



Good Neighbour Guide Fosterville Legacy Project

Meeting summary

Date: Tuesday 21 April 2026

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Fosterville Gold Mine (FGM)

Attendees:

Neighbouring residents: 9

FGM representatives: 5

1. Introductions

The GNG Fosterville Legacy Project, formerly known as the Neighbourhood Enhancement & Beautification Project is a co-managed program with a goal to enhance the immediate neighbourhood surrounding Fosterville Gold Mine's operations. The program will be a collaboration between Fosterville Gold Mine and neighbouring residents.

2. Project Updates

The following projects had been selected by neighbouring residents as their highest priorities for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Enhancement & Beautification program.

Water tanks

Installation of water tanks for emergency firefighting purposes, positioned at multiple strategic locations throughout the community.

Consultation with both the Axedale and Goornong CFAs was undertaken along with neighbouring landholders who had volunteered to be involved. This consultation included a site visit to both locations and discussion relating to the design, so the tanks will be compliant with CFA requirements. Two locations were identified, one to the North, on Axedale-Goornong Rd and one to the South on Sugarloaf Rd. A map is included on page 3.

Further discussion focussed on additional opportunities for access to water for firefighting purposes including Campaspe River access points and mapped dams refill points. Discussion also included security and the likelihood of theft at the sites, how to monitor the water level in each tank, and the refilling of these tanks. Preventative maintenance on private properties and the changes to legislation was discussed and the impact on fire risk and fuel loads.

Next Steps

- FGM to organise access and site preparation requirements for both sites
- FGM to purchase tanks – current delivery turnaround – 3 months
- FGM to assess their network of dams and pits for suitability as appliance refilling locations and have suitable water sources added to the CAFA database.

Roadside slashing

FGM engaged with the COGB regarding roadside slashing on the Huntly-Fosterville Rd and Axedale-Goornong Rd. FGM paid for the COGB contractors to complete a 4km stretch of the Axedale-Goornong Rd and 1.5km on the Huntly-Fosterville Rd.

An additional section of Axedale-Goornong Rd will be slashed in the coming weeks. This section will be from the Bendigo Wine Estate, to just north of the Axedale township.

Next steps

- Confirm with COGB the frequency of the roadside slashing (once or twice a year) and have it booked in as a regular maintenance activity.

Roadside Clean ups

Regular roadside clean-up days along various roadsides, including Huntly-Fosterville Rd, McCormick's Rd, Axedale-Goornong Rd, Sugarloaf Rd, Bill Mollison Rd and Ellesmere Dr.

Next Steps

- FGM will set a date, time and selected road for the next clean-up and notify the surrounding community, if there is an opportunity to be involved.
- Clean up to be incorporated with the slashing of roadsides.

Nest Box Program

Installation of nest boxes along river corridors and on neighbouring properties, designed to support multiple species such as barking owls, other nocturnal birds, and arboreal mammals.

FGM are investigating the option of completing fauna survey's to gather information to inform closure planning. There may be an opportunity to involve neighbouring properties in this work.

Immediate measure is to provide nest boxes to neighbours who would like boxes on their property. There would be a range of designs to target specific species, installation can be arranged and camera inspections could be completed annually.

Next step

- Design a pilot program at a FGM owned property, and c
- Create and distribute an Expression of Interest/Order form for those landholders who would like to participate.

Tree Planting Program

Three opportunities were discussed: 1. Plants for landholders; 2. Visual amenity plantings; 3. Forest to River corridors.

Landholders agreed to move forward with the plants for landholders with FGM to develop a method for distributing tube stock to those who request plants

Next step

- Create and distribute an Expression of Interest/Order form for those landholders who would like to participate.

Pest animals

Discussion was had about preferred methods used for pest management and the possibility of having traps which can be loaned to neighbouring landholders when required for specific species. When FGM complete pest management programs there could be an offer to extend the program to neighbouring landholders, this would include working with local agencies for the timings of their pest management programs (DEECA, NCCMA, Parks Vic). Species of concern Fox, Rabbit, Indian Myna, Cat.

Next Steps

- Investigate traps for pest animal species and how these traps could be serviced.

3. Next steps

The actions listed for each project will be implemented.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday 21 July 2026.



Figure 1: Tank locations