

MINUTES OF MEETING

COWAL GOLD OPERATION COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CEMCC)

Wednesday, 01 March 2017

9.00am – Lake Cowal Conservation Centre

Minutes taken by: Trescinda Brown

Attendees:

Independent Chair:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
Evolution:	Kerry Mudge (KM), Jamie Coad (JC), Trescinda Brown (TB), Anne Bolton (AB), Tarron Doyle (TD)
Lake Cowal Landholders:	Bruce Dent (BD)
Community Members:	Angus Stitt (AS), Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Kate Dean (KD)
Bland Shire Council:	Tony Lord (TL)
Forbes Shire Council:	Graeme Miller (GM)
Lachlan Shire Council:	John Ridley (JR)

Observer: Lisa Andrews

Apologies: Ally Coe (AC), Garry Pearson (GP), Max Finlayson (MF), Jason Grieve (JG) & Chris Roylance

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1.0 Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 9:08 am and welcomed all present.</p> <p>Jamie Coad introduced the new members of the CGO ESR team – Anne Bolton, Trescinda Brown, Tarron Doyle.</p> <p>JC explained the changes within the ESR team, including his role swap with GP.</p>	
<p>2.0 Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared her interest as Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment. For record purposes, Margaret advised the committee she is a member of the Mine Subsidence Board. Margaret also declared that she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council as Chair of the CEMCC.</p> <p>No change to previous declarations by CEMCC members</p>	

<p>3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Moved by Lucy Buttenshaw, seconded by Graeme Miller.</p> <p>4.0 Business Arising from previous Minutes</p> <p>MMH asked about the progress of the Evolution shopfront. JC said this was included in the presentation, provided to the CEMCC members.</p> <p>Updated photo of committee required when all present.</p>	
<p>5.0 Correspondence</p> <p>The Chair noted that the correspondence had been included in the agenda sent out to all members.</p>	
<p>6.0 Reports</p> <p>JC provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation's Environment Department and Social Responsibility Activities over the past three months, as per the presentation.</p> <p>Some key points discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mod 13 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MMH asked about the approved modification. JC responded that the modification had been approved by both the DPE and Evolution Board mid-February. ○ MMH also asked about submissions. JC responded that there were 65 submissions, and none were negative. ○ KM explained changes in the EPL including monitoring frequencies. Monitoring is primarily conducted by the site environmental staff monthly and outside resources once a month by an independent person coming to site. ○ JC discussed employment opportunities for Stage H. ○ General discussion on tree clearing locations, as well as archaeological inspections. • Further modifications – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KM discussed the new tenements that Evolution have acquired around Marsden and Burcher and that there will be discussions held in the future with these communities, as well as further discussion with the CEMCC. MMH mentioned that it would be a good idea to consider including people from both communities on the CEMCC. • Shop Front – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MMH asked on the progress of the shopfront. JC responded that it is very close to opening next week. The location will be 	

<p>used for recruitment of staff for Stage H.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fauna – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KM stated that 2 deceased swans were removed from the bottom of the pit. JC explained that the recent heatwave pushed temperatures passed 55°C at the bottom of the pit. • Rehabilitation – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General discussion between on rehabilitation, and topsoil stripping and recovery. • Social Responsibility – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General discussion on CPP applications received. ○ General discussion on what types of Evolution funding streams are available to the community (CPP, SVP, CC, WS). • ‘Carp virus’ – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General discussion on carp eradication virus being introduced to the lake – questions and discussion on how the virus might affect the local wildlife (other fish as well as birds). <p>Refer to Attachment A – Cowal Gold Operations – ESR Presentation for more detail.</p> <p>Complaints/Grievances</p> <p>There have been no complaints since the last CEMCC Meeting.</p>	
<p>7.0 General Business</p> <p>MMH requested a name tag for KD.</p>	<p>TB to source name tag</p>
<p>8.0 Meeting Closed – 10:58 am</p>	
<p>9.0 Next Meeting</p> <p>June 7th at the CCCC in West Wyalong</p> <p>Remaining 2017 Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 7 at the CCCC in West Wyalong • August 30th in Forbes • December 6th in Condobolin 	

ATTACHMENT A– Cowal Gold Operations – ESR Presentation

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