

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

Date: Wednesday 6 September 2023
Time: 9.00am, Evolution Town Office
Minutes taken by: Renee Pettit

Attendees:

Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA)
Evolution: Grace Derrick (GD), Renee Pettit (RP), Ivan Arcayo (IA), Joe Mammen (JM), Mark Hartig (MH) Zach Murphy (ZM), Laura Soinen (LS), Alisa Wilkinson (AW).
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Angus Stitt (AS), Bruce Dent (BD)
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Chris Roylance (CR)*.
Bland Shire Council: Cr Elizabeth McGlynn (EM), Grant Baker (GB)*.
Lachlan Shire Council: Dennis Brady (DB)*.
Lake Cowal Foundation: Malcolm Carnegie (MC)

Apologies: Ally Coe (AC), Vicki Swadling (VS), Nicole Smith (NS) Cr Brian Matiske (BM)

**Attended meeting remotely*

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9.03 am and welcomed all in attendance. Acknowledgment of Country.</p> <p>Due to number of attendees, LA requested round table introduction.</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: EM Seconded by: AS</p>	



4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	NS to submit CEMCC code of conduct & declaration of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interest forms. completed	WCC/NS
2	EVN to provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre when these are formally available. Completed following this meeting	EVN
3	EVN to provide drill rig investigation findings once completed. Completed following this meeting. AS requested, a further summary of the incident, findings and recommendations. GD provided a brief report.	EVN
4	EVN to address light on Webster's Road pumping station night when driving and needs adjusting. Completed	EVN

Action 1. Report from drill rig incident to be forwarded to LA to distribute to CEMCC members.

5. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice on 04/10/22)

- 16/4/23 – Email to members advising that the CGO Open Pit Continuation Project EIS is on exhibition with DPE and providing links.
- 7/6/23 – Letter to Lake Cowal Foundation inviting them to provide a new delegate on the CEMCC.
- 30/6/23 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment.
- 7/7/23 – Email to members advising that no changes to draft minutes.
- 21/8/23 – Email members with Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting.

6. Reports

MC provided CEMCC members with an update on Inhabitat on behalf of the LCF. MC to provide slide pack copy to CEMCC members. LA to distribute with meeting minutes.

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. OPC September newsletter also given to CEMCC attendees.

LA asked for EVN to provide CEMCC members with notification when response to submission is lodged.

Action 2: LA to distribute LCF Inhabitat presentation to CEMCC members.

Action 3: EVN to notify LA when response to submission is lodged.

<p>RP provided details of community complaints and the activities and support undertaken by the Cowal Community and External Relations team in the previous quarter.</p> <p>ZM provided CEMCC attendees with CGO exploration schedule.</p>	
<p>7. General Business</p> <p>MH gave update on UG accommodation Village. Noted working with BSC and nearby neighbours to mitigate an issue's that have arose post construction. Some of these issues include fencing, privacy, access, and parking.</p> <p>CR acknowledged EVN support within the community and made mention to Forbes' National BBQ event coming up.</p> <p>GB acknowledged Evolutions commitment to the community and also the valued partnership between on the Hearts of Gold Festival.</p> <p>KD gave feedback on Hearts of Gold GWR attempt to potentially increase exposure to drive attendance from the community.</p> <p>LA gave short presentation on new CEMCC (CCC) guidelines.</p>	<p>Action 3: LA to send out new CEMCC (CCC) guidelines to attendees.</p>
<p>8. Meeting Schedule for 2023, all starting at 9.00am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 29th of November FSC 	
<p>9. Meeting Closed – 10.29 am with LA thanking all for their attendance</p>	
<p>10. CEMCC attendees invited to a tour of the UG accommodation Village</p>	

ACTION ITEMS

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