

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

Date: Wednesday 1 December 2021
Time: 11.05am - 2.17 am, Vandenburg Hotel, Forbes
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)*, Kate Dean (KD)
 Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Ally Coe (AC)
 Forbes Shire Council: Cr Phyllis Miller (PM)
 Cr Chris Roylance (CR)
 Lachlan Shire Council: Cr Dennis Brady (DB)
 Independent Scientist: Max Finlayson (MF)*
 Lake Cowal Landowner: Bruce Dent (BD),

Apologies: Laurie Hutchinson (LH), Angus Stitt (AS), Ally Coe (AC) Laurie Hutchinson (LH)

Attended via Microsoft team *

ITEM	ACTION						
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9.04 am and welcomed all in attendance. Acknowledgment of Country.</p>							
<p>2. Declaration of Interest</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>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Moved by: CR Seconded by: PM</p>							
<p>4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>Actions 2, 3, 4, and 5 to carry over</p>	<p>Action 1: MF to make presentation of bird survey next face to face CEMCC meeting.</p>						
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1	Contact FSC to request signage to address unauthorised access around Lake Cowal.	BD	<p>Action 2: EVN to provide annual update on rehabilitation landform design after Q3/Q4 audit.</p> <p>Action 3: MF to Provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre when these are formally available.</p>
2	Bird survey presentation to take place when MF can attend next face to face meeting.	MF	
3	EVN to provide annual update on rehabilitation landform design after Q3/Q4 audit.	SC	
4	Provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre when these are formally available.	MF	
5	Provide CEMCC members with EVN slide pack alongside meeting minutes	RP	
6	Provide MF with a copy of the photo requested	SC	
<p>5. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice on 27/11/21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/10/21– Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment. 5/10/21 – Email to members advising of the Cowal Gold Underground SSD approval by DPIE. 12/10/21 – Email to members advising that there were no changes to the draft minutes. 18/11/21 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda, and Correspondence Report for this meeting advising that the CEMCC will be held at the Vandenberg Hotel, Forbes. 			
<p>6. Reports</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, which was granted approval 30/9/2021.</p> <p>SC noted following UG approval, Construction Workforce Management plan and Subsidence Management plan will need to be added to the Environmental Management plan register.</p> <p>SC noted PM 2.5 testing units are to arrive and be used onsite to allow for further monitoring in the new year.</p> <p>BD noted that current flood water and predicted influx could affect monitoring devices EVN has in place.</p>			



<p>SC noted a request had been lodged with EP?? requesting the removal of weekly testing of the lake water, monthly testing seen by operations as adequate. Confident that the request would be granted.</p> <p>PM noted that she had received an email around funding to support water testing and would circulate with the CEMCC members.</p> <p>Following the slide on exploration of lake drilling, LB requested a topographical view photograph.</p>	<p>Action 4: PM to provider CEMCC committee with details of grant to support water testing.</p> <p>Action 5: SC to provide topographical view of the lake drilling.</p>
<p>General Business</p> <p>BD notified CEMCC members that signage to address unauthorised access around Lake Cawal had been erected. BD has raised issues around GPS and incorrect roads been identified.</p> <p>BD noted that on exit of pipeline near Mattiske's property an area has sunk that could become a safety concern to the heavy traffic it receives.</p>	<p>Action 6: SC to investigate the area of concern of , take photos and report back to the Council.</p>
<p>7. Meeting Schedule for 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 9th March, WCC • Wednesday 29th June, Forbes • Wednesday 28th September, EVN CGO • Wednesday 30th November, Lake Cawal Conservation Centre (LCCC) 	
<p>8. Meeting Closed – 12.17pm with LA thanking all the CEMCC members for their participation in the meetings this year especially considering the challenges we have faced and finished with wishing everyone a merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year.</p>	

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5	Provide topographical view of the lake drilling for next meeting	SC



6	EVN to investigate the area of concern of near pipeline exist point, and report back to the Council.	SC
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