



## **Hillside Mine Community Consultative**

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### **New Community Consultative Committee for Hillside**

A new Community Consultative Committee for the Rex Minerals' Hillside Mine Project had its inaugural meeting in early February. This follows a public call last year for applications to fill community positions on the Hillside Mine Community Consultative Committee (HMCCC).

Independent Chair, Mr Phil Tyler advised the previous community group, Hillside Mine Community Voice (HMCV) played an important community engagement role in the mine approval process. Once approvals were in place, the group instigated an independent review, to prepare for the next phase, and to meet the future needs of the community and the project.

“The new HMCCC will support the building of trust between Rex and the community, and will focus on interests of the entire community. The main areas of focus include social and community benefit, employment, business opportunities, community investment, influence of the project on community infrastructure and services, as well as high-level observation of key operational performance indicators that may impact the community.”

Mr Tyler said “The HMCCC is an independent group that is all about community, our key approach is to work closely with Rex to ensure that the Yorke Peninsula community gets the best possible outcomes from the Hillside development. We are working with, not for Rex Minerals. Locals should be excited about this opportunity to bring a new level of employment and economic prosperity to Yorke Peninsula”

Rex Minerals Chief Operating Officer, Jason Schell said “Rex has a commitment to provide communities where we operate, with sustained benefits as a result of our activities. We look forward to working with the HMCCC to help maximise local benefits and create a lasting positive legacy that a project like this can bring to regional communities.”

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List of members of the HMCCC on attachment 1:

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# Attachment 1

Members of the Hillside Mine Community Consultative Committee:

**Phil Tyler** has been the Independent Chair since 2016 and brings extensive experience in government, business, industry, regional development, and community. He is a former CEO of the Whyalla Economic Development Board and Executive Director of Regional Development, and specialises in leadership, change management, stakeholder engagement and strategic planning.

**Ben Thompson:** Director, Corporate and Community Services, Yorke Peninsula Council. Ben was a long-time visitor to the region for over 30 years, before moving here for work. He has a background in mechanical engineering, R&D/manufacturing, multinational business development experience, primarily in the medical device sector.

**Jo Barrie:** Manager Community Relations, Rex Minerals. Jo is a passionate advocate for sustainable economic and regional development, and brings strong working relationships with many of the Hillside Projects key stakeholders, through a number of senior community and stakeholder relations roles that she has held on the Yorke Peninsula over the past 20 years.

**Tim Walsh:** Manager, Enabling Country Communities, a local disability support business providing in home care, personal care, and social inclusion on the Peninsula including in partnership with Adelaide Oval. Tim has lived on the Yorke Peninsula for 25 years and previously worked in the mining industry, both open cut and underground in NT and WA.

**Joanne Buchanan:** Economic Development, Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North and Deputy Chair, Yorke Peninsula Tourism Board. Joanne brings considerable experience in economic development, tourism and community projects. A Yorke Peninsula local, having grown up in Moonta, Jo has a strong sense of community, collaboration, and social justice. Jo also believes YP has arguably the best beaches in the country.

**Margaret Roads:** Principal, Ardrossan Area School. Margaret has lived in Ardrossan for over 30 years and is in her 5<sup>th</sup> year as Principle. She currently chairs the Southern Yorke Partnership, which consists of 7 schools from central and southern Yorke Peninsula. She is also a member of the Yorke Peninsula Secondary Alliance.

**Rikki Parkinson:** recently retired Ardrossan businesswoman, Rikki is heavily involved in the local community including the Ardrossan Hospital Board, Ardrossan Golf Club and she is President of the Ardrossan Progress Association.

**Don Hosking:** recently retired farmer, Don is a member of both the Ardrossan Hospital Board and Ardrossan Golf Club, and brings considerable experience in community infrastructure.

**Peter Koulizos:** Program Director, Master of Property at the University of Adelaide, Peter is a former Ardrossan resident, experienced in Property and Town Planning and is the author of three books on property.

**Shane Kennedy:** A well-known local businessman, Shane has been very active in the local community for many years. He was formerly President of the Ardrossan Progress Association and is still an active member.

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