



**Mt Gleddon
(Nanny Goat Hill)
Rehabilitation Proposal
2005**

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Introduction

Mt Gleddon (also known as Nanny Goat Hill and Maritana Hill), occupies the northern corner between the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Bypass Road, Williamstown Road and Mt Charlotte to Fimiston conveyor belt. It is registered as an Aboriginal Heritage Site with the Department of Indigenous Affairs, and is also part of the KCGM mining lease (M26/131).

The area has been significantly impacted by historic mining methods, dumping of household rubbish, and unrestricted vehicle access (particularly 4 Wheel Drives).

It is proposed that the area be rehabilitated so that historic mining areas are made safe, cultural significance is maintained and further degradation of the area is prevented.

An informal partnership of organisations has formed to drive the project and ensure that the appropriate steps are taken to ensure that the project is handled professionally, and with appropriate consultation.

They include, but are not limited to, the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group; Conservation Volunteers Australia, the Department of Indigenous Affairs and Kalgoorlie Consolidates Gold Mines (KCGM).

- **Conservation Volunteers Australia** is an incorporated, not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to attract and manage a force of volunteers in practical conservation projects for the betterment of the Australian environment. They have agreed to send a team of Volunteers to assist with the rehabilitation project from the 18th July – 31 June.
- The **Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group** (KBULG) was formed in May 1994 as a community landcare group. KBULG has a broad scope with emphasis on community involvement in developing education programs and activities and in promoting community awareness of landcare. They have offered advice and support of the concept.
- **Department of Indigenous Affairs** has been a strong supporter of the project from inception, and supports Mt Gleddon as a potential Indigenous Tourism destination.
- **KCGM** is the holder of the mining lease in the area, is supportive of improving environmental quality, appearance and providing a safe access with a pedestrian lookout destination to add to the recreational features of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. They have committed to provide the funding for most aspects of the project.

Other organisations and stakeholders to be, or have been approached, include the Ninga Mia Community, Goldfields Toyota, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, East Kalgoorlie Primary School, and the nearby residents. Other consultation to date includes the KCGM Community Reference Group (includes representation from the DoIR and DoE), and Conservation & Land Management (CALM), and the East Kalgoorlie Primary School.

Indigenous Consultation

The proposal has been discussed with the Department of Industry & Resources (DoIR) and Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) and a field trip was conducted in 2001 to the remote communities of Coonana and Tjuntjuntjarra to discuss the proposed work on Nanny Goat Hill. Both Coonana and Tjuntjuntjarra communities supported the proposed works for the Nanny Goat Hill area. The DIA indicated that the Native Title Claimant groups that he spoke to in the Kalgoorlie region were also supportive of the proposed works.

KCGM commissioned a consultation with the major aboriginal groups in 2002, and a report with written permissions was produced. A Section 18 clearance under the Aboriginal Heritage Act was subsequently obtained.

Recently KCGM representatives have also met with Ninga Mia representatives to ensure they are aware of plans to continue rehabilitation of the area. They indicated that they are supportive of the project.



Mt Gleddon area



The way forward

Through years of consultancy with local Aboriginal groups, the DIA, local residents and other groups, the following steps are to be followed:

- This project will be completed with personnel from the Conservation Volunteers Australia with the support, infrastructure and coordination by KCGM, whose representative is Ramon Escobar.
- The backfilling of shafts and adits will be the first step to take to make the area safer for the rest of the people involved in the project.
- Trees and shrubs will be supplied by Jim's Seeds, Weeds and Trees and will be planted by the community and Conservation Volunteers Australia and other volunteers groups.
- The fencing and hand railing required will start as soon as the material to do the job is available.
- It is envisaged that seats will be installed along the walk way and on the top of the hill a lookout area will provide seats, and a table.

There is the opportunity for an Aboriginal artwork, as well as interpretative signage along the path and at the top of the lookout.

Cleanup Earthworks

The site is impacted by old shafts and workings and mullock keeps which need filling and reshaping. These earthworks will be under the supervision of Ramon Escobar (KCGM). The backfilling of shafts, adits and costeans will be done by a Wakefield Enterprises Pty Ltd. Attached is a working plan presented by Mr. Wakefield, the Managing Director, to do the job. Dozer work will be done by Jim's Seeds, Weeds and Trees. The dozer operator will work under KCGM's supervision.

Revegetation

All revegetation activities will be done under the supervision of Jim Williams from Jim's Seeds, Weeds and Trees. The volunteers will do the planting, weed controlling, rubbish removal and others, under Mr Williams's supervision.

Future use

It is envisaged that once this project is finalised, the community and tourist groups will benefit for it use. A safer, cleaner and more comfortable area will be created together with a new lookout point to enjoy surrounding natural beauty.

At a later stage, it is expected that a station from the Loopline will be created at the bottom of the hill, this way more people will be able to access the area and appreciate its history.

Timing and responsibilities

Please refer to Appendices

The Project

The basic rehabilitation plan for Nanny Goat Hill involves approximately 5 weeks and will include using earthmoving equipment at various stages (outlined in timeline). All work will be carried out in accordance with KCGM safety and environment management plans.

- Close shafts, adits and other costeans to make safe any old workings. (Refer to Map at Appendices)
- Close and rehabilitate tracks and roads. (Refer to Map at Appendices)
- Remove rubbish and weeds.
- Replant using native species. (See attached document by Andrea Williams)
- Install a walk path to the top of Nanny Goat Hill, which will also be used for accessing maintenance and emergency vehicles
- Construct a perimeter fence around the base of the hill.
- Establish a small car park established at the base of the walk path.
- Establish at the top of the hill a lookout scenario with benches, tables and shade.
- Erect interpretive signage, along the walk path, describing the significance and history of the area to aboriginal people. To be coordinated by D. Van Kampen.
- Neighbours will be notified of the work being done, and wherever will be necessary, the “100 m rule” will be applied.



APPENDICES

2005 Proposed works, timeline & responsibilities

Date	Action	Notes
20 June	Presentation to Council All Purpose Committee	KCGM & KBULG
21 June	Inform nearby residents of project, and proposed works.	KCGM on behalf of project partners
22 June	Backfilling of old shafts	Will take 4 working days (work plan attached)
22 June	Dozer working to clear main track and create emergency vehicle access.	Contractor to KCGM
30 June	Fencing of perimeter	Contractor
4 July	Reticulation & Planting Plan for Nanny Goat Hill (approx 1 week)	Develop with KBULG, DIA, Jim's Weeds 'n Seeds
17 July	Conservation Volunteers Australia volunteers arrive	Staying at the Goldfields Backpackers (provided by KCGM)
18 July	Briefing of Volunteers on Planting Plan & Tasks. Media release on project and afternoon photo opportunity.	KBULG/KCGM/Conservation Volunteers Australia
24 July	Construction of basic lookout facilities on top of Mt Gleddon	Approximately 1 week
25 July	Creation of Interpretive panels and installation.	DIA/Ninga Mia/KCGM
30 July	KBULG Community Tree planting Day – Distribute invitations to lookout opening of Mt Gleddon	KCGM employee teams involved.
31 July	National Tree Planting Day, Goldfields Toyota sponsored BBQ launch of "Mt Gleddon" Lookout	Request Mayor & Org reps to officially open the Lookout.

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