



Black Diamond Abandoned Mine Site UPDATE 2

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Black Diamond Pit Lake. Source DMP 2015

DMP holds Community Forum in Allanson to discuss the future of Black Diamond

I am pleased to announce that the recent Community Forum regarding proposed works towards the rehabilitation of the Black Diamond Pit Lake site has provided a positive way forward.

The meeting, at the Allanson Primary School on Tuesday 10 May 2016, was well attended by key project stakeholders including representatives from the Black Diamond Working Group, the Collie Mail and local residents of Allanson and Collie.

A key outcome for the day was that participants indicated a preferred end land use for the site to be a managed recreational day use area.

This decision was based on DMP's description of the way funding will be made available for this project through the Mining Rehabilitation Fund, as well as an overview of planned works as Part of Stage 3 of the rehabilitation project.

This information is set out in the ['Improving Community Safety at Black Diamond'](#) publication on the DMP website.

The introduction was followed by an activity which split the participants into groups to identify what they believed to be the top concerns and values for the site, as well as their preferred end land use.

Primary concerns raised included safety issues related to the pit wall, environmental issues such as water quality and rubbish, anti-social behaviour and lack of management at the site.

While implementation of a recreation facility at the site is beyond the scope of the Mining Rehabilitation Fund, I am pleased to hear

that the concerns raised by the community are consistent with the initial works that DMP is planning to undertake to help address primary safety and environmental concerns at the site.

The Abandoned Mines team is also seeking opportunities for support and funding that could assist the community to achieve the desired land use for Black Diamond after the completion of the works funded by the Mining Rehabilitation Fund.

DMP, in conjunction with the Black Diamond Working Group, will now progress to work through the necessary requirements in relation to Stage 3 of the project.

The Black Diamond Working Group will continue to meet on a monthly basis to endorse the engineering site design plan for the pit wall and site works.

The Shire of Collie and the Department of Lands will be able to approve the works to be completed this year. The Working Group will continue to consider end land use design and opportunities for this highly valued site. I look forward to providing more updates on the project as it progresses.

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