

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

**Date:** Wednesday 26 August 2020  
**Time:** 9.06 am – 10.00 am, Bland Shire Council  
**Minutes taken by:** Renee Pettit

**Attendees:**

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)
Evolution:	Simon Coates (SC) Renee Pettit (RP) Steff Wills (SW) John Penhall (JP)*
Community Members:	Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Angus Stitt (AS), Kate Dean (KD)*
Lake Cowal Landowners:	Bruce Dent (BD)
Bland Shire Council:	Cr Brian Monaghan (BM)
Forbes Shire Council:	Cr Phyllis Miller (PM) Cr Chris Roylance (CR)
Lachlan Shire:	Cr Dennis Brady (DB)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation:	Ally Coe (AC), Vicki Swadling (VS), Laurie Hutchison (LH)

*\*Attended meeting remotely*

**Apologies:** Max Finlayson

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9.06 am, welcomed all in attendance both face to face and virtually.</p> <p>LA acknowledged that the new General Manager, John Penhall would join the meeting virtually at 10.00am.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies</b> – Max Finlayson.</p>	
<p><b>3. 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>Confirmed that Steff Wills (SW) has completed and submitted the necessary pecuniary/non-pecuniary declaration and code of conduct forms.</p>	
<p><b>4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p><b>Action 1:</b> RP to correct misspelling of Peter</p>





<p>AS enquired what EBAN meant?</p> <p>SW provided details on the activities undertaken by the Community &amp; External Relations team in the previous quarter.</p> <p>Positive feedback was provided from numerous meeting attendees on the EVN support of WLT program.</p> <p>RP advised meeting attendees of the one complaint received from community.</p> <p>Local landholder advised of excessive water in and around bore 4 pump station – bore fields.</p> <p>Investigation indicated water from surface run-off after recent rains with pump station in low lying areas.</p> <p>EPA &amp; FSC given approval to remove water. Cowal maintenance will install permanent pump to address the water build up. No further action required.</p>	<p><b>Action 4:</b> SC to notify BM of CGO's current water usage</p> <p><b>Action 5:</b> SC to clarify the definition of EBAN and add to the acronyms list</p>
<p><b>8. General Business</b></p> <p>PM informed the committee of her submission for road funding to Transport for New South Wales on behalf of the three Shires seeking 11.3 million dollars.</p> <p>BM commended EVN on operations and the management of the recent spill that occurred within the Bland Shire.</p> <p>John Penhall joined the meeting at 9.55am. JP introduced himself to members and provided some background information of himself, previous roles and what attracted him to EVN, the position and future aspirations.</p>	
<p><b>9. Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 2 December 2020. The venue would usually be the ECCC in Main St, West Wyalong, however, should COVID-19 restrictions continue, it is likely the meeting will be held in Bland Shire Council Chambers to ensure social distancing requirements can be met.</p>	<p><b>Action 6:</b> LA to confirm venue closer to the date.</p>
<p><b>10. Meeting Closed</b> – 10.04am with LA thanking all for their attendance.</p>	

**ACTION ITEMS**

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
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**Evolution**  
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1	Correct misspelling of Peter Gell error in action items list in previous (June) meeting minutes.	RP
2	Add new acronyms as they arise.	SC Ongoing
3	Forward information of CGO underground project onto PM & BM for social media community engagement.	SC, RP & SW
4	Notify BM of CGO's current water usage	SW
5	Confirm definition of EBAN and add to the acronyms list	SW
6	Chair to confirm venue for 2/12/20 CEMCC	LA