

SA Mining History Group Workshop 14th - 15th May 2016

Contributions to the 'Ideas Board'

One session of the SA Mining History Group's Workshop, held at Callington from 14th – 15th May 2016, was dedicated to a consideration of mining heritage areas around the world, how they built a future after mining and what similarities and differences these regions have with Kanmantoo and Callington.

The following notes are contributions made to an ideas Board at the Workshop. They are ideas for consideration by the KCCCC and the wider community and do not necessarily represent the views of the KCCCC for any of its members.

Built environment – social history

1. Biggest assets in Kanmantoo Callington are the social ones – the villages and the history
2. Very simple one room houses show us how early settlers could have their own dwelling made from local materials – this was something they could not afford in Britain / Europe - this was an incentive for settlers to come to Australia
3. Callington and Kanmantoo – the real deal – a genuine experience
4. Built environment and the people of Callington and Kanmantoo
5. Social history, geology – bring it all together with choices for different people
6. Kanmantoo and Callington cottages and old police station and the magazine store – options include social history, Indigenous history and heritage, Cornish and then German farmers, and miners again

Built environment – mining heritage

7. The general public are not enthused by the slag heaps and concrete foundations. Callington has more mine infrastructure than most at the Bremer mine which would be great if there was greater access
8. Create a bluestone (Kanmantoo) wall and embedded geological samples in sequence and age – either Kanmantoo series or Aus wide – call it 'the Wall'
9. 'Where did this begin' theme for mining
10. Interpretive Centre and showcase for mining history
11. Make secure for public access to geology, mining and social history
12. Minerals exposed (fresh) and guarded
13. Selected archaeological works to uncover mining heritage and geology

Built environment – other

14. Rock pile – Back Callington Road (related to railways)
15. No boring sites – make it dynamic and changing

Natural environment

16. Open space (see 'Dark Skies' website) – viewing sites now valued by many and not just astronomers
17. Water quality in mine
18. Botanical garden

Activities and experiences

19. Activity options will keep attracting people on an on-going basis
20. Fossicking

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21. Different facets and locations for various activities
22. Movie sets – build on 'Rain Shadow' experience
23. Bungee jumping
24. Active tourism
25. Make use of local historians – stories education, walks for locals to understand their own environment and appreciate and be proud of it
26. Abseiling, adventure park, water slide, giant viewing platform, historic preservation, interpretive centre
27. Visitors want touch, feel and see experiences

Trails

28. In view of likely distances of trails to facilities, make all trails bike friendly without turning them into a playground
29. Self-guided walking tours round the town and sites supported by technology like apps (internet facilities)
30. Heritage walks, the mine site, rock formation and geology
31. Geological and social walks and talks
32. Mountain bike course

Comparative advantage

33. Proximity to Adelaide, freeway, Monarto Zoo
34. Living stonemasons' skills
35. Mining infrastructure heritage

Signage and promotion

36. In your face mine sign – to Callington, low key trail
37. Website to be maintained – important
38. Pictorial signage and map
39. Signage – make it authoritative
40. Sign in shape of a mine chimney

Current mining operations

41. More pits left for various activities – don't fill them in
42. Water locations post mining
43. Don't rehabilitate the whole site – so that there is a visible contrast
44. Preserve the unique present (Hillgrove) mining technology and hardware for future generations to see

Tourism

45. Tourism, little cottage stays, involve Rotary and Lions Clubs, interactive opportunities
46. Caravan park- high and low end, drains / pump out, Fox TV, shower block, toilets and caravans
47. Mine hub of activity including tourist park – all well planned and visibly beautiful
48. Interstate tourists
49. Caravan park and RV camping
50. A visitors centre with dormitory for use by schools, backpackers, other community groups and clubs like geology clubs

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- 51. Include a community kitchen, shower block and computer access
- 52. Caravan and motor home club – caravan park planning

Infrastructure for the future

- 53. Council recycled water to be used in possible water activities
- 54. Modern technology to use recycled water

Business opportunities

- 55. Research and encourage small businesses to set up locally for manufacture and supply of equipment and consumables for present and future mining operations
- 56. Activity centre could have a broader use such as adding value to local post mining activity like food producers – even using the processing hub for those who want to develop commercial produce, biscuits, cakes etc
- 57. Educational side of mining history
- 58. Add more services like coffee shop and bakery
- 59. Laser skirmish
- 60. Low key start-up- leave dumps of particularly rock type set aside for fossicking and mineral collection
- 61. Ask the kids what they want