

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

DRAFT NOTES TO THE MEETING

Master Plan Working Party meeting 2
4pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 3 December 2014
Callington Primary School.

In attendance

Garry Duncan
Bill Filmer
Harry Seager
Kathy Schneider Roberts
Fiona Challen
Alistair Walsh
Bob Goreing
Guest: Greg Drew DSD (retired)

Apologies

Steve McClare
Allana Vorstenbosch
Greg Sarre DCMB

1. Draft notes from the previous meeting of 17 September 2014

The working party accepted the draft notes of the previous meeting without alteration.

2. Actions arising from last meeting: consideration of actions list and progress to date

The meeting agreed that the actions list and progress to date was a good way of managing the work of the working party and noted that a lot had been done since the group was established in September 2014.

New business

3. Presentation by Greg Drew

This discussion included under the next item on the agenda.

4. Draft proposal for Eco – Geo Park and trails project

The meeting welcomed Greg Drew (DSD retired). Greg is a well-known information manager previously with DSD who has over 30 years of experience in the South Australian resource sector. Greg has previously undertaken significant work related to the Kanmantoo Callington area. He has an ongoing interest in mining history and heritage and its relationships with other interests of the working party like Aboriginal history and heritage, environmental management and tourism.

Settlement history and the Eco Park concept

Greg described Kanmantoo Callington as a hub for early Cornish and German settlement in the early 1840's. This made the area the first Cornish mining district in the state, before Burra and Kapunda.

Greg described the early (European) mining and smelting history and a number of the artefact landmarks that are visible today.

Greg pointed out that there were six major smelting sites in the Callington – St Ives - Kanmantoo area that operated for a period of 30 – 40 years in the 1800's. The Bremer Mine / Smelter at the back of the Callington School was noted for its prominence in today's landscape. Another area of significance discussed was the Paringa smelter.

Action:

Bob was asked to clarify with Steve McClare the likely future of the Paringa Mine / Smelter site and its potential for inclusion in the Eco Park.

Greg said that the land around Kanmantoo Callington was originally surveyed as a 'special survey' for purposes of promoting its development as a mining province. An area 8 miles by 4 miles (about 20,000 acres) was divided into 20 strips that could be purchased.

The Kanmantoo Callington area was one of five areas surveyed in this way. Like Burra the Kanmantoo Callington area was of interest to two major mining investors (SA Mining Company and Paringa Mining Company) and to make the process of allocation of land fair, the strips were the subject of a ballot.

Greg said that Moonta and Burra were currently seeking National Heritage listing as Australian Cornish Mining Sites. Such listing would in turn link them to the global Cornish World Heritage site. Greg felt that Kanmantoo Callington could leverage off this and form part of the Cornish Copper Trails.

Education and training and the Eco Park concept

The Aclair mine was identified as an important site that had up until quite recently (circa 10 – 20 years) been used for educational purposes. Greg said that he knew the current owners of the site and would be happy to discuss the concept of the Eco Park with them.

Fiona pointed out that the mainstream school curriculum had recently been changed to include history and geography with a focus on 'where people come from' /identity. She felt that this represented a good opportunity for development of an education module within the Eco Park concept.

Native Vegetation and rehabilitation and the Eco Park concept

Harry described the SEB obligations of Hillgrove and the Kanmantoo Copper Mine. He said that the SEB planting areas extended beyond the Kanmantoo Copper Mine lease boundary and included other land that Hillgrove owned.

The group saw opportunities for contiguous rehabilitation programs as part of the mine's SEB program along with private landowners and perhaps on public land utilising the mine's experience and seed propagation facilities (with Hillgrove's support). These environmental areas could subsequently form an important part of the Eco park concept.

A number of stakeholders with a potential interest in this module for the Eco Park were identified including Landcare groups and the Goolwa to Wellington Land Action Group.

There was some discussion around the potential to use some mine waste rock to help fill (or partially fill) eroded 'swales' as part of a potential Eco Park initiative. It was understood that this may be possible if the material is clearly not being used for commercial purposes.

Action:

Alistair was asked to confirm with DSD the potential to use waste rock from the mine for the purpose of filling swales.

Harry felt that NRM and Landcare could be approached to support such a project.

Community Landscape Art and the Eco Park concept

Garry saw numerous opportunities to include community landscape art into the Eco Park concept. He described how steel, stone and timber could be used to help the community define itself. The idea of an outdoor landscape gallery with itinerant artists was raised as was a potential link with the annual Sculpture Symposium in the wider District.

Other matters

A range of previous community initiatives were discussed that may relate to the Eco Park such as the Butterfly Garden project (behind the Callington Hall).

Greg felt that Geology needed to be added as a separate module to the Eco Park concept along with the 'special survey' and settlement patterns for Kanmantoo and Callington.

Greg said that he was involved with a Mining History Group than ran an annual conference / event in a major mining district of the state. He suggested that the event could be in Kanmantoo / Callington in August 2015. Greg suggested that half of the program could be information and research provided by the Mining History Group members and the other half could be community presentations related to the sorts of topics that are being covered in the Eco Park discussions. The working party supported the idea in principle.

Action:

Greg was asked to follow this opportunity up and provide more details for the Working Party.

Greg recommended Silver and a Trace of Gold (George Hillman) as a good resource for the history of the AClair mine.

Action

Bob was asked to approach Bruno at DSD Resource Centre and ask if he could help the Working Party access copies of Silver and a Trace of Gold

The Working Party thanked Greg for his very informative contribution and invited him to stay a part of the Eco Park proposal as it progressed. Greg agreed.

5. Alano Utilities application for a licence variation and any potential implications for Master Planning linked to mine development / closure

The working party discussed the Alano Utilities application for a licence variation (for a Waste Water Treatment Facility) and in particular the location of the proposed facility (taken from the ESCOSA website) and its potential implications on the master planning process. The discussion was focused on the role of the KCCCC in providing input into potential community benefits from the Kanmantoo Copper Mine, conservation of native vegetation and environmental rehabilitation and legacy arrangements to assist the community with a prosperous future after mining is concluded.

It was not clear to the working party how the Alano Utilities proposal fitted in with other water resource management initiatives that had previously been raised in relation to the mine like the potential for a wetlands development and Council's plans to increase waste water reuse allocation.

It was noted that the proposed Alano Utilities facility was within the area the working party was discussing for an Eco / Geo Park.

Action:

Bob was asked to write to ESCOSA registering the KCCCC's interest as a likely stakeholder to the Alano Utilities proposal and ask that this be passed on to Alano in order to promote discussion with the KCCCC on its area of interest.

6. Status of Strategic Planning at DCMB

Bob tabled a summary of progress that he had been sent by Greg Sarre from DCMB.

[Received from Greg Sarre DCMB by e mail 2 December 2014](#)

[New Strategic Plan](#)

With the election of a new Council, a new Strategic Plan will be developed in the first half of 2015. The format and structure of the Plan will change with a much longer term horizon (10 to 20 years) organised around a medium term corporate implementation plan (probably 4 years).

Engagement will include capturing previous activities (i.e. all that we know and all that we have heard from our community say in the last 5 years) and some targeted engagement where there are gaps or underrepresentation. There is nothing solid on this yet but I'll let the group know in due course of opportunities for input.

Branding and marketing

We have just finished some research that will inform a branding and marketing strategic plan aimed at positioning the district as a place to live, invest and do business. The research included views and perceptions of Mount Barker from both metropolitan based and hills based people. A number of community leaders participated in a focus group recently including Allana.

Biodiversity Strategy

Emma Cope, Council's environment officer is leading a project to develop a new Biodiversity Strategy. The strategy includes a detailed survey of the growth area around Mount Barker but will cover the whole of the district. A workshop was held recently aimed at gathering intelligence from community experts. The strategy will evolve in the first half of 2015.

Rural Areas DPA

Council is reviewing its development plan to, amongst other things, consider how policy can better assist the rural economy. Judith Urquhart (senior Policy Planner) will be consulting on this probably in the new year.

Action:

Bob was asked to contact Emma Cope DCMB and ask that the KCCCC be involved in the development of the Council's Biodiversity Strategy in early 2015.

7. Other small scale community projects

Allana was an apology to this meeting. Bob tabled an email from Allana that included some observations that are of value to the working party.

Received from Allana Vorstenbosch by e mail 4 December 2014

'I attended a Perceptions Study & Focus Group Session at DCMB on the 26th November, 2014 where members of the broader Mount Barker District provided feedback to the DCMB. Those in attendance ranged from Meadows, Flaxley, Hahndorf, Littlehampton & Kanmantoo.

It was quite an informative and interesting meeting. One thing that resonated throughout the group was that all of the Rural Townships wanted sensible development that suited the townships with a strong focus on rural living & the natural environment.

I have had a quick look at the Eco Park and Community Trails Project, quite exciting. Would there be a possibility that a trail link be introduced at the end of Mine Road where Hillgrove are due to start revegetation in April 2015 (next to the Kanmantoo Bike Park) so the trail network is directly accessible to the immediate community?'

Action:

The working party to include consideration of a trail 'link' at the end of Mine Road in the design of any walking / bike trail in the Eco - Geo Park discussion.

8. Ideas to get the wider community involved in the master planning process

The working party agreed that an event such as a public meeting / information session should be held for the wider community as early as possible in 2015 to raise awareness of the Master Planning process and invite any interested community member to get involved.

It was agreed that this event should be scheduled as soon as a clear 'concept plan' for the Eco - Geo Park was developed so that the community could see something tangible in the project along with the strategic elements that will be linked to Council's Planning process.

It was emphasised by the working party that the project was not a fait accompli but a concept for discussion and that the wider community should be involved from the earliest possible stage.

Action:

Bob was asked to redraft the Eco - Geo Park discussion paper as a concept plan including the discussion from today's meeting.

The working party will host / facilitate a public information session (as part of the role of the KCCCC) early in 2015. Garry made the point that the community information session needed to be very visual to create a strong impression. He offered to help with the preparation of the presentation.

9. Next meeting and close

Next meeting: TBC. The meeting closed at 6 pm.

CONSOLIDATED ACTION LIST

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- 2. Alistair was asked to confirm with DSD the potential to use waste rock from the mine for the purpose of filling swales.**
- 3. Greg to follow up the opportunity to hold the SA Mining History Group's annual conference event in Kanmantoo Callington in August 2015 up and provide more details for the Working Party.**
- 4. Bob to approach Bruno at DSD Resource Centre and ask for help in accessing copies of Silver and a Trace of Gold.**
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- 8. Bob to redraft the Eco / Geo Park discussion paper (including the discussion from today's meeting) as a concept plan suitable for the wider community.**
- 9. The working party to host / facilitate a public information session on the Master Planning process and the Eco Park concept as part of the role of the KCCCC early in 2015.**