

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

Date: Wednesday 8 June 2023
Time: 11.00am, Cowal Gold Operations
Minutes taken by: Lynsey Reilly

Attendees:

Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA) *
Evolution: Grace Derrick (GD), Lynsey Reilly (LR), Ivan Arcayo (IA)
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB)*, Angus Stitt (AS), Bruce Dent (BD)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Ally Coe (AC), Vicki Swadling (VS), Nicole Smith (NS)
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Chris Roylance (CR), Cr Brian Mattiske (BM)
Bland Shire Council: Cr Elizabeth McGlynn (EM)

Apologies: Kate Dean (KD), Renee Pettit (RP), Dennis Brady (DB)

**Attended meeting remotely*

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 10.08 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 receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council.</p>	
<p>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Moved by: CR Seconded by: BM</p>	



<p>4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ITEM</th> <th>ISSUE</th> <th>RESPONSIBILITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Submission of CEMCC code of conduct and declaration of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interest forms. Keep action</td> <td>LA & NS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>EVN to contact relevant department to establish if it is a legal requirement to have an independent Scientist attending the CEMCC meetings. Completed</td> <td>GD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>EVN to provide CEMCC meeting attendees' information about the developments at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre when these are formally available. Keep action</td> <td>GD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>EVN to share links of the resource regulation of the mining lease updates. Completed</td> <td>GD</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	Submission of CEMCC code of conduct and declaration of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interest forms. Keep action	LA & NS	2	EVN to contact relevant department to establish if it is a legal requirement to have an independent Scientist attending the CEMCC meetings. Completed	GD	3	EVN to provide CEMCC meeting attendees' information about the developments at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre when these are formally available. Keep action	GD	4	EVN to share links of the resource regulation of the mining lease updates. Completed	GD	<p>Action 1: NS to submit CEMCC code of conduct & declaration of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interest forms.</p> <p>Action 2: EVN to provide CEMCC meeting attendees' information about the developments at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre when these are formally available.</p>
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<p>5. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice on 04/10/22)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/4/23 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment. 20/4/23 – Email to members advising that no changes to draft minutes. 18/5/23 – Email members with Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting. 																		
<p>6. 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 an update of the OPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA asked for EVN to provide CEMCC members with notification when OPC goes on Exhibition. <p>LA noted that she received a call from a community member questioning a drilling rig incident at CGO. GD CGO had an incident on 4 June where a rock was dislodged and made contact with an unmanned drill rig. There were no injuries. This event was reported to the NSW resource Regulator as we are required to do under the Work Health & Safety Regulations. An investigation is underway to identify cause and preventative measures. LA asked for EVN to provide investigation findings, when completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LR provided details of community complaints and the activities and support undertaken by the Cowal Community and External Relations team in the previous quarter. <p>See attached presentation.</p>			<p>Action 3: EVN to provide drill rig investigation findings once completed.</p>															

<p>General Business</p> <p>CR flagged that he had discussions with the Federal Government regarding their plans to install more desalinisation plants in rural communities. GD responded with it being an expensive technology that doesn't always deliver the results expected, but we are always open to having the conversation.</p> <p>EM then flagged the history of expensive desal plants being built in Australia, but never operated. She doesn't have a lot of faith in the initiative.</p> <p>AC spoke about a recent meeting with EVN Red Lake and their Elders. He complimented how EVN manages relationships with traditional owners.</p> <p>BS raised the issue of a light on Websters Road on a pumping station that makes it hard to see at night when driving and needs adjusting.</p> <p>CR also acknowledged EVN financial support.</p> <p>BM asked if Newcrest Mining had an interest in EVN as he received a vendor form with their logo on it. Communicated that this was an error and no validation to this query.</p>	<p>Action 4: EVN to address light on Webster's Road pumping station. Poor visibility at nighttime.</p>
<p>7. Meeting Schedule for 2023, all starting at 9.00am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 6th of September Evolution Town Office • Wednesday 29th of November FSC 	
<p>8. Meeting Closed – 9.50am with LA thanking all for their attendance</p>	

ACTION ITEMS

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