KANMANTOO-CALLINGTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (KCCCC)

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Meeting Minutes

Date	**Thurs 23/07/2026**	Time	**6.30pm**	Location	**Kanmantoo Hall**

Committee Members in Attendance		**Apologies**	
Karlene Maywald (Chair)	**Paul Johnston**	Greg Sarre	Fiona Challen
Nick Bartsch (General Manager, HGO)	**Garry Duncan**	Tony Aloisi	Arlie Keen
Harry Seager	**Donna Twycross**	Robert McCauley	
Carol Bailey	**Matt Cooper (DEM)**		
Ross Oke	**Ed Thomas**		
Steve Conn	**Melanie Reiffel**		
Contributors			
Elouise Gagliardi (HGO),	Peter Stanley		

Gallery: There were 7 people in the gallery, including: Caitlin Rowett, Group Technical Manger and Chief Geologist (HGO), Annabelle Edkins (HGO), Hellen Jenkins - Community member, Steve Seal - Quarry Manager, Heidelberg. Lou Duncan - Community member, Rose Ashton - Community member, and Robert Schoenfish – Community member

Welcome and Introductions:
Karlene opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Previous meeting minutes ratified, Nick provided apologies for: Bob Fulker (HGO), Viv Naidu (HGO) and Fiona Challen.

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 Karlene.

Task	Action	Due Date	Status	Owner
Masterplan Sub-Committee	Schedule next meeting to circulate the Masterplan Review Committee meeting date schedule	27/1/2025	Completed	Fiona Challen
Cultural Trail Project Working Party	Schedule initial meeting	30/4/2026	Completed	Annabelle Edkins (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	Provide update on Historical agreements in place and proposed for the end of mine and provide update at next KCCCC.	23/07/2026	Completed	Nick

New and Outstanding Actions

Task	Action	Due Date	Status	Owner
Mine Lookout	Investigate the potential to establish a lookout on the mining lease.		New item/ In progress	Nick
Indigenous engagement	Nick and Annabelle to work with Peramangk Aboriginal Corporation to seek input for the Cultural Trail and KCCCC where appropriate		New item	Nick/Annabelle
Grassy Woodland update	Ross and Ben of Second Nature to present to KCCCC on the project at next meeting.		New item	Ross Oke

Previous Actions:

- **Update on status of heritage agreements:**
  Nick Provided an update on the heritage agreements as outlined in PEPR and the annual mining compliance report, the intention is to place heritage agreements once the areas reach maturity and all conditions are met. Carmens paddock has been placed under a heritage agreement previously.

Master Planning

Update from Masterplan Review Sub-Committee:

- Karlene provided an update on the master planning document, which was distributed to the committee in the Master planning meetings.
- Annabelle confirmed that Hillgrove has managed to obtain the original images and printers' details from the previous Master Plan publication

Cultural Trail Subcommittee Project:

- Peter advised that the Cultural trail subcommittee has met and presented a PowerPoint to set out the terms of reference for the cultural trail project and the identified identify the points of interest and the cultural heritage of the area in the project. In designing the installations consideration has been given to draw new visitors into the area to drive economic development, highlighting the unique history of the area, with the heads in highly visible places.
- The group has identified several established and in progress trails including the proposed Kanmantoo-Callington Trail, the Mine Trail and Garden trail.

- It was advised that Hillgrove and Karlene met with the Mount Barker Council as an initial "Meet and Greet", paving the way for future conversations. Positive meeting. All would like to move the conversation forward. The council is investigating implications.
- Driving trail - it was stated that the driving must be easily accessible and draw the interest of visitors to the area.
- Reiterated the desire to have the mine lookout as previously raised.
- Karlene suggested that the project establishes a provision in the scope for the future development of the lookout so as not to create a bottleneck. Peter stated that the lookout may not have to be over the pit but could have a digital component so that the view and experience can be observed safely.

Cultural Trail Project (What's Next)

- Discussions to continue with the Mount Barker Council to see where the points of interest and routes overlap and can be confirmed.
- Carol mentioned the need to highlight that the heads were designed to provide consideration of the environment and wildlife where possible. Garry confirmed the heads have been conceptually designed to support the wildlife and environment.
- Peter advised intent to informally raise awareness of the project through events - Callington Show raised. Annabelle confirmed an additional booth has been booked by Hillgrove for the KCCCC at the Callington show on 25th Oct 2026.
- Peter spoke to the importance of the community feedback in consultation, including indigenous community, it was put forward that the Cultural Trail subcommittee would like to meet with the Peramangk Aboriginal Corporation.
- Formal public survey questions to be designed and conducted and once the feedback has been collated, the subcommittee will put together a grant proposal. Melanie raised the need for the survey questionnaire to be shared online in the community groups.

Questions/ discussions raised:

- Karlene asked if the Cultural trail would be an enhancement of the other trails with sculptures and installations. Peter stated the intent to showcase the environment and area and will working to current projects where possible.
  Mine interest sites - Creeping chimney flue on the mine site is visible and may need to be investigated for its condition to see if preservation is possible. The Paringa stack unfortunately came down in the storms of Sept (2025). Harry stated that the Paringa Stack had been in poor condition prior to the mine and was not likely suitable for restoration.
- Éclair mine stack mentioned as a potential preservation project, but it would need to be considered separately.
- Mel mentioned the idea of a transposed photo display to show the remnants that are no longer suitable for preservation.
- Donna asked if Hillgrove have investigated the creeping chimney for restoration, Nick advised that chimney historical restoration was not an area that Hillgrove was able to advise on.
- Peter mentioned historical stone walls as potential idea and asked for feedback to the committee for points of interest.
- Helen Jenkin s- Community member, raised concerns that blasting is damaging local historical sites and that Hillgrove should consider these historical areas offsite. Nick affirmed that the blast and vibrations generated by the Kanmantoo mine is within the limits, Helen stated she was concerned about the area where David Unaipon was protected (Alex's property). Nick stated spoken with Alex recently - no issues raised but if there were any specific property owners who had specific concerns of this nature they could direct them to the mine.
- Matt Cooper and Karlene spoke to the protections within legislation and that if there were confirmed issues, they would be investigated by Hillgrove and the DEM.
- Karlene stated any issues would need to be raised formally so they may be investigated need to be able to be proven to be a result of any activities by Hillgrove.

- Garry stated that the increase of trucks throughout the community were more likely to be causing property issues then the blasting vibrations due to the depth.

Standing Items:

Walking Trail Update:

- Steve Conn (Mt barker Council) and Harry advised that conversations are continuing but no updates at this stage. Harry reiterated he is unable to participate in this as a Mount Barker Councillor due to a conflict of interest. Harry thanked for his contribution to date.

Hillgrove Operational Update (Nick Bartsch, HGO)

- Nick Bartsch provided an operational update and referred members to the presentation slides.
- 3 recordable injuries for the quarter, 1 was a shoulder/tendon tear that was a result of pulling a pipe. The other 2 were finger injuries, Nick mentioned these were crush injuries, and were preventable if the persons had been wearing the provided suitable PPE for the tasks.
- Record quarterly production of 3,170 tonnes of copper. 5th month in a row of record production.
- Total annual production of between12,750 – 14,000 tonnes of copper, within guidance.
- Emily Star Approved for production works to commence, there is still more technical work and planning to go but hoping to have Emily Starr online next year, this creates a third mining area which should provide longevity to the mine.
- Surface drilling has completed at the depths of Kav at 400- 500 RL the ore body continues past expectations.
- Ramp up is on track to be up to 2 million ton per annum by next year.

Joint Venture - Havilah Resources Mutooroo

- Nick announced Hillgrove Resources have entered a joint venture with Havilah Resources and are at pre-feasibility stage for mining and crushing at Mutooroo, with the intention that crushed ore would be brought down to Kanmantoo by rail, the processing plant at Kanmantoo has extra capacity to process ore.
- Caitlin Rowett, Group Technical Manager and Chief Geologist and Glenn Norris, Surface Manager are working with Havilah to determine the composition of the Mutooroo ore and what if any works would need to occur for the processing plant to process the ore.
- Heavy Minerals is still seeking funding for the Garnet recovery project. No new information at this stage.

Questions/ discussions raised:

- Karlene asked if this project would increase mill runtimes - Nick stated that this new material will change the run time for processing but not have significant effects as the current crushing and processing capacity in the current equipment is more than capable of taking the increased capacity.
- Garry asked about the tailings dam, with the increase in ore what will happen to the tailings, Nick mentioned tailings is being considered as a part of the PEPR.
- Garry asked how the ore would be unloaded at Kanmantoo and Carol asked why not take a more direct route, Nick stated it was using the existing railway lines. It would not be feasible to lay a new line. Given the proximity of the line to the mine site, it put Hillgrove in a unique position to consider this project.
- Harry asked about the storage for the ore, nick stated that the feasibility study would consider multiple options.
- Helen asked if Copper is a rare earth mineral and if it was need for the development of AI, Copper is a critical mineral and used in electricity but not directly for AI.
- Mel asked about whether the Mutooroo project would impact the Garnet tailings recovery project. Nick stated that it would lower the garnet concentration, but it would not likely have a noticeable impact on that project.

Name Change Proposal

- Nick advised that a name change proposal has been announced on the ASX. The suggested name is to honour the ties to the region: KANTRA Kan-Kanmantoo, Tra- portmanteau of Terra-Latin for earth.
- The name change has been considered due to the similarly named mine, Hillgrove mine in NSW and to better reflect the identity of current mining operations.

- During this process shares will be consolidated to reduce the volume, positioning the mine in line with medium tier peers. This is not a pre-cursor to capital raising, the mine is cash positive.

Questions/ discussions raised:

- Melanie expressed concern about the share consolidation, Nick reiterated that the business is cash positive and this is not a precursor to funding.

PEPR Update:

- Nick advised that the PEPR is being updated, managed by Caitlin Rowett, as a part of the PEPR:
- Groundwater survey has been completed.
- Traffic survey on the mine road in progress. Residents may have noticed the camera along the access road; this measures only size and number of vehicles.
- The new mining lease application is continuing.
- Tailings dam is being considered.

Questions/ Discussions:

- Mel asked if this new application would extend the mine life, Nick stated that the hope is to provide a stable life of mine and that the Emily Star and the new area would provide more opportunities.
- Helen asked if the mining extension would create mining towards the town. Nick responded that it is not towards the town.
- Lou Duncan - Community member, asked about the potential of a cave in or collapse in the new mining lease area. Nick responded as to the methods of construction and depth to prevent this.

Community

NAIDOC/ Peramangk Cultural Awareness

- Peramangk morning tea held at Kanmantoo Copper mine - Rita Lindsay, (Vice Chair of the Peramangk Aboriginal Corporation) and Michael Lindsay attended and conducted for a Welcome to Country and Peramangk information session.
- Mel and Gary both asked if Rita could be invited to the KCCCC, and mentioned lack of Peramangk representation, Annabelle stated she will continue to engage with the Peramangk Aboriginal Corporation and would be more than happy to consult when there were clear questions to be addressed and advice sought. Karlene stated the importance of having a clear communication strategy in place for engaging with the community.
- Some Indigenous and non-Indigenous Hillgrove staff attended the NAIDOC gala at the suggestion of an First Nations staff member and lead by the Hillgrove Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander working group.

Mental Health Awareness:

- Staff across site participated in the Push Up Challenge to raise funds and awareness for mental health with funds going toward Headspace Mount Barker.
- Mental Health First Aider Training has been delivered to more staff across Hillgrove to support all employees.

Hillgrove Environmental and Compliance Update delivered by Nick Bartsch

Dust Compliance

- Nick advised there was one spike at Bills during a regional dust event, investigated and was not linked to mine
- Carmens dust station required repairs, now repaired.

Groundwater compliance:

- Gauging event conducted in May.
- Observed groundwater drawdown adjacent to mine but does not propose a risk to off-site ground water users.
- No exceedances of groundwater management.

Noise Compliance:

- One exceedance on Back Callington Road, the exceedance has occurred previously in winter at the same time. Continuing to monitor however, it may be a case of the colder weather and moisture in the air allowing the sound to travel further. Community concurred this is often the case.

Vibration Monitoring Compliance:

- Nick advised no non-compliant blasts were recorded since the previous KCCCC meeting.
- Reported results indicated:
    1. 95% of blasts recorded vibration levels below 5 mm/s; and
    2. 100% of blasts recorded vibration levels below 10 mm/s. This is consistent with previous data.

Rehabilitation and Revegetation:

- Nick showed a progress video of the Tailings Dam rehabilitation; the western side of the TSF has been completed aiming to have the eastern side completed in September.
- Animal control conducted onsite in quarter – pigeons and kangaroos.
- Storer- Rabbit warrens have been ripped and baited. Damp hollows created and the property's waterway being restored with wetland flora to ensure biodiversity.

Questions/ Discussion:

- Donna asked why pigeons were included in the pest control, Nick explained that the pigeons roost in the operational areas and pose a biohazard to the workers.
- Gary asked about the effects and considerations of the groundwater being in the Murray Darling basin area, Nick mentioned that the water table is not affected, constantly monitoring groundwater as a part of the mine operations. Part of the mine compliance is to ensure no harm to groundwater during or after operations.
- Steve advised that the South Australian Government Data Directory is publicly available and shows all ground water data. Can provide information on navigating this site.
- Melanie asked which seeds were in the hydroseeding mix, confirmed local grasses were used.
- Helen raised the height of the tails dam seems to be too high, and that it looks like it would create dust. Nick stated that the tailings are continually placed around the dam edge to form a damp crust, and watering occurs, this was unable to happen previously in startup phase.

Kanmantoo Grassy Woodland Revegetation Program Update:

- Ross Oke provided an update on the Grassy woodland's revegetation project:
- This year marks the last year of large-scale planting, by the end of August the project will have planted more than 60,000 seedlings, Ross provided an overview of the history of the project and informed of the heritage agreements over the area.
- It is expected the project will continue for another four years with time and funding to support the seedling into maturity. More than 80 species have been planted.
- Ross noted that 64 bird species were recorded, which was higher than the Hillgrove study recorded.
- Ross stated that there was a large amount of pest control that had to be undertaken- both for rabbits and Spiny rush.
- The group has been considering the potential for a dry spring and have the resources to maintain.
- Emily Burke has visited the offset sites to see the progress. Second Nature and Emily spoke at length about the project; she is new minister responsible for the environmental folio.
- 160 hectares total.

Questions/ Discussion:

- Karlene asked to put a full update on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Carol asked about the effects of the Kangaroos, and what efforts were taken to protect the trees. Ross said the culling program has helped but there have been wire guards put in place in high-risk areas.
- Harry asked that when Ben presents at next meeting it would be good to include the SEB and other regional areas.
- Ross asked about the premier's awards and how the application was being formed, is it coming from the KCCCC or Hillgrove, Nick stated that the award is a Mining award, so the application has to come from Hillgrove.

Other business

KCCCC Committee Membership Renewal Proposal

- Karlene raised the proposal for KCCCC membership, looking to put out a call to the public for members and renewing current members. Expect to have further information at next meeting.

Other

- Steve Hedlburg- Informed that the Quarry has completed its PEPR application, they have been considering a portable dust monitor (*Vaisala AQT560*) that they are looking to trial with the application before the DEM.
- Melanie asked about the monitors- if they are portable how will that affect the quality of the data, and what the power source is- Steve advised solar powered and that the monitors would allow the quarry to respond to areas of increased dust and enact predictive monitoring (IE: locations based on wind patterns.) Mel followed up asking if the new monitors can provide dust analysis. Steve stated that the monitors would not, but the wider monitoring will capture the content through the dust deposition Gauge.
- Mel raised the community frustration about "who is responsible for dust" Steve reiterated that current monitoring could identify the dust location by wind and monitoring, Mel feels that more information about the dust and compositions would sate the community fears.
- Steve mentioned that the Society for Ecological Restoration Australasia has an event in October.

Feedback:

- Rose- a gallery member mentioned that Neutrog is hosting a community information session at Brukunga Hall, and it would be worth raising the community concerns. Donna mentioned she had attended one and it was not productive.
- Karlene investigated the event; it requires interested parties to sign up for an expression of interest to be considered, it is not an open forum, members who would like to attend will need to apply.

Next meeting and close (Chair)

Next meetings

- 22nd Oct 2026, 6pm for Committee members, 6.30pm for the public at Callington Hall.
- 28th Jan 2027 6pm for the committee members- 6:30pm for the public Kanmantoo Hall.

Close