

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

Date: Wednesday 29 November 2023
Time: 9.00am, Forbes Council Chambers
Minutes taken by: Renee Pettit

Attendees:

Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA)
Evolution: Renee Pettit (RP), Ivan Arcayo (IA), Tammy Rawson (TR).
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB)*, Angus Stitt (AS)*, Bruce Dent (BD)
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Brian Mattiske (BM).
Bland Shire Council: Cr Elizabeth McGlynn (EM)*.

Apologies: Grace Derrick (GD), Ally Coe (AC), Vicki Swadling (VS), Nicole Smith (NS) Cr Chris Roylance (CR)*, Dennis Brady (DB)*, Kate Dean (KD)*.

**Attended meeting remotely*

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9.05 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: BD Seconded by: EM</p>	
<p>4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes</p>	

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	
1	Report from drill rig incident to be forwarded to LA to distribute to CEMCC members. Completed 10/10/2023	EVN/LA	Action 1: EVN to notify LA when response to submission is lodged.
2	LA to distribute LCF Inhabitat presentation to CEMCC members. Completed 10/10/2023	LA	
3	EVN to notify LA when response to submission is lodged. Keep action.	EVN	
4	LA to send out new CEMCC (CCC) guidelines to attendees. Completed 29/9/23	LA	
5. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice on 23/11/23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 22/9/23 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment. · 27/9/23 – Email to members advising that no changes to draft minutes and attaching the ToR/WH&S Assessment Sheet. · 10/10/23 – Email to members with finalised minutes, presentation, InHabit Presentation and Incident Report. · 15/11/23 – Email members with Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting. 			
6. Reports <p>IA 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. CEMCC presentation to be provided to LA for distribution to CEMCC members.</p> <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>Inclusions of community support not included in slide pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support to Condobolin visitor information centre. - Endeavor Scholarships given to West Wyalong, Condobolin & Forbes high schools. - Christmas support to toys drives – Forbes women's refuge, Bland Toy drive, Tullibigeal Swimming Club. - St Vincent DePaul support of \$20,000 to our branches in which we operate. 			Action 2: IA to provide copy of CEMCC slide pack presentation to LA for distribution to CEMCC members.
7. General Business <p>No general business</p>			

<p>8. Meeting Schedule for 2024. (suggested)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 6th of March LCCC • Wednesday 5th of June WCC • Wednesday 4th of September FSC • Wednesday 27th of November Evolution Town Office 	
<p>9. Meeting Closed – 9.58 am with LA thanking all for their attendance and wishing all members all the best for the festive season and new year.</p>	

ACTION ITEMS

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