stockwork and disseminated sulphides extending into the surrounding host rock.

Next Steps

The following key milestones are targeted as the Wallah drilling program advances:

- Completion of the Phase 1 (2026) drilling program (approximately 10-12 days)
- Phase 1 assay results expected in early Q4 CY26 after completion of drilling
- Continued planning for Phase 2 drilling, testing extensions to known mineralisation along strike to the north and south of the historic mine, targeting the IP anomalies identified in reprocessed geophysical data

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This release has been authorised by the Board of New Age Exploration Limited.

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