

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Cowal Gold Operations**  
**Community Environmental Monitoring**  
**and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)**

**Date:** Wednesday, 6 March 2019  
**Time:** 9.00 am – Wiradjuri Study Centre, Condobolin  
**Minutes taken by:** Anne Bolton

**Attendees:**

Chair: Lisa Andrews (LA)  
Evolution: Luke Bowden (LkB) Danielle Wallace (DW) & Anne Bolton (AB)  
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Kate Dean (KD) & Angus Stitt (AS)  
Lake Cowal Landowners: Bruce Dent (BD)  
Bland Shire Council: Cr Brian Monaghan (BM)  
Lachlan Shire Council: Cr Dennis Brady (DB)  
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Laurie Hutchison (LH)

**Apologies:** Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (PM), Max Finlayson (MF)

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9:00am and thanked LH for making the Wiradjuri Study Centre available for the CEMCC.</p>	
<p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>LA advised there were no changes to previous declarations by CEMCC members, nor to hers; Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, and she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.</p>	<p>ACTION 1: LA to provide declaration forms to Cr Brian Monaghan and Cr Dennis Brady.</p>
<p><b>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Moved by LH, seconded by AS.</p>	
<p><b>4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Nil</p>	
<p><b>5. Correspondence (as emailed with Meeting Notice on 21/2/19 with 2 additional items)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12/12/18– Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment.</li> <li>• 19/12/18 – Email to members with the reviewed draft minutes together with the presentation from the meeting.</li> <li>• 21/2/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda &amp; Correspondence Report for this meeting.</li> <li>• 21/2/19 – Email from Max Finlayson with an apology for today's meeting.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28/2/19 – Email from Lachlan Shire Council (via Anne Bolton) advising that Councillor Dennis Brady is its new delegate on this CEMCC.</li> <li>• 1/3/19 – Emails to CEMCC members seeking review of the Cowlal Gold Operations Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) and Revised Decommissioning Strategy for Water Management Structures.</li> </ul> <p>Moved by LA, seconded by LB.</p>	
<p><b>6. Reports</b></p> <p>DW provided a detailed account of Cowlal Gold Operations (CGO's) Environment Department's activities over the past three months.</p> <p>AB provided details on the activities undertaken by the Social Responsibility Department in the last quarter. LH enquired on recipients' location for the NSW Police Force's Cowlal Partnering Program initiative, "Active Citizen Program" and why residents of Forbes &amp; West Wyalong were not considered. AB advised that recommendations came from local police community liaison officers on those that would benefit from the program.</p> <p>DW asked if there were any questions in relation to the Cowlal Gold Operations Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) that had been emailed to members for consultation. LB enquired about; testing of the stock piles beyond the 5 year period, water 80m below the spill level &amp; the management of pipes containing saline.</p> <p>DW advised CEMCC members that comments to the revised CGO Rehabilitation Management Plan and CGO Decommissioning Strategy for Water Management Structures were due on Friday 15 March 2019.</p> <p>DW provided details on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the proposed Exploration Decline. LH raised concern with the contractor approved to undertake works. DW advised that a stringent and rigorous assessment process was undertaken prior to accepting their tender.</p>	<p>See attached presentation for further details</p> <p>Action 2: DW to post hard copies of reports to CEMCC members.</p> <p>BM asked for a list of acronyms to be provided. Action 3: DW to provide revised list of acronyms to CEMCC members.</p>
<p><b>7. General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BM asked about the plans for rehabilitation of the waste dumps and their possible use for grazing. DW advised that the waste dumps were unsuitable for grazing as they're too steep. However, the remainder of the land will be suitable for grazing.</li> <li>• LB asked about water management at end of mine life. DW advised that the final void will act as a sink. The mine and the pit will be forever banded from the Lake.</li> <li>• LH asked if there any plans of turning the Lake Cowlal Homestead into something? DW advised there were no plans to change its existing use, as a home, at this stage.</li> <li>• LH asked whether the house and land were to be given to the TCC, as per the commitment in the Native Title Deed. DW advised that EVN are required to provide land to the NT owners at</li> </ul>	

<p>end of mine life, which is currently 2032. However, EVN are looking at possibilities of meeting this commitment earlier.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KD asked about the Charter and MoU between EVN and the Lake Cowl Foundation (LCF). DW advised that the LCK+F receive funding from EVN, however, the current Charter is a Barrick Charter, and is in the process of being updated.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Meeting Closed – 9.46 am.</b></p>	

Next meeting: Wednesday, 5 June 2019, Forbes Shire Council commencing at 9am.

#### ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Provide Code of Conduct & Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interest forms to Cr Brian Monaghan and Cr Dennis Brady	LA
2	Post hard copies of reports to CEMCC members	DW
3	Provide a list of acronyms to CEMCC members	DW