

## 12.3 Red Hill Committee Meeting - 12 October 2022

REPORT BY THE MANAGER, CUSTOMER SERVICES & GOVERNANCE  
TO 14 DECEMBER 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 12 October 2022; and**
2. **note the minutes of the Red Hill Committee meeting held on 12 October 2022.**

### Executive summary

This report seeks to inform Council on the progress of the Red Hill site following the Red Hill Committee Meeting held on 12 October 2022.

### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

### Detailed report

Key discussion points from minutes:

- The Gulgong Gold Experience continues to operate well and visitation numbers continue to increase post COVID.
- 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.
- The concept for the Gulgong Natural History Museum (GNHM) was introduced to the Committee. The GNHM would incorporate a significant private collection of fossils from Michael Durant.

### Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Looking After Our Community</b>
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

23 November 2022

*Attachments:* 1. Red Hill Committee Meeting Minutes 12 October 2022.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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## MINUTES

### RED HILL COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting commenced at 3.05pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Red Hill School Gulgong

Attendees: Councillor Percy Thompson (Chair), Joy Harrison, Tony Harrison, Chris Pearson, David Warner, Rebecca Neilsen, Richard Cushway (MWRC Staff), Simon Jones (MWRC Staff).

#### 1. APOLOGIES

No apologies received

#### 2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2022

*Motion – that the Committee note the previous meeting minutes*

**Moved: J Harrison**

**Seconded: C Pearson**

**Carried**

#### 3. UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS

- Two additional planning troughs have been installed
- Council noted the interest via the meeting minutes in applying for State Heritage listing but did not include in the recommendation – Cr Thompson to consider a Notice of Motion
- Noted that the Red Hill cottage will need to be included in the MOU for the Gulgong Gold Experience
- Old Mine Site has been cleared and sprayed
- Quotes are coming in for the pathway work
- Signage will be needed for the cottage

#### 4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

An updated Terms of Reference needs to be developed and endorsed by Council. A draft will be put together and circulated for comment.

**5. GULGONG GOLD EXPERIENCE**

This has been going really well, particularly during school holidays. There are now only 11 volunteers. Report for January – June 2022 will be circulated to the Committee and also included with the minutes to go to Council.

**6. RED HILL COTTAGE**

Building works are progressing. Still on track for handover in March.

There was some discussion about the need to install gates where attractions such as the Gulgong Gold Experience can be accessed by token (to be purchased at the cottage).

Surveillance cameras may be needed.

Barbara Hickson has finished interpretation information - can Acknowledgement of Country be included with this information?

**7. WALKWAY**

Pathway to have a pebblecrete look, similar to Gulgong CBD footpaths

**8. RED HILL DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT**

The draft Plan of Management to be circulated to the Committee.

**9. RED HILL EEC LANDSCAPING MASTERPLAN UPDATE**

The landscaping masterplan is continuing to progress.

Also, commendation from the Committee to the work being undertaken by Parks and Gardens staff at Red Hill. Rebecca asked for this agenda item to be removed with the actions already underway. Noted for next meeting.

**10. GULGONG NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**

The concept for the Gulgong Natural History Museum (GNHM) was introduced to the Committee. The GNHM would incorporate a significant private collection of fossils from Michael Durant.

Reference was made to the collection of fossils found at McGrath's Flat – there could be some local link to the GNHM.

Some concern was raised about the building and the impact that it may have on the interpretation of Red Hill history.

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

It was noted that a new CEO has been appointed to Mudgee Region Tourism.

*Meeting Closed 3.58pm*

*Next meeting – to be confirmed for April 2023.*

**ACTIONS – UPDATED 12/10/2022**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
2 Panning Troughs to be purchased and installed with funds sourced from GGE income.	GGE	These have been installed  <b>COMPLETED</b>
Review process of listing Red Hill Site on State Heritage Register	MWRC	Included in report to Council with April minutes, No further action from Council.  <b>COMPLETED</b>
Consult with NSW Dept of Planning re possible funding for Signage	COMMITTEE/MWRC	Community Plan Proposal to be submitted for 2023/24 budget
Extend GGE MOU to include operations of Visitor Information Centre and Tea Room	MWRC	To be actioned in discussion with Mudgee Region Tourism as the cottage progresses
Installation of Mullock Heaps around Red Hill site	COMMITTEE	No progress
Spray and Clear Derelict Mine Site	MWRC	Works have been undertaken  <b>COMPLETED</b>

Repair/upgrade of pathway between Cottage and GGE entrance	MWRC	Council obtaining quotes with intention to complete work prior to Christmas
Improved Directional Signage to the new Visitor Information Centre (Cottage) once open.	MWRC	To be considered as cottage works progress
Gulgong Gold Experience Activity Report	MWRC	Latest report to be circulated to Committee
Draft Plan of Management	MWRC	Draft Plan to be circulated to Committee
Gates/turnstiles for Gulgong Gold Experience	MWRC/GGE	To be investigated