

KANMANTOO-CALLINGTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)
Master Planning Working Party

DRAFT NOTES TO THE MEETING

Master Plan Working Party 'meet and greet' session
4pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 17 September 2014
Callington Primary School.

In attendance

Garry Duncan
Allana Vorstenbosch
Kathy Schneider Roberts
Fiona Challen
Alistair Walsh
Steve McClare
Bob Goreing
Guest: Greg Sarre (DCMB)

Apologies

Bill Filmer
Harry Seager

Item 1: District Council of Mt Barker directions and planning

Greg gave a presentation on the directions and strategic planning of DCMB for the District. Key Council documents were identified as:

- Economic Development Strategy 2014 – 2019 DCMB
- DCMB Strategic Plan 2012 – 2017

Key points included:

- impact of population growth (doubling population in the Council District in 20 – 30 years)
- key infrastructure considerations including roads, power, water and waste, IT, housing
- the development of an economic corridor stretching from Mt Barker to Murray Bridge with Kanmantoo / Callington and Monarto in the middle of this corridor

Greg said that Council was keen to promote ways for more local jobs for local residents to be generated to at least maintain or preferably improve in the future, the ratio between locals employed locally and those who leave the district to work. He pointed out that although growing resident numbers increased jobs in service sectors like schools and health, there also needed to be additional jobs in key industries that Council had identified such as tourism, advanced manufacturing and agriculture including value adding to food and wine.

It was pointed out that in the data presented as part of the DCMB Economic Strategy, mining was seen as an important industry that would grow in the future. Some discussion took place around

how mining skills generated by the Kanmantoo Copper Mine could be retained in the community when the mine closed.

Greg said that the DCMB Strategic Plan will be reviewed in the near future and an opportunity will exist to both comment through community consultation and to add value directly to this document

ACTION:

Master Plan Working Party should aim to complete a consideration of community priorities for the future of Kanmantoo Callington following mine closure in a time frame that will allow input into DCMB's review of its Strategic Plan (anticipated 3 – 6 months).

Item 2: Actions and priorities from the Red Paper

Lifestyle, natural vegetation, rehabilitation, land use planning etc

The group had a broad discussion of around distinguishing factors (points of difference and comparative advantage) for Kanmantoo Callington that may influence its future development. The natural environment was seen as a key to the 'branding' of Kanmantoo Callington for future development.

A Native Vegetation Plan for the area was suggested. Greg said that this may fit under the Council's Biodiversity Strategy and may be complementary to the Mine Closure Plan for the Kanmantoo Copper Mine.

The role of the natural environment and how Kanmantoo Callington may capitalise on this in a future after mining was discussed. Ideas included:

- the appeal of the area as a residential centre for families working in the Council's 'economic development corridor'
- industries that have an environmental theme like agriculture
- a role in infrastructure provision like an area for water management given its proximity in the centre of the economic corridor and the positive legacy of the mine development
- maintaining some role in mining (to keep the local skills employed) like a service centre for other activity elsewhere in the region
- as a recreational and cultural hub providing walking trails, heritage and cultural activities. Links were identified to the mining history of the area and the rehabilitation program of the mine.

The current consideration by DCMB and other Councils to have significant parts of the region designated World Heritage (agrarian landscape) was mentioned with divided view about the benefits of this to Kanmantoo Callington.

Kathy spoke about weed management for species like Gazania's.

ACTION:

Coordinate the continuous rehabilitation at the site (described in the Mine Closure Plan) to develop a landscape that would be consistent with walking / riding trails or complement community / commercial activities like water management programs conducted by Council or the private sector.

Identify groups that may have responsibility for these types of programs and engage with them. Investigate the role of the NRM in Native Vegetation Policy / programs and possible future land management for the Kanmantoo Callington area and determine whether they should be invited to participate in the work of the Working Party.

Tourism and other industries

Kathy spoke about the need for an inventory of mining and other history of the area including its 'natural / environmental' history. The balance between 'preserving everything' and ensuring that the region's artefacts were 'representative and maintained in good condition' was discussed with a general feeling that tourism relies on a point of difference and quality experiences and the area should aim to develop these.

Potential links with other industries like art were mentioned with recognition of a strong community interest (and skills) in this area.

Greg mentioned the potential in Heritage Grants available through the Council.

Bruno Rescignano and Greg Drew (Department of State Development) were identified as experts in mining heritage and history and could be approached to help with literature and other research about the area.

ACTION:

Invite Bruno Rescignano and Greg Drew (Department of State Development) to attend a Working Party meeting to discuss resources related to mining heritage and history of Kanmantoo Callington and any potential partners who may support future tourism development in ways like designing interpretative signage etc.

Put together an inventory (a list of historical, heritage and cultural assets) for potential tourism attractions.

Mine closure

The Mine Closure Plan was described as a key Plan that kicked in well before the mine actually closed. It included plans for continuous rehabilitation which were central to the work of the Working Party. Alistair confirmed that the Mine Closure Plan was a living document that could change over time as opportunities came along or, as in this case, the community were keen to provide valuable input to help optimise benefits that may arise from this process.

ACTION:

Present key aspects of the Mine Closure Plan in a form that may be useful to the Working Party and the wider community to help promote discussion about how to optimise community benefit from this process.

Item 3: Small scale community projects

Allana presented a list of potential small scale, short term (ie sooner rather than later) community projects that could be promoted by the Working Party. These included:

- improving arrangements for school students taking buses
- roadside vegetation plantings (linked to vegetation programs as well as possible dust mitigation)
- improvements to the bike park (which was partially funded by Hillgrove previously)
- the development of a dog 'off leash' walking track.

The link between the school bus stop project and the proposed review of the mine's traffic management program was made.

ACTION:

Steve and Allana to coordinate the potential for a bus stop project with Steve's review of the traffic management plan (particularly at school pick up times) that is being undertaken for the KCCCC.

Other projects were discussed including community clean-up of historical sites. Mention was made of possible government restrictions on this type of community project that had been raised some time ago and may need further investigation.

ACTION:

Investigate the possibility of community clean-up activities and any restrictions there may be (or alternatively any support there may be) from groups like EPA and DSD. Alistair agreed to look into this.

Item 4: Other business

Letter to Greg Parker

The Chair tabled a draft letter to Greg Parker, General Manager Council Services DCMB thanking him for his attendance at the 14 August 2014 KCCCC meeting and his presentation on Council's plans for Proctor Road.

Allana had suggested that the comments made by community members on improvements to the Proctor Road environs (eg intersection with Nursery Road) for bus safety should be communicated to Council to allow these to be considered in the work currently being done. This was also relevant for Allana's small scale, short term community project suggestion related to addressing bus movements and student safety. This had been included in the letter to Greg Parker.

The Working Party agreed that the letter was a good way to both thank Greg and make a constructive and relevant suggestion for community benefit.

Item 5: Close and next meeting

The meeting closed at 5.50pm
Next meeting TBA

CONSOLIDATED ACTION LIST

ACTION	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
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