

# Community Land Management Plan

## Kapunda Mine Historic Site

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Part One		Introduction
		This part provides an introduction and information on the applicable legislation, policies and By-Laws that apply to the document. Refer separate document.
Part Two		General
		This part of the Plan applies to all areas of land regardless of the category. This is to ensure common information is not repeated in each of the categories. Refer separate document.
Part Three		Categories
		This part of the plan will identify individual sites or a number of sites collectively as they fit within the categories identified. Plans will be updated periodically as required.
Category		Description of Category
1	<b>Recreation</b>	Sporting or recreational activities including active and passive recreation and organised sport. Often large complexes involving indoor and outdoor facilities, ovals, courts and clubrooms with a lease to incorporated associations to manage on Councils behalf.
2	<b>Community</b>	Recreational or cultural activities including community group activities or provision of community services. Usually a town hall or institute type building where community activities may take place or hired on an adhoc or regular basis. Includes facilities provided for the community such as public toilets. May be leased to incorporated associations.
3	<b>Parks &amp; Gardens</b>	Generally landscaped and irrigated open spaces with garden beds, lawn and park furniture. May include playgrounds.
4	<b>Natural Reserves</b>	Includes land that may be provided as levy banks, former stone quarries, adjacent water courses, road reserves, screening reserves or historical surplus land.
5	<b>Cemetery</b>	Areas set aside for the burial and remembrance of deceased persons with memorials, plaques and headstones.
6	<b>Operational</b>	Land that is required for Council's operations including its offices, for emergency services or for stormwater drainage, recycled water, Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) or other water management purposes.



## Part 3 Category 1 - Recreation

### Kapunda Mine Historic Site

The Kapunda Mine Historic Site is a State Heritage Place. Its listing on the SA Heritage Register (ID: 11535) records:

*The Kapunda Mine, established in 1844 following the discovery of copper in 1842, is important as the first metal mine in South Australia to be worked on a commercial scale. The success of the mine contributed to the Colony's economic recovery from a period of depression in the early 1840s. It also led to the creation of the town of Kapunda, one of the first mining towns in Australia. Worked by Cornish miners, the mine was also the first in the colony to utilise large-scale open-cut methods of mining (from 1867) to more efficiently remove the low-grade ore and the first to utilise an acid leaching and concentrating treatment process to produce copper. The mine closed in 1878.*

The Kapunda Mine Historic Site is comprised of several properties. It features heritage infrastructure (including but not limited to a chimney and Buhl winding house complex), interpretive signage, shelters, walking trails and car parking areas.

The Site, and wider region, continues to be subject to mineral tenements held for exploratory purposes. There continues to be interest shown in the Kapunda Mine Historic Site for exploration and possibly mining purposes by third parties. A mineral Exploration Licence (presently EL No.6198) currently includes this Site.

#### Site Components

Asset #	Site Name	Property Details	Property Address	Lease (if applicable)
119	Kapunda Mine Historic Site	D861 A23 CT 5751/298	Mine Street	
119	Kapunda Mine Historic Site	F7985 A30 CT 5502/698	Perry Road	
118	Copper Mine Chimney	F7985 A28 CT 5786/672	Mine Street	
119	Kapunda Mine Historic Site	F7985 A29 CT 5786/670	Perry Road	
119	Kapunda Mine Historic Site	D56267 A40 CT 5843/524	Perry Road	

### PURPOSE OF THE LAND

The land is retained by Council for the purpose of preserving a significant historical asset for the community of Kapunda, the Light Region, visitors to the area and future generations. The Site provides for interpretation of the first metal mine in South Australia, together with unstructured recreational pursuits such as walking, sightseeing and photography.

The land has a secondary purpose, recognising that it remains a part of a mineral Exploration Licence and may be used for mineral exploration and possibly mining purposes, subject to relevant legal processes.

### POLICIES

Relevant policies include:

- Asset Management Policy

### PLANS

Relevant plans include:

- Kapunda Mine Heritage Site Conservation Management Plan,
- Kapunda Historic Mine Site Tourism Development Plan
- Light Regional Council Tourism Development Plan.

### OBJECTIVES FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE LAND

1. To facilitate safe ongoing use of the defined areas of the Site as a passive recreation area, making use of the surface areas of the land and/ or areas where public access has been made possible, such as the staircase access to the 'Stockyard Cut'.
2. To provide a historical interpretive experience for both the community of the Light Region and as a destination for tourists alike, in-line with adopted plans for the Site.
3. To acknowledge and preserve the mining heritage of the Site.
4. Revegetation of the site with native plantings for erosion control and biodiversity improvements;
5. To enable consideration to be given to approaches for mineral exploration and/ or non-invasive mining, within identified areas of the Site and where such activities can be considered to be undertaken in a sympathetic manner and in a way that ensures that the proposals for the management of the land can be maintained and achieved.
6. To enable consideration of commencing a process to add the Kapunda Historic Mine Site to the National Heritage Places listing for 'Australian Cornish Mine Sites' as a precursor to a potential Bid to include the Kapunda Historic Mine Site as a part of a UNESCO 'World Heritage' Site.



### PROPOSALS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE LAND

- Given its previous commercial use, geotechnical assessments have been commissioned for the Site over time however ongoing monitoring is required, such as to detect any ground subsidence that may be the result of heavy rainfall or erosion events;
- To this end, it is necessary to restrict public access to certain areas, such as the area between the Perry Road and Mine Street car parks (along a walkway installed between these features), as well as the pathway around the 'Open Cut' and the access path into the 'Stockyard Cut' (collectively identified as '**Zone 1 – Public Access Zone**');
- All other areas are collectively '**Zone 2 - Public Exclusion Zone**' and may progressively be fenced-off as needed to enhance public safety.
- Appendix A to this Plan includes a Plan which delineates each Zone.

#### Zone 1 - Public Access Zone

- In line with the Kapunda Historic Mine Site Conservation Management Plan and Kapunda Historic Mine Site Tourism Development Plan, activities occurring within Zone 1 shall only take the form of those related to development and conservation of the Site as a historic Site and tourism destination; attracting local, national and international tourists. The destination status of the land will contribute to economic growth and community benefit. Proposals may take the form of on-Site re-discovery and conservation works.
- Relate to the overall Site, the positive impact of Cornish mining skills/ 'know-how' and technology and cultural contribution to the development of South Australia, particularly from the mid-19th Century onwards, has been recognised through National Heritage listing of historic mine Sites at Moonta and Burra as 'Australian Cornish Mine Sites' in May 2017. This occurred as a 'first step' prior to seeking United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) 'World Heritage Site' listing for these Sites;
- Council may choose to consider seeking similar recognition for the Kapunda Historic Mine Site through its inclusion in the National Heritage listing, subject to having an understanding of the cost/ benefits of such a Bid and how this may align with any ongoing efforts with respect to the Moonta and Burra Sites. Activities occurring across either Zone shall not compromise the potential for the Site to be identified on either of these lists.
- If requested by third parties, Council may consider a Licence (or similar) to facilitate access across Zone 1 between a public road and Zone 2.

### Zone 2 - Public Exclusion Zone

- Zone 2 is designated as those areas which are deemed to present an unacceptable risk to the general public, requiring that access by the general public is restricted. Examples include the 'Open Cut' and the 'Buhl Pump Shaft';
- Council may provide consideration of third-party access to the land in Zone 2 of the Site for the purpose of mineral exploration activities and related subsequent non-invasive mining activities which can co-exist with heritage elements and the purpose of the land.

Such consideration would be subject to robust and considered community engagement, satisfying legislated Work, Health and Safety requirements and consideration and understanding of the impact of such proposal/s on both the land and on the primary proposal for the land. Actions which jeopardise the purpose of the land should not be advanced. Progression of any proposal will require consideration and adoption of related lease and/or licence documents.

### **PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

- Regular inspections of the land to assess that pathways, fencing and signage (warning and interpretive) on the land have been maintained to a level considered appropriate by Council.
- Biennial satisfaction surveys and audits of visitor numbers (carried out in a manner determined to be appropriate by the Council).
- Regular inspections of the land to assess that the land has been maintained and restored to a level appropriate for a heritage asset.
- Regular monitoring of rehabilitation and revegetation initiatives to assess that erosion has been limited and/ or managed at a level considered appropriate by Council.
- Consideration of any requests for site access for mineral exploration and/ or non-invasive mining in a timely manner that is consistent with Council's legislated responsibilities and enables Council to be satisfied that such activities can be undertaken in a way that ensures that the proposals for the management of the land can also be maintained and achieved.
- Reporting to Council with respect to exploring adding the Kapunda Historic Mine Site to the National Heritage Places listing for 'Australian Cornish Mine Sites'.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

- Inspections of the land at intervals that the Council considers appropriate to assess that pathways, fencing and signage (warning and interpretive) on the land have been maintained to a level considered appropriate by Council.
- Sustained or increased community satisfaction with public access to the land and increased tourism numbers as determined by satisfaction surveys and audits of visitor numbers (carried out in a manner determined to be appropriate by the Council) conducted not less than every 2 years.
- Inspections of the land at intervals that the Council considers appropriate to assess that the land has been maintained and restored to a level appropriate for a heritage asset.
- Monitoring of rehabilitation and revegetation initiatives at intervals that the Council considers appropriate to assess that erosion has been limited and/ or managed at a level considered appropriate by Council.



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- Consideration of any requests for site access for mineral exploration and/ or non-invasive mining in a manner consistent with legislated requirements and where Council is satisfied that such activities can be undertaken in a way that ensures that the proposals for the management of the land can also be maintained and achieved.
- Exploration and reporting to Council on the process involved in adding the Kapunda Historic Mine Site to the National Heritage Places listing for 'Australian Cornish Mine Sites' as a precursor to a potential Bid to include the Kapunda Historic Mine Site as a part of a UNESCO 'World Heritage' Site.

### LEASES & LICENCES

- Council retains a right to grant exclusive and non-exclusive leases or licences over the land (or parts of thereof) for particular purposes.











