

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

Date: Wednesday 11 October 2022
Time: 10.30am, Cowal Gold Operations
Minutes taken by: Renee Pettit

Attendees:

Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA)
Evolution: Grace Derrick (GD), Renee Pettit (RP), Mark Hartig (MH), John Penhall (JP), Simon Coates (SC), Shaune Finn (SF)*, David Edwards (DE), Angela Vanstone (AV)
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Angus Stitt (AS)*, Kate Dean (KD)
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Chris Roylance (CR)
Cr Brian Mattiske (BM)
Bland Shire Council: GM Grant Baker (GB)
Lachlan Shire Council: Cr Dennis Brady (DB)
Lake Cowal Landowner: Bruce Dent (BD)

Apologies: Vicky Swadling, Ally Coe, Laurie Hutchinson (LH), Cr Liz McGlynn (LM), Lynsey Reilly (LR)

**Attended via Microsoft Teams*

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Site Tour 9.30-10.30</p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 10.44 am and welcomed all in attendance. Acknowledgment of Country.</p> <p>LA noted that Max Finlayson, Independent Scientist had sent in his resignation as he has decided to retire. LA thanked MF for his contribution to the CEMCC. LA communicated that it was her understanding that it was not a formal requirement for the CEMCC to have an Independent Scientist but requested that SC contact the relevant department to confirm.</p>	<p>Action 1: SC to contact relevant department to establish if it is a legal requirement to have an Independent Scientist attending the CEMCC meetings.</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 receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council.</p>	<p>No changes</p>

<p>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Moved by: CR Seconded by: DB</p>																			
<p>4. Peter Gell Presented water birds survey at Lake Cowal</p>	<p>Action 2: PG to circulate presentation slide pack to CEMCC members.</p>																		
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<p>6. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice on 04/10/22)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/7/22 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment. • 18/7/22 – Email to members with the final draft minutes & presentation. • 2/9/22 – Email to members changing the Q3 meeting date to 11/10/22. • 11/9/22 – Email from MF resigning from this CEMCC. I accepted this and thanked him for his service over the many years on this committee. • 13/9/22 – Email to members with the site induction link for completion. • 19/9/22 – Email from Grace Derrick with completed governance forms. • 4/10/22 – Email to members with reminder for induction, with agenda. • 7/10/22 – Email to members of draft community consultative Committee guidelines 																			
<p>7. Reports</p> <p>GD 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>See attached presentation.</p>																		

<p>RP provided details of community complaints and the activities and support undertaken by the Cowl Community & External Relations team in the previous quarter.</p>	
<p>General Business</p> <p>Comments from members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed from the CEMCC committee to send out a letter of thanks to MF for his dedication to the CEMCC. • JP gave a quick update on CGO current Covid practices – in line with NSW health. Harold cards stills in use. • BD questioned who was responsible for the maintenance of the road leading into the reserve (southern public access road) also signage would be something to consider and appreciated. 	<p>Action 4: LA to send out letter on behalf of CEMCC to thank MF for his dedication and service to the CEMCC.</p>
<p>8. Meeting Schedule for 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 15th of December, Lake Cowl Conservation Centre. 	
<p>9. Meeting Closed – 12.05 pm with LA thanking all for their attendance and contribution.</p> <p>10. 12.20 EMM held OPC SIA information session to CEMCC members</p>	

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