

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

**Date:** Wednesday 4 March 2021  
**Time:** 9.28 am – 10.20 am, Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation  
**Minutes taken by:** Renee Pettit

**Attendees:**

Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA)  
 Evolution: Simon Coates (SC)  
                                   Renee Pettit (RP)  
 Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), \*Angus Stitt (AS), \*Kate Dean (KD)  
 Lake Cowal Landowners: Bruce Dent (BD)  
 Bland Shire Council: \*Cr Brian Monaghan (BM)  
 Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Ally Coe (AC), Laurie Hutchison (LH)  
 Independent Scientist: \*Max Finlayson (MF)

Apologies: Cr Dennis Brady (DB), Vicki Swadling (VS)

\*Attended remotely – either by phone dial in or via teams.

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<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9.28 am, welcomed all in attendance for the final meeting of the year.</p> <p>Technical difficulties with remote log in delayed meeting and also affected attendees to attend via teams and therefore had to dial in.</p>	<p><b>Action 1:</b> RP to email CEMCC presentation out to those who did not have access to the presentation.</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, Industry 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><b>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Moved by: SC                                    Seconded by LH</p>										
<p><b>4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">ITEM</th> <th style="text-align: left;">ISSUE</th> <th style="text-align: left;">RESPONSIBILITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Confirm definition of EBAN and add to the acronyms list</td> <td style="text-align: center;">SC</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Notify BM of CGO's current water usage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">SC</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	Confirm definition of EBAN and add to the acronyms list	SC	2	Notify BM of CGO's current water usage	SC	
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3	Provide meeting attendees with a more details on the reportable incidents included in the slide pack.	SC	
4	Provide LH with IAMP to review.	SC	
5	Distribute Cowal Update to the members of the CEMCC.	RP	
<p>All actions completed.</p> <p>No other business arising.</p>			
<p><b>5. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8/12/20– Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment.</li> <li>15/2/21 – Email to members advising that the Q1 CEMCC will be held on 3/3/21</li> <li>17/2/20 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda, and Correspondence Report for this meeting.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>6. Reports</b></p> <p>SC provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operations (CGO's) Environment Department's activities over the last quarter and status of the underground project, including time line of the process.</p> <p>BM questioned the number of bores EVN access. SC responded.</p> <p>Underground project update, SC acknowledged that 1 submission had been received following SIA. EVN are working with the DPIE, a response to submission was lodged last Friday. EVN to provide CEMCC committee members with link to view the response to submission report. Accommodation Village will be a multifaceted approach. DA for accommodation village will be lodged with Bland Shire Council shortly. Approval for UG could be as early as June.</p> <p>RP provided details of the activities and support undertaken by the Community &amp; External Relations team in the previous quarter and what was coming up.</p> <p>RP noted that 17 applications were received as part of the CPP round 1, 2021. SC is raising funds to support the World's Greatest Shave, leukemia foundation by shaving off his iconic beard. LC requested the QR code to be shared with meeting attendees to support Simon on his campaign.</p> <p>RP advised meeting attendees of the one complaint received from the community complaints line. A business owner called to advise of EVN employees parking in front of their business obstructing customer access.</p> <p>Communications went out to all EVN employees notifying them of the parking issue. Parking notices were placed on the vehicles involved.</p>			<p><b>Action 2:</b> EVN to provide link to response to submission report.</p> <p><b>Action 3:</b> RP to send QR to LA to distribute to CEMCC committee members.</p>

<p>Further communications on this matter have been included in employee's inductions. EVN continuing close relations with involved stakeholder to ensure the issue is rectified.</p>	
<p><b>7. General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MF commended Evolution on their community support and efforts.</li> <li>BD raised the issue of unauthorised mine traffic accessing his property and around mine site. BD believed the issue could be resolved with better signage.</li> <li>LH requested bird survey presentation from MF. SC noted that PG was on site today. MF to contact SC to obtain a copy of the report. MF thanked LH for the reminder and agreed to present bird survey when a face to face meeting was an option for him</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action 4:</b> BD to contact Forbes Shire Council to request additional signage to address unauthorised traffic.</p> <p><b>Action 5:</b> MF to provide CEMCC attendees with the bird survey presentation when able to attend next face to face meeting.</p>
<p><b>8. Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – FSC</li> <li>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Onsite CGO</li> <li>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December – ECCC (town Evolution office)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. Meeting Closed</b> – 10.20am with LA thanking all for their attendance and thanking everyone for their patience while technical difficulties were being resolved.</p>	

## ACTION ITEMS

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1	Email CEMCC presentation out to attendees who did not have access.	RP
2	Send Simon's QR code to LA to distribute to CEMCC committee members.	RP
3	Provide CEMCC members with link to submission report.	SC
4	Contact FSC to request signage to address unauthorised access around Lake Cowal.	BD
5	Bird survey presentation to take place when MF can attend next face to face meeting.	MF