

KANMANTOO-CALLINGTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (KCCCC)

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Meeting Minutes

Date	Thurs 30/04/2026	Time	7.30pm	Location	Callington Hall
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1. Welcome and Introductions

<u>Committee Members in Attendance</u>		<u>Apologies</u>	
Nick Bartsch (HGO) (acting Chair)	Paul Johnston	Airlie Keen	Karlene Maywald (Chair)
Mark Stewart (DEM)	Garry Duncan	Tony Aloisi	Melanie Reiffel
Harry Seager	Donna Twycross	Robert McCauley	
Fiona Challen		Ross Oke	
Carol Bailey		Greg Sarre	
<u>Contributors</u>			
Viv Naidu (HGO)	Peter Stanley, Cultural Trail Project	Adam Schofield, Heavy Minerals	Don Barnes (HGO)
Annabelle Edkins (HGO)	Geoff Deans, Modifying Factors		
Caitlin Rowett (HGO)	Elouise Gagliardi (HGO)		

Gallery: There were 8+ people in the gallery, including, Claire Winter- DEM, Matt Cooper-DEM, Bob Fulker-HGO CEO, Caitlin Rowett- HGO, Hellen Jenkins -community member, Jess (Crest Transport- Business on mine access road), Robert Schoenfish- community member), Steve Seal -Quarry Manager, Heidelberg

Nick Bartsch provided apologies for Karlene Maywald and filled as the acting chair for this meeting. Nick introduced Elouise Gagliardi. Mark Stewart announced his intended leave and introduced Matt Cooper who will be filling in for Mark Stewart in his absence.

2. Previous meeting and actions arising from previous meeting/s:

- Previous Meeting Minutes: The previous meeting minutes for the last meeting were acknowledged and confirmed by Garry Duncan and Viv Naidu.

Task	Action	Due Date	Status	Owner
KCCCC website	HGO to update KCCCC website as part of broader corporate website overhaul	6/3/2026 release	Complete	Nick Bartsch (HGO)
Noise Monitoring	The results of this quarter's noise monitoring event provided	29/1/2026	Complete	Nick Bartsch (HGO)
Bird survey	Results and future efforts	30/4/2026	Complete	Don

New and Outstanding Actions

Task	Action	Due Date	Status	Owner
Masterplan Sub-Committee	Schedule next meeting to circulate the Masterplan Review Committee meeting date schedule	27/1/2025	In progress	Fiona Challen
Cultural Trail Project Working Party	Schedule initial meeting	30/4/2026	In progress	Annabelle Edkins (HGO)
Dust composition TFS Composition	Provide information on the composition of the dust to community members via email when requested.	30/4/2026	Completed	Annabelle (HGO)
Gantt Chart	Geoff to provide a Gantt Chart at next meeting to provide KCCCC with an understanding of the tasks to be completed in relation to Heavy Minerals proposal.	23/07/2026	New item/ In progress	Geoff
Heritage agreements	Investigate the Historical agreements in place and proposed for the end of mine and provide update at next KCCCC.	Nick	New item/ In progress	Nick

KCCCC Website Update:

- Announced and demonstrated the new website, it was confirmed that old actions were covered. It was asked whether the Community Action List was included. All actions confirmed as current.

3. Master Planning

Update from Masterplan Review Sub-Committee:

- Fiona raised Community Action List to be reviewed as part of master plan.
- Subcommittee members confirmed.
- Fiona suggested meetings to occur on Wednesday afternoons for 3 weeks at the Britannia. Present members agreed, start date to be confirmed but 13th of May pencilled in. Time 12pm proposed. Annabelle to consult with Karlene Maywald and confirm dates.

Cultural Trail Subcommittee Project:

- Cultural trail subcommittee start dates to be confirmed once Peter returns from overseas (12th may). Suggested Mid-late May. Paul and Melanie to be emailed about their availability. Tuesdays at Kanmantoo Gatehouse was suggested if it is available. Annabelle to confirm

Cultural Trail Project (What's Next)

- Nick Asked if there were any updates, no current updates on subcommittee.
- Harry Segar advised the Mount Barker council has provided more information around the Kanmantoo-Callington walking trail. It was raised to council after the previous meeting whether it was possible for the council to cover injury liability. Council has advised they may cover potential incidents through their mutual liability cover if there was an agreement between the council and the private landowners, there are considerations around licences and access.
- MTB Council suggested a meeting with the LO's (HGO and Pre Mix) (Frank Vamier) Pre-mix advised they may be willing to provide a section through from BC road to the oval. This path would eliminated two private owners, Is only required to be Marked clearly and identified as a Path. The License would reduce the resource and financial burden compared to an easement.
- It was discussed that a new section in the meeting that is stand alone "Cycling/Walking Trail" be added, that Harry Seagar speaks to each meeting until complete.

Questions/ discussions raised:

- Carol asked how the liability scheme would cover potential injury as previously there was an incident on the Amy Gillette pathway. Harry stated that the licence would most likely be the issue. AHC council is the primary council responsible.
- Digital twins confirmed as being completed.
- Gary raised that he would like to expand on the heads project to use the whole area, similar to a silo trail. Suggested matching this to the current discussions with council.
- Gary would like to have heads on the mine in local access area. It was Suggested the walking trail and head sculptures be combined.
- Harry advised he is happy to contribute to these measures but is unavailable to commit to the cultural trail subcommittee.
- A subcommittee was confirmed as: Peter Stanely, Paul Johnston, Annabelle Edkins, Garry Duncan, Melanie Reiffel.

4. Standing Items

Heavy Minerals Workshop Feedback:

- Nick introduced Geoff Deans to provide an update on the Heavy minerals project.
- Bob provided apologies for Adam. Gary thanked the committee and gallery for their questions and feedback, advised they are looking into how best to answer the questions, including the lessons learned from previous projects. Has outlined 4 key questions: *"What are the lessons learnt? what factors are of interest? What Hillgrove needs to consider? and how to work with the KCCCC and deliver mining lease obligations?"*
- Geoff advised that the next actions will be to complete the review, identifying actions and timeframes to design the scope of works. This will be presented in the form of a Gantt Chart to clearly outline the expectations and interdependencies in the timeline.
- The questions raised by the community have been narrowed down into 11 key themes which have been distributed to committee members. Floor opened for questions.

Questions / discussions raised:

- The question of external funding was raised. Bob Fulker advised Adam is seeking private financing and he believes he is getting much closer to securing.
- Harry asked having seen the outputs and provision of processes so far, is there a timeline and the roles of each party- Transparency? Geoff stated that they would like to be able to provide more info.
- Action Raised: Next meeting Adam/ Geoff to provide a Gantt chart to illustrate to the community. Garry suggested a whiteboard to help provide clarity.

- A wider discussion about Gantt charts and suggested project deliverables occurred. Fiona asked about the structure of interrelated tasks. Referred back to the process of the Gantt Chart.

Hillgrove Operational Update (Nick Bartsch, HGO)

- Nick Bartsch provided an operational update and referred members to the presentation slides.
- 2 recordable injuries for the quarter, 1 was referred to in the previous meeting- eye injury Nick provided an update on the eye injury that occurred in January due to incorrect usage of PPE. The individual's injury is still persisting, but HGO is attempting to support and reintegrate him in the workplace while he completes his rehab.
- Second injury was an arm injury requiring medical attention due to a hose "kicking" under usage.
- Record quarterly production of 3,100 tonnes of copper. 4th month in a row of record production.
- Total annual production of 11,315 tonnes of copper, within guidance.
- Emily Star exploration is completed. Drilling currently in progress with a view to decide on mining at Emily Star by mid-year.
- Surface drilling has commenced at the depths of Kav at 400- 500 RL (700-800 below surface) this is to ensure long term Ore continuation. This allows more certainty around mine life and viability.
- Ramp up is on track to be up to 2 million ton per annum by next year.

Questions/ discussions raised:

- Gary asked if this makes us more at risk of takeover. Bob Fulker advised that cashflow is positive and forecast is looking good, which makes HGO a target due to low share price, but that the business is insulated by multiple revenue streams and consistency of mining efforts.
- A Gallery member, Hellen Jenkins, asked about the pressure of the blast pattern, and "which blasts direct the energy in which areas" Nick advised that the blast monitoring is a magnitude lower than open pit and under the blast limits. The gallery member stated it made them feel uneasy sometimes.
- Paul added at coffee club two or three people mentioned a severe vibration approx. a month ago but couldn't recall the details. Nick provided clarification on blast times- 6:30AM-7AM and 6:30PM-7PM. Mentioned blasting results are included in this update.
- Bob stated that while vibration monitors are an important tool, community feedback is required to understand the effects on the community. Gave some examples of the importance of feedback from previous mining efforts.
- A Birdseye image of the Kanmantoo pit area was shown, Nick pointed out approximate underground areas to provide clarity around the blast areas. Steve from Kanmantoo quarry mentioned that their blasting is under limits and monitored as well. Steve expressed he understands that the blasts from both sites can feel different depending on the composition of the underground materials.
- Nick showed current mining lease and provided an update on the intention of extending the mining lease to areas covered under exploration lease, there is work and early discussions with the government to understand the process.
- Garry asked whether Neutrog owned the land as the mining extension is under that area, it was discussed that Neutrog own the land but not resources rights.
- Mark raised that if there are any questions Nathan and Claire from DEM will be able to provide clarity to community members about the process.
- Nick advised that HGO are looking to conduct an Ambient Noise Topography study (probes to understand the ore body) Caitlin will be in touch with landowners about access. Caitlin advised Fleetspace (SA based company) have been engaged to assist with this study, using the natural flow of energy through the earth's crust to identify rock formations via vibration. This will provide Fleetspace and the mine with a further understanding of up to 1km deep.

Hillgrove Environmental and Compliance Update:

Viv and Don presented covering the following:

Flora and fauna survey results:

- Don advised about the birds and provided context around the bird disparities across years, Don mentioned that the rehabilitation has started from a dire position where in a large amount of natural woodland was previously converted to flat grass fields and agricultural land with a sparse native vegetation. Our smaller bird populations are directly affected by the ecosystem change and that the effects of revegetation are often noticed first with the return of the smaller birds such as the Diamond Firetail and wrens.
- Don mentioned the Yellow Cockatiel tends to only lay 1 or 2 eggs and will provide resources for the chick that is the most likely to survive this bird requires mature and established trees with hollows for nesting which requires time to grow and develop, it important to reduce native and non native pests to ensure the juvenile tree reach maturity. We must be considering the inputs and impacts of our gardening and re-wilding. This sparked a further conversation about local gardening.
- Important to note that the previous survey identified 53 distinct species which is line with previous years and meets the requirements of the PEPR.

Dust Compliance

- Don advised that he had some issues with the reporting from Carmens paddock. Highlighted the impact of dust and business generated "fog" which impacts the monitor at Bills. This is not replicated across the other monitors and is not a result of dust generation at Kanmantoo Copper Mine. Helen stated she had asked about composition of dust previously. She stated that she had been unable to read a previous slide on this. Annabelle to provide this to the member after the meeting.

Groundwater compliance:

- Don and Sustainability monitoring bores KMB021, KMB024, KMB028, KMB029 and at landholder locations 672700673, 672702459, 672700736.
- No evidence of groundwater decline on neighbouring properties. Several bores predate the 50's and are recorded as having been in an inoperable condition (0736, 2459) The majority of locations reported concentrations consistent with historical results.
- Aluminium, cobalt, iron, manganese, nickel and zinc concentrations at KMB030 remain reported as non-compliant results.
- No exceedances of groundwater management objectives were observed for production wells KMB005b or KMB008b.
- Sentinel wells KMB028 and KMB029 were reported as consistent with historical values.

Noise Compliance:

- Don advised that the 3 monitoring points are under the PEPR limits.

Vibration Monitoring Compliance:

- Don advised no non-compliant blasts were recorded since the previous K4C meeting.
- Reported results indicated:
- 95% of blasts recorded vibration levels below 5 mm/s; and
- 100% of blasts recorded vibration levels below 10 mm/s. This is consistent with previous data, Don noted that being in a "mine house" he is aware of the vibration travelling but blast vibration and sounds are consistently compliant.

Rehabilitation and Revegetation:

- Don advised that Rehab and revegetation of SEB is continuing to target with a goal of ensuring the mine is handed back to the community in an environmentally complete manner at the end of the mine.
- Premiers Awards 2026- Don looked at potential projects that could be considered for submission. And has proposed that items that are unachievable be put aside for projects that are achievable, further information to be provided once the proposal has been considered internally.

- Question is relation to ESB offsets raised by Harry- What happens to the ESB offset areas after the mine life, the KCCCC previously asked EPBC planting to be considered for a heritage agreement. Nick advised currently not, but part of Carmens paddock have been put a heritage agreement over it to prevent the area from being cleared. It was raised that Nick will investigate and update on the potential for future agreements and present this information to the group.

Environmental Reporting Feedback:

- Committee members requested that environmental compliance reporting be presented in a simpler and more accessible format. It was suggested that reporting be provided by exception, clearly identifying where compliance remains satisfactory and highlighting any issues, exceedances or corrective actions requiring attention.
- Members also requested that environmental actions and commitments be tracked and reported back to the committee on a quarterly basis to provide visibility of progress and outcomes.

Kanmantoo Grassy Woodland Revegetation Program Update:

- Ross Oke an apology – update tabled until next meeting. Harry provided a short comment on the progress of the Grassy Woodland Program in Ross's absence, advised this year's planting has commenced, last year's plants have had a higher survival rate than expected in face of the drought conditions.
- Once the bulk of planting is completed there will be continued management of the woodlands, pest control was mentioned as a continuing concern. Don advised the rabbit warrens in the mining area have been brought under control slowly and Don expects that continued work between GWP and HGO to ensure rabbit control measures are consistent.

5. Other business

Feedback:

- It was raised that the information provided could be simplified for committee members as some of the diagrams and figures do not convey understanding to the public.
- A question was raised around how the reports inform the actions taken- The bird diversity was given as an example. Don advised the surveys and physical monitoring play apart in informing the actions regarding remediation such as immediate efforts required, concerns and markers of success.
- It was raised that HGO and community need to be quicker to action rehab and Don invited members to speak with him about moisture conservation and creating native fauna friendly spaces.
- Gary stated HGO has done a good job of providing a habitat for the diamond firetails, Gary has attempted to ensure native gardening but faces issues with pest control (cats)- Gary would like this to be highlighted in the community.
- Council community infrastructure grants are open for capital work planning projects to enhance community life in the district. Harry raised that minor grant <\$10,000 could be considered for the improvement and support of KCCCC projects.
- Jess- A gallery member invited by Nick, introduced herself and stated that she would like more information on the potential trails as Crest have been informed by the council that they are unable to plant trees in certain areas and would not like to interfere with potential trail options. Looking to replant 53 trees and potential screening.

6. Next meeting and close (Chair)

Next meeting

- Raised a change of meeting times during winter. All agreed
- 23rd of July 2026, 6pm for Committee members, 6.30pm for the public at Kanmantoo Hall.

Close