

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

**Date:** Wednesday 28 July 2021  
**Time:** 2.03 pm – 2.58 pm, Via Microsoft Teams  
**Minutes taken by:** Renee Pettit

**Attendees:**

Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA)  
Evolution: Simon Coates (SC), Renee Pettit (RP), Steff Wills (SW)  
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: Laurie Hutchison (LH)  
Independent Scientist: Max Finlayson (MF)

Apologies: Bruce Dent (BD), Cr Dennis Brady (DB)

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<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 2.03pm, welcomed all in attendance and introduced all in attendance. Acknowledgment of Country.</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: LB    Seconded by: KD</p>			<p><b>Action 1:</b> RP to correct previous meeting minutes date from 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> of March</p>															
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No other business arising.			
<p><b>5. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice on 19/5/21)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10/3/21 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment as well as the presentation, the link to the DPIE website on the response to submissions for the Underground Project and the QR Code for Simon Coate's fundraising efforts for the Leukemia Foundation (Greatest Shave).</li> <li>23/3/21 – Email to members advising that there were no changes to the draft minutes.</li> <li>22/4/21 – Email to DPIE with chair's annual report on the operations of the CCC from 2020-2021.</li> <li>13/5/21 – Email to members advising at 2/6/21 meeting needs to be rescheduled due to a conflict with Evolution Mining. Seeking feedback for 29/6/21. Responses received.</li> <li>19/5/21 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda, and Correspondence Report for this meeting.</li> <li>18/6/21 – Email to members advising of change in location (now Bland Shire Council).</li> <li>21/6/21 – Email to members with the login details for Microsoft Teams.</li> <li>Email to members, postponing the CEMCC due to COVID lockdown</li> <li>14/7/21 – Email to members proposing 28/7/21 for the rescheduled CEMCC.</li> <li>26/7/21 – Email to members with meeting link for 28/7/21 to join via Microsoft Teams.</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.</p> <p>LH enquired whether there had been a change to the care agreement of the Aboriginal Heritage impact permits. SC responded there will be extensions to permit 1468 to align with the LOM.</p> <p>MF created discussions around EVN mining operations plan on continual landform design &amp; rehabilitation suggesting guidance from indigenous members and requesting that EVN provide reports on progression on a yearly basis.</p> <p>SC updated CEMCC on Underground approval process, with submission going through final stages, government approval expected within the next couple of months.</p> <p>BM enquired whether there will be any inclusions to EVN's presentation of Cowal Gold Operations (CGO's) Environment Department's activities as part of CEMCC meeting. SC confirmed there will be some inclusions around UG operations to communicate to CEMCC members.</p> <p>RP provided details of community complaints received and the activities and support undertaken by the Cowal Community &amp; External Relations team in the previous quarter and a FY21 snapshot of community spend.</p>			<p><b>Action 4:</b> SC to provide annual update on rehabilitation landform design after Q3/Q4 audit.</p>
<b>7. General Business</b>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LH commended Evolution on their outstanding presentation, community support and efforts.</li> <li>MF supported LH words and commended Evolutions efforts also.</li> <li>MF informed meeting attendees that LCF were working on a community information exercise around the ecology of Lake Cowal and would notify us of its progress and provide details of the information pack when completed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action 5:</b> MF to provide details to access Ecology of Lake Cowal community information pack when completed and available to view.</p>
<p><b>8. Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>9.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 29 September 2021 at Bland Shire Council</li> <li>Wednesday 1 December – venue to be confirmed</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. Meeting Closed</b> – 2.58pm with LA thanking all for their participation in the meeting.</p>	

## ACTION ITEMS

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1	Correct March 2021 meeting minutes due to typing error for the date of meeting.	RP
2	Contact FSC to request signage to address unauthorised access around Lake Cowal.	BD
3	Bird survey presentation to take place when MF can attend next face to face meeting.	MF
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