

Item 12: Reports from Committees

12.1 Red Hill Committee - April 2022

REPORT BY THE MANAGER, CUSTOMER SERVICES & GOVERNANCE
TO 17 AUGUST 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager, Customer Services & Governance on the Red Hill Committee held on 29 April 2022; and**
 2. **note the minutes of the Red Hill Committee meeting held on 29 April 2022.**
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Executive summary

This report seeks to inform Council on the progress of the Red Hill site following the Red Hill Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2022.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The Gulgong Gold Experience at the Red Hill site has undergone a tourist resurgence in 2021 and 2022 following the impact of COVID lockdowns early in 2020.

The Miner's Cottage refurbishment is progressing well after some early delays due to COVID and a request to Crown Lands for a boundary adjustment. These works are anticipated for completion in March 2023. This site is proposed be the new Visitor Information Centre for the Gulgong region.

Note in the minutes the Committee's request to nominate the Red Hill site to be added to the NSW State Heritage register.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Vibrant towns and villages
Strategy	Respect and enhance the historic character of our Region and heritage value of our towns

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Community Strategic Plan
Red Hill Master Plan

Council Policies

Not Applicable

Legislation

The Red Hill Committee is operating under Section 355 of the Local Government Act (1993)

Financial implications

Any further capital works at the Red Hill site will require budget approval.

Associated Risks

Not Applicable

RICHARD CUSHWAY
MANAGER, CUSTOMER SERVICES &
GOVERNANCE

SIMON JONES
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

3 August 2022

Attachments: 1. Red Hill Committee Meeting Minutes 29 April 2022.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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MINUTES

RED HILL COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting commenced at 3.05pm on Friday 29th April 2022 at Red Hill School Gulgong

Attendees: Councillor Percy Thompson (Chair), Joy Harrison, Tony Harrison, Chris Pearson, Red Hill School representative, Richard Cushway (MWRC Staff).

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Paul Cavalier, David Warner

Moved: Joy Seconded: Tony Carried unanimously

2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Chris Pearson queried progress on the following action items from the previous minutes held in July 2021.

- **Review process of listing Red Hill site on State Heritage register** – the committee discussed and agreed to continue pursuing this and asked Council to investigate further for the next meeting.
- **Consult with NSW Dept of Planning regarding possible funding for signage at Red Hill** – Richard recommended that this request should be raised as a Community Plan Proposal (CPP) when these are open for submissions in January 2023. The committee agreed to submit a proposal.
- **Spray weeds and clear up the Derelict Mine Site** – the committee communicated their frustration regarding the delay in getting this resolved. Richard advised there were significant WHS concerns regarding staff or contractors accessing the site, so the preferred option is to spray the weeds from outside the fenced area. Richard said he would follow up on this with Peter Raines, Manager Recreation Services, to action this request.

Motion – that the committee note the previous meeting minutes and support the changes to the action items (as detailed above)

Moved: Joy Seconded: Tony Carried unanimously

3. GULGONG GOLD EXPERIENCE UPDATE

Joy Harrison (GGE) provided an update on operations at the Gulgong Gold Experience. No other comments from committee.

4. MINER'S COTTAGE REFURBISHMENT

Richard distributed the updated Cottage refurbishment plans and the committee discussed these. The committee asked if they could be emailed of any changes to the plans and any important milestones. Richard noted this.

5. REQUEST FROM ARCHITECT FOR HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Richard discussed with the committee the need for further historical information to be provided to Council so the architect of the Cottage upgrade can include these in the design / theme. The architect requires any historical information, photos, plans etc of the Red Hill site, including the Cottage. Chris Pearson advised he could provide some information and will discuss with David Warner.

6. GULGONG GOLD EXPERIENCE WALKWAY

Further discussion was held regarding the design and location of a new walkway. Richard provided an update to the location of the walkway and materials used. Council staff have recommended a concrete pebble aggregate walkway, which the committee supported. Richard advised the cost of materials have increased significantly since Covid and this was a more practical and cost effective option, as opposed to a timber walkway, which was suggested in the last meeting.

***Motion** – that the committee endorse the recommended walkway option and support Council staff in obtaining quotes and then completing the work.*

Moved: Joy Seconded: Chris Carried unanimously

7. RED HILL DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

No further progress. Richard to email committee when this Plan of Management is going to Council for consideration and when it's open for public submissions and comment.

8. RED HILL EEC LANDSCAPING MASTERPLAN UPDATE

The landscaping masterplan is continuing to progress. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Improved signage for Visitor Information Centre – it was suggested that the directional

street signage to the new upgraded Cottage is improved for visitors to the area. This was added to the task list for action by Council staff.

2 new panning troughs to be purchased – it was suggested that 2 new panning troughs be purchased from GGE funds and installed at a more suitable location. Joy and Tony Harrison would follow up and arrange the purchase and installation. This was added to the task list.

MEETING CLOSED 4.30PM

NEXT MEETING TBC

ACTIONS – UPDATED 29/04/2022

TASK	WHO	PROGRESS
2 Panning Troughs to be purchased and installed with funds sourced from GGE income.	JOY & TONY HARRISON	TBA
Review process of listing Red Hill Site on State Heritage Register	MWRC	TO INCLUDE IN COUNCIL REPORT
Consult with NSW Dept of Planning re possible funding for Signage	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE TO LODGE A COMMUNITY PLAN PROPOSAL IN JAN 2023
Extend GGE MOU to include operations of Visitor Information Centre and Tea Room	MWRC	ON HOLD UNTIL MINER'S COTTAGE OPENS
Installation of Mullock Heaps around Red Hill site	COMMITTEE	NO PROGRESS
Spray and Clear Derelict Mine Site	MWRC	COUNCIL STAFF TO ACTION
Repair/upgrade of pathway between Cottage and GGE entrance	MWRC	COUNCIL STAFF OBTAINING FINAL PLANS / QUOTES AND THEN WILL COMMENCE WORKS
Improved Directional Signage to the new Visitor Information Centre (Cottage) once open.	MWRC	ON HOLD UNTIL COTTAGE IS OPERATIONAL