

Notes from meeting | CCC Meeting – Northparkes Operations

Date:	Thursday, 24 October 2024
Venue:	Parkes Shire Council meeting room
Minutes:	Chloe Allan

MEMBERSHIP and ATTENDANCE

position	name	attendance	apology
Independent Chair	David Johnson	yes	
PSC	Bill Jayet	yes	
PSC	Neil Westcott		yes
FSC	Bryan Mattiske	yes	
FSC	Steve Karaitiana	yes	
Neighbour representative	Phil Moss	yes	
Neighbour representative	Scott Bickett		yes
Community representative	Geoff Rice	yes	
Community representative	Belinda McCorkell	yes	
Community representative	Marg Applebee		yes
NPO	Rob Cunningham	yes	
NPO	Rachael Whiting	yes	
NPO	Chris Higgins	yes	
NPO	Brooke Plunkett	yes	
NPO	Chloe Allan (minute taker)	yes	

AGENDA ITEMS

Acknowledgement of Country – by Rob Cunningham

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Welcome and apologies – as noted. Introductions around table.

Welcome Racheal Whiting – Sustainability Manager

Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

- No additional declarations

Correspondence

- DJ: June 2024 - email exch with Ken Holmes re Independent audit.

Business arising from previous minutes

- Minutes of last CCC meeting on 4 March 2024 were circulated and are on the website. No action items.

Northparkes business update

Q1 FY25 Overview

Safety performance has improved: **TRIF 8.89 down to 5.98**

Safety Improvement Plan implemented:

- Visible full leadership
- Critical control verification
- MOC Goal: "No Injury No Accidents"
- "Permission to pause"
- Coaching and support for frontline leaders
- Implementation of Evolution values

Metal on plan
Costs below plan for Q1
Integration into Evolution nearing completion
Open Cut operations have been reforecast
Drilling at Major Tom continues
30 years of operations celebrations

Northparkes Site Leadership Team

 Rob Cunningham General Manager - Northparkes	 Sergio Matos Manager Technical Services	 Glenn Pearson Commercial Manager	 Rachael Whiting Manager Sustainability	 Johnnie Ferraro Manager Operations
 Mitch Garcia O&A Processing Manager	 Nathan Welch Manager Asset Management	 Renee Piddington Manager Program and Culture (Mining)		

- Rob presented an overview and leadership update.
- Positive safety improvements reported.
- Updates on mining projects, including Major Tom and E51 with encouraging results.
- Transition of Stacey Kelly to a group role confirmed.

Celebrating 30 years of operations - 2024

To mark this significant milestone in our journey we held ten separate events. One onsite on August 21st with employees and guests including The Hon. Courtney House, MLC.

We also held a free Cheers to 30 Years Festival in Cooke Park on Saturday 5 October to thank the community for their support over the years. The event was headlined by Daryl Braithwaite and is the largest stand-alone event ever in Cooke Park, over 8,000 people attended the event.

Community update

We have been working on presenting the two 30 Year celebration events, as well as:

- Ongoing engagement with our Wiradjuri Executive Committee, we have successfully completed an indigenous employment contract with Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council for an onsite gardener.
- Working with the NSW Minerals Council on a new social media campaign, viewed by over one million people.
- Visit and host school groups onsite.
- We continue to volunteer in the community, Tundras Bush Tucker Day, Pikes and Peak Hill shows etc.
- The second round of our Community Investment Program closes next week with \$20,000 total available for groups, initiatives etc.

- Brooke presented on Cheers to 30 years festival success - no incidents or safety issues.
- Reviewed community initiatives, including gardening projects and school engagements.
- Rob mentioned nomination for HSEC awards and participation in local events.
- Fundraising for Movember taking place again this year.

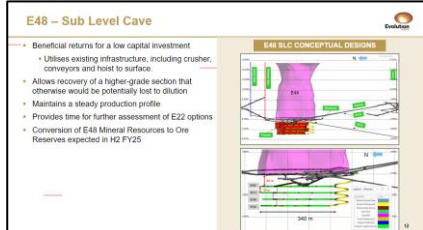
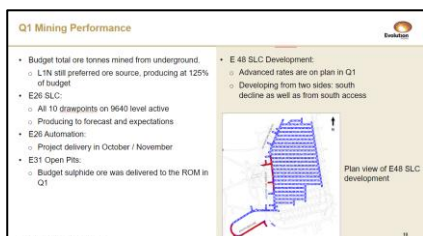
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- Rachael presented sustainability slide. A downward trend in onsite injuries was reported; current complaints are zero. Emphasised the “Permission to Pause” initiative to enhance safety.



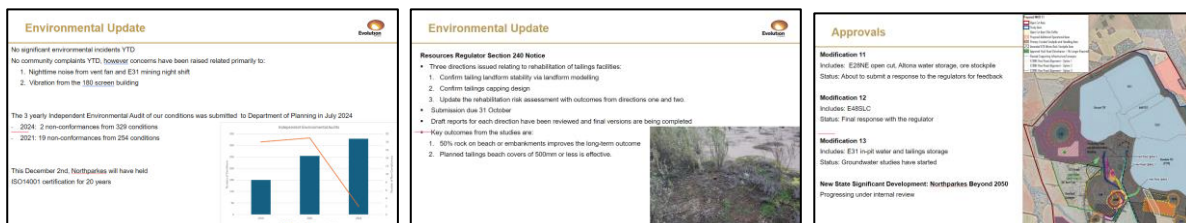
- Rob presented the people and culture slide. Presented female participation statistics and solicited ideas for improvement.
- Steve: Questioned past indigenous participation rates.
- David: Inquired about local graduates; Rob clarified that graduates are sourced from a wider pool.
- Bill: Suggested increased community engagement at career nights to attract more women into mining.
- Rob: Acknowledged efforts to be more active in community outreach.



- Rob presented. Automation is currently in the commissioning phase, transitioning in the coming weeks.
- The new project (E48 SLC) started in July and is expected to have a 10-year mine life with potential for block cave development.
- Back Trundle (proposed E44 mine): Currently on hold.
- Discussed infill extension and cycloning initiatives to enhance tailings use and capacity.

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Environmental and approvals updates



- Chris presented environment & approvals slides
- Noise Management: Adjustments made to operational shifts to reduce noise; vent fans decreased from 95% to 70%.
- Independent Audit: Positive results from recent compliance audits highlighted.
- Regulatory Notice: Studies regarding rehabilitation of tailings facilities are in their final stages with the submission to regulators due at the end of October.
- Focus for approvals is currently on Mod 11 & Mod 12 while details of the next State Significant Development are being finalised.

General business

- Bill: PSC Councillors would be interested in having this information presented to them.
- FSC Councillors would be interested in a site tour.

AGENDA ITEMS | CLOSING

Actions from meeting

- Organise to present an update to Parkes Shire Council Councillors. (by NPO)
- Organise tours of the mines for groups (Forbes Shire Councillors). (by NPO)

next meeting

Date: Proposed for March 2025; date to be advised, possibly with site tour.

Meeting closed at 5:35 PM.