



Good Neighbour Guide Neighbourhood Enhancement and Beautification Program

Meeting summary

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Fosterville Gold Mine (FGM)

Attendees:
Neighbouring residents: 6
FGM representatives: 4

1. Introductions

The GNG Neighbourhood Enhancement and Beautification Program will be 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. Structure and Discussion

The Neighbourhood Enhancement and Beautification Program will meet once a quarter initially, with the outlook to change the frequency as project demands require. A name change for the program can be discussed during the revision process for the Good Neighbour Guide which is currently due in July 2026.

Multiple projects can be undertaken simultaneously with differing timeframes. Consideration will be given to ensure that the workload for community members and FGM does not become unmanageable.

Projects to be classified according to the estimated timeframe for completion

- Short term – project completed within 1 year.
- Mid Term – project completed between 1 – 5 years.
- Long Term – project will take >5 years.
- Annually – project is recurring once a year.
- Ongoing – project is completed at regular intervals throughout the year.

The program is open to all neighbouring residents, who may participant at any time, in any capacity.

3. Project Suggestions

The following table details each of the projects or programs suggested during the meeting, with an assigned timeframe.

TOPIC	PROJECT	TIME FRAME
Heritage	Highlight areas of cultural heritage.	Mid Term
	Highlight Fosterville town history - Interpretive walk.	Mid Term
	Preservation of historical and heritage listed areas – e.g. heritage listed trees on the outskirts of the Axedale township.	Mid term
Roads	Installation of signage on McCormick's Road for employees as they leave site, similar to the 'Think safe, work safe, home safe' messaging displayed when entering FGM.	Short term
	Improve employee's awareness of the neighbouring community and encourage positive road-use behaviours when travelling off the mine site.	Short term Ongoing
	Clean up days along roadsides – Huntly-Fosterville Road, McCormick's Road, Axedale-Goornong Road, Sugarloaf Road, Bill Mollison Road, Ellesmere Road etc.	Short term Annually
	Advocate for roadside slashing and the removal of fallen timber to improve safe pull-over areas and enhance visibility for turning vehicles.	Short-Mid term Annually
	Advocate for speed reduction on the Huntly-Fosterville Road between Axedale-Goornong Road and Murphys Road.	Mid-long term Annually
	Advocate for improvements to the intersection of Huntly-Fosterville Road and Axedale-Goornong Road. The current give-way arrangement requires trucks to cross both lanes when turning in or out of the intersection, creating safety concerns.	Mid-Long term Annually
	Advocate for improved signage to inform road users of current road conditions and to discourage trucks from using the network of unsealed roads surrounding the operational site.	Mid-long term Annually
Pest Management	Rabbit, Fox, Deer	Short term Annually
Anti-social behaviours	Improve FGM employees' understanding of community expectations and reduce anti-social behaviours occurring after the end of shift.	Short-Mid term Ongoing
	Fosterville School Yard clean up.	Short term
Recycling and waste management	Extend FGM's existing recycling programs to the neighbours, including initiatives such as tyre recycling and drum recycling.	Short-Mid term Annually
Land	Support erosion control measures and improvements to walking tracks within nearby natural areas to enhance safety and protect environmental values.	Mid term Annually
	Provide trees and tube-stock to neighbouring landholders to support visual screening of the operation from neighbouring properties.	Short term Annually

Land (cont.)	Fencing – more information required.	
	Install nest boxes along river corridors and on neighbouring properties, designed to support multiple species such as barking owls, other nocturnal birds, and arboreal mammals.	Short – mid term Annually
	Wetland creation for community use. Create an area of wetland with walking tracks, seating areas etc for community enjoyment and recreation.	Long term
	Explore opportunities to support improvements to the Axedale Riverside Reserve/Platypus Compass. A Committee of Management manages the reserve, further information is required to understand current priorities, potential partnership opportunities, and the scope of works that may be appropriate.	Long term
Infrastructure	Shared public spaces in Fosterville.	Long term
	Install water-supply tanks for emergency firefighting purposes, positioned at multiple strategic locations throughout the neighbouring community	Mid-long term Annually - (maintenance)

4. Next steps

Community members participating in the program will provide a rating for each of the suggested projects to create priority classification.

Progress of the Neighbourhood Enhancement and Beautification Program will be provided to neighbouring landholders/residents.

The next meeting will be held February 2026.