

KANMANTOO-CALLINGTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (KCCCC)

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DATE	16 th Oct 2025	TIME	7:30pm	LOCATION	Kanmantoo Hall
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1. Welcome & Introductions

<u>Committee Members in Attendance</u>		<u>Apologies</u>	
Nick Bartsch (HGO)	Airlie Keen (Chair)	Paul Johnston	Robert McCauley
Airlee Keen	Garry Duncan	Karlene Maywald	Ross Oke
Carol Bailey	Fiona Challen	Melanie Reiffel	
Mark Stewart (DEM)	Ed Thomas	Tony Aloisi	
Donna Twycross	Greg Sarre	Harry Seager	
<u>Contributors</u>			
John Crocker (HGO)	Annabelle Edkins (HGO)		
Viv Naidu (HGO)			

Gallery: There were 5 people in the Gallery, including Bob Fulker (HGO CEO), Lou Duncan (Community Member), and Robert Schoenfish (Community Member)

2. Previous Meeting Minutes & Actions

Previous Meeting Minutes: The previous meeting minutes for 31st July 2025 were acknowledged.

Previous Meeting Actions: See table below for completed actions.

TASK	ACTION	DUE DATE	STATUS	OWNER
HGO Mine Tour	HGO to host a mine tour for interested Committee members - Proposed date 20/11/2025 10.30am	16/10/2025	Completed	Nick Bartsch (HGO)

TASK	ACTION	DUE DATE	STATUS	OWNER
Blue Tree Project	Send the Blue Tree Project video to the council	16/10/2025	Completed	Viv Naidu (HGO)
Blue Tree Project	Present the article to the Courier newspaper	16/10/2025	Completed	Viv Naidu (HGO)

New & Outstanding Actions: See table below.

TASK	ACTION	DUE DATE	STATUS	OWNER
HGO Mine Tour	HGO to host a mine tour for interested Committee members - Proposed date and time 20/11/2025 10.30am confirmed with attendees, to be confirmed with apologies	18/11/2025	In progress	Nick Bartsch (HGO)
KCCCC website	HGO to update the KCCCC website as part of a broader corporate website overhaul. Initial Hillgrove platform live and ironing out initial bugs https://www.hillgroveresources.com.au/		In progress	Nick Bartsch (HGO)
Masterplan Sub-Committee	Schedule meetings targeting 2025. Send a copy of the rubric to the committee. First meeting to be scheduled soon	27/1/2025	In progress	Fiona Challen
HGO Environmental	Results of this quarter's noise monitoring event will be reported at the next K4Cs meeting in January 2025	27/1/2025	In progress	John Crocker (HGO)

3. Master Planning

Cultural Trail Project / Mining Heritage Trail Discussion

- Thank you, Peter, for project management and input, increasing the rubric score by over 20 points due to suggested adjustments, e.g. Education.
- The creation of guidelines for the pillars suggested by Fiona Challen
- Garry Duncan provided an update on the six prototype heads that will be ultimately exhibited, ideally within councils.
 - Outlined Sophie Stanley's contribution to progress relating to digital twinning
 - Mine visit 1/9/2025 included working with the mine to identify sites that may be suitable, and images taken for twinning
 - Sculptures to include water tanks to facilitate a garden around each head and solar so they can be lit up at night. The average sculpture is to be 8m high and 5m around.
 - Not just a walking trail, most of it is to be accessed by road.
 - Sala Exhibition was a great success in showing the work to date.
<https://www.salafestival.com/artfuel/program/view/11988/dig-deep>
- Fiona Challen has not commenced reviewing the rubric. It is suggested that the following meetings be set outside this meeting for the coming months.

4. Kanmantoo Copper Mine Update

Blue Tree Project

- Blue Tree Project published in The Mount Barker Courier and Murray Standard
- Positive feedback has been provided and has proved an excellent mental health conversation starter with both Hillgrove employees and guests.

Heritage Agreement Executed

- Hillgrove, owned south of Back-Callington Road
- 200 tubes stock planted, increased rainfall will be impactful
- The eradication of introduced and non-native vegetation continues to be a key focus

Old Smelter Chimney

- The chimney has fallen. Following recent high winds, the remnant chimney from the original 19th-century smelter at Kanmantoo has collapsed. Believed to have fallen on or around 8 September 2025.
- The rock had degenerated to a point that it has been unsalvageable for some time; it has been extremely fragile for some time due to the composition of the rock used to build it.
- The smelter building and walking flue are stable below in some areas, but also depend on the rock type used to build different components
- Community interest to have it restored or rebuilt, suggestion for restoration or inclusion as a possible K4C Masterplan project.

Environmental – Dust and Wind Event

- One non-compliance event was reported for dust since 1st September 2025
- Two elevated dust events were recorded:
 - 15 September: PM10 exceedance at Bill's Monitoring Station, caused by dust lifted from the TSF during high winds. Reported to DEM/EPA, with one complaint received.
 - 5 October: Elevated readings at Bill's and Kanmantoo stations attributed to external sources (e.g. Adelaide Hills Rally), also reported to DEM/EPA.

- Many corrective actions have been implemented since, including continued use of water trucks, maintaining a wet TSF surface, proactive dust management via improved alert systems, revised TARP rollout, and issuing pre-emptive Dust Risk Alerts to key staff.
- Investigation and response have been provided to the EPA as well and a robust investigation is ongoing.
- Community welcomed Hillgrove's proactive engagement through socials to advise of weather events and potential impact on the community.

Environmental – Rainfall Summary

- As of 13 October 2025, rainfall totalled 282mm. Conditions remain relatively dry, with a 'green drought' persisting.

Environmental – Noise

- Quarterly noise monitoring by Sonus was scheduled for 14 October 2025 at 10:00 pm, timed to align with processing plant operations and calm conditions. Results of this quarter's monitoring event will be reported at the next K4Cs meeting in January 2025.

Environmental – Vibration

- All blasts since the last K4C meeting were compliant, with 95% recording vibration levels below 5mm/s and all blasts below 10mm/s.

Environmental – Rehab & Revegetation

- The program aims to maintain and enhance remnant and revegetated areas on and off the mining lease, continuing planting efforts to create a lasting community legacy. Seed viability testing at the Botanic Gardens showed:
 - 3 of 21 seed batches had low seed fill
 - 4 of 20 failed to germinate
- These results will guide upcoming seed collection and seeding rates for rehabilitation and revegetation programs, including TSF rehabilitation and Mine Road EPBC offset enhancements.
- Collaboration with the Grassy Woodland Restoration Project continued, with around 10,700 seedlings planted across 20ha of O'Shea's block by Second Nature Conservancy to support threatened bird habitat. Maintenance also continued at Carmen's and along Mine Road EPBC offsets, with thanks to EBS Restoration.
- Unplanted areas at O'Shea's are proposed as extensions to Hillgrove's EPBC offset program, with Heritage Agreements for Mine Road planned.
- Planning and budgeting for 2026 restoration programs are underway, and DEW has approved a permit to reduce kangaroo numbers within and around the mining lease.
- Thanks to Second Nature collaboration for support with the above
- Discussion regarding disposing of kangaroo carcasses for a kangaroo cull, destruction is dictated by permit and unable to be repurposed.

Environmental - Groundwater Planning

- Currently undergoing annual groundwater planning.
- Third Party will be providing recommendations on the usage of bore water
- The community asked to provide Hillgrove with information relating to known bores approximately 2km surrounding the mine property.

Mine Operations

- The first stope at Nugent was fired 15/10/2025.
- Seeking to increase production by 25% in the next 9-12 months

- A new mineralised zone, newly named "the Saddle"
- Initial drilling at "Emily Star" returned excellent results
- A \$23–28 million capital raise in September will fund resource definition at "Emily Star" over the next 12 months, supporting potential future development.
- Overall positive results to support increasing market confidence and increased mine life

5. Other Business

Kanmantoo Grassy Woodland Revegetation Project and Habitat Corridor Initiative

- Acknowledgment to John Crocker for writing the proposal
- Celebration of the nomination and selection as finalists in the 2025 Premier's Awards in Energy and Mining to be held Thursday, 4 December 2025, SkyCity Adelaide, SkyCity Ballroom | 6:45 pm for a 7:00 pm start
 - Hillgrove invites all committee members to attend and RSVP to arrange seating to be arranged.
 - Three other finalists discussed – information available here: <https://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/home/events/premiers-awards-energy-and-mining/2025-finalists>
- Ed Thomas added that planting was late this year, and results did suffer from the lack of water this season. Should this be planted further, this will need to be considered.
- Impacts of rabbit management strategies were discussed to support the region.

General

- K4C Christmas Party dates raised proposed for Thursday 11th December 2025 at the Britannia
- Greg Sarre provided information and brochures on two initiatives of interest to the local community from the Mount Barker District Council
 - The Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2035 is available here: <https://www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/council/Plans-and-Strategies/environment-strategy>
<https://yoursay.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/98084/widgets/470269/documents/314493>
 - And 2025-2035 Trails Action Plan. Consultation is open from 9 October to 20 November 2025. <https://www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/council/news/newsletter/newsletter-articles/2025/have-your-say-draft-open-space-strategy-and-action-plans>

Next meeting 29th Jan 2025 at the Kanmantoo Hall, 7 pm committee start. 7:30pm open to the public. To be confirmed with Karlene as Chair. Next year's meeting times and dates need to be finalised.

Meeting closed 8:49pm.