

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

**Date:** Wednesday 9 March 2022  
**Time:** 9.11am, 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)\*,  
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Ally Coe (AC)  
Vicki Swadling (VS)  
Project Bridge: Laurie Hutchinson (LH)  
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Chris Roylance (CR)  
Brian Matiske (BM)  
Bland Shire Council: Cr Liz McGlynn (LM)  
Independent Scientist: Max Finlayson (MF)\*  
  
EMM: Brenda Madden (BM)  
Andrea Kanaris (AK)  
Rob Morris (RM)  
Andrew Woidt (AW)

Apologies: Kate Dean (KD) Bruce Dent (BD),

Attended via Microsoft team \*

| ITEM   | ACTION |
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| <p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9.11am and welcomed all in attendance. Acknowledgment of Country.</p> <p>Welcomed new CEMCC committee members, Cr Liz McGlynn, representative of Bland Shire Council, and Brian Matiske representative of Forbes Shire Council.</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> |        |

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Moved by: **CR**                      Seconded by: **PM**

### 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Carry over items 1, 2,

| ITEM | ISSUE   | RESPONSIBILITY |
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| 1    | Bird survey presentation to take place when MF can attend next face to face meeting.  | MF             |
| 2    | EVN to provide annual update on rehabilitation landform design after Q3/Q4 audit.   | SC             |
| 3    | Provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre when these are formally available. | MF             |
| 4    | PM to provide CEMCC committee with details of grant to support water testing.   | SC             |
| 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             |

**Action 1:** MF to make presentation of bird survey next face to face CEMCC meeting.

**Action 2:** EVN to provide annual update on rehabilitation landform design after Q3/Q4 audit.

**Action 3:** MF to Provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre when these are formally available.

### 5. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice on 2711/21)

- 13/1/22 - Email from Bland Shire Council advising of its new delegation on this CEMCC, Cr Liz McGlynn. Reply to Council thanking them for advising. Governance forms sent to Cr McGlynn for completion.
- 28/1/22 - Completed governance forms received from Cr McGlynn (Bland Shire Council).
- 17/2/22 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda, and Correspondence Report for this meeting.

### 6. Reports

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| <p>SC provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operations (CGO's) Environment Department's activities over the last quarter and a status of the underground project along with a quick introduction of the OPC.</p> <p>SC advised meeting attendees that EMM at the conclusion of the CEMCC meeting will present a briefing of the project as part of the scoping phase.</p> <p>RP provided details of community complaints and the activities and support undertaken by the Cowal Community &amp; External Relations team in the previous quarter.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><b>Comments from members:</b></p> <p>MF EVN track record, very positive and should support SIA submission.</p> <p>LA, requested when the OPC project goes to submission, could we workshop in an up-and-coming CEMCC meeting.</p> <p>LM made reference to the frustration of the royalties being paid by EVN and not hitting our communities.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>EMM OPC Presentation</b></p> <p>EMM team ran through the project overview, assessment / approvals pathway, impact assessments, and community and stakeholder engagement summary slides.</p> <p>AK introduces her role and undertakes SIA exercise.</p> <p>EMM encourage feedback and any questions.</p> <p>Members of the CEMCC were supportive of the OPC, a LB communicated that she would use more time to look over the details of the OPC. It was acknowledged the support that EVN contributes to our communities and the commitment to safety to mitigate any risk our people and environment is a big contributing factor to that strong support.</p> <p>Members requested further information on OPC community information sessions.</p> | <p><b>Action 4:</b> RP to send through OPC information sessions details</p> |
| <p><b>7. Meeting Schedule for 2022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Forbes</li> <li>• Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, EVN CGO</li> </ul>   |   |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Lake Cowal Conservation Centre (LCCC)</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>8. Meeting Closed – 11.07am</b>  |  |

### **ACTION ITEMS**

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