

Cobar Miners Memorial
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We remember them

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Sponsorship for Cobar Miners Memorial

The Cobar community is currently raising funds to bring our Miners Memorial project to fruition. We have designed a memorial commemorating those who have been killed in the mines across Cobar Shire, a concept design is attached and construction drawings have been finalised. The memorial will be constructed in Cobar's Heritage Park, opposite the Great Cobar Heritage Centre.

We now need to raise the funds required to undertake the project. A local builder has estimated works will be in the vicinity of \$200,000 plus some in-kind works, and the Cobar Miners Memorial Committee is seeking your assistance so the project can go ahead. This assistance may be in the form of financial support or in-kind support. A list of quantities and materials required is attached. Cobar Shire Council is acting as Trustee for all funds and will assist with project management. Donations can be made electronically to the Council:

Bank Details

Name: Cobar Shire Council

Bank Details 082-515

Account: 138607155, NAB Cobar

Reference: Miner 91500

Or through a cheque payable to Cobar Shire Council. An invoice or a receipt can be provided if required.

All contributors will be acknowledged through signage erected at the site.

This memorial will serve as a place for families and community members to visit and remember their loved ones and as a constant visual safety reminder for future generations. Your support is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Barry Knight

Chair

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Background

This project has been discussed within the Cobar community for many years. In 2014 a project Committee formed, comprising representatives from the local mining companies, the Cobar community, Cobar Shire Council and the Cobar Mining Institute.

The Design

The Committee has been working on developing a design for the project. A concept design is below.



The names of the miners who were killed whilst at work will be remembered at the memorial – on a set of tags similar to those that miners have used on the board at the entry to the underground entrance of the mines. The memorial will be a ‘tunnel’, designed to represent a current day mine drive. A walkway will go over the tunnel as a viewing area. Inside the tunnel there will be interpretive signage outlining the conditions in the mines and how it has changed over the years, interesting history stories and more information on the illnesses that also killed many miners after they left the industry. The walkway will be dedicated to those who died as a result of mining related illnesses.

Thank you for your support.

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Bill of Quantities for Construction

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Masonry

Concrete- 550 cubic metres of 32mPa strength concrete for floors/roof/blockwork core fill.

Floors, walls and roof to be reinforced

Block Walls- 2000 blocks (162mm blocks), Nil feature type as will be rendered

Fill- 1800 cubic metres of clean fill. Soil test results would be needed to confirm non-contaminated.

Rocks- Will depend on final layout of superstructure and rocks that are available. Once a company is identified that is willing to provide rocks/boulders, Council can liaise with them regarding quantities/dimensions.

Stormwater

To be finalised

Electrical

To be finalised.

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Fundraising for the Miners Memorial – Employee Deductions

The Cobar Miners Memorial Committee is currently raising funds to bring the proposed memorial to reality. The construction drawings have been finalised, the bill of quantities has been drawn up and we are now seeking funding for construction.

I am writing to seek your agreement to set up a process to allow employees to donate to our project through weekly/fortnightly deductions directly through the company's pay system. This method has been used very successfully in the past to generate adequate funding to undertake community projects. This way, it becomes a truly community project and makes it very easy for employees to donate.

It may be that a set fee is taken out of each employee who signs up, or they may be given the option of nominating the amount they would like to donate. The time frame is flexible.

We understand that the process is an impost on the pay and administration staff of your company and your participation in this scheme would be a wonderful donation to the project.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me on 0447 099 323.

Regards



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Chair of Community Committee

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