

Title	Cowal Gold Operations Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)
Date	3 September 2025
Time	9.00am – 11.03am
Chair	David Ross
Attendees	Evolution: Greg Coase, Renee Pettit WCC: Ally Coe, Vicki Swadling LSC: Cr. Dennis Brady FSC: Cr. Brian Matisse, Cr. Chris Roylance BSC: Cr. Holly Brooks Community: Angus Stitt, Lucy Buttenshaw*, Kate Dean*, Bruce Dent. *Attended remotely.
Apologies	Dan Matisse and Geoff West

Agenda

	Item description	Action
1	Welcome The Independent Chair, DR, opened the meeting at 9.04 am. DR informed those present that Geoff West will be joining the committee following the departure of long-standing member Bruce Dent, who has chosen to step down. Unfortunately, Geoff is unable to attend today's meeting.	
2	Declaration of interest DR advised there were no changes to previous declarations by CEMCC members; as Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning, DR receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council.	
3	Business arising from previous minutes The last meeting of the CEMCC was held 11 June 2025 at the Wiradjuri Corporation Centre. Minutes moved and seconded by CEMCC. There was one action item from that meeting: EVN to provide history of sample testing of near neighbour water tanks carried out in the past. GC advised that EVN will be unable to provide this information due to privacy concerns. AC provided an update from the recent WCC forum, which offered a valuable opportunity to network and showcase the outcomes achieved through WCC and their initiatives. The forum also highlighted the strong partnership between the WCC and EVN, demonstrating how collaboration	

	has been key to achieving these results	
4	Correspondence NA	
5	Reports Slide pack presented and to be attached. Greg Coase 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. Including new edition Exploration Map, Sustainability principles, Safety Data & Environmental Incidents. Environmental approvals and permits update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landholder letter signed to facilitate surrender of existing development consents (DA 14/98 and SSD 10367) - AHIPS surrendered and modified by Heritage NSW. Monitoring locations Depositional dust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elevated dust levels recorded at McIntocks shed, unlikely attributed to activities at CGO. Air quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No exceedances Blasting and vibration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No exceedances Operational noise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No exceedances Rainfall Surface and lake water Groundwater Fauna and Flora <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No environmental incidents or complaints Cyanide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No cyanide related fauna deaths recorded at CGO. Biodiversity offsets and management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CGO are in progress to resolve biodiversity credit liability associated with stage three and four of the OPC approval. Waste management OPC update	

	<p>Exploration update</p> <p>Renee Pettit 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>Complaint Register One complaint received on 22 August from business owner regarding etiquette at Evolution bus pick up point. Evolution has addressed etiquette with workforce and are exploring option to use alternate pick-up point.</p> <p>Community Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent discussions with local shires around FY25 EVN community spend and impact. - Stakeholder perception survey, process to commence November 2025. <p>Community Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPP, 28 applications received. Outcomes to be communicated by end of September. - Cowal Cares, four community groups received funding last quarter. <p>Cowal in the Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communicated onsite and community events <p>20 Years of CGO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outlined full list of events <p>Shared Value project discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What does SVP success look like - Understanding shared value - Community ownership - Strategic alignment - Impact and measurement 	<p>Action 1: Members of CEMCC to come to next meeting with SVP ideas.</p>
6	<p>General Business</p> <p>Greg presented the newly drafted charter, as previously referred to Barrick, now referred to as the CCC Terms of Reference, along with the supporting documents. Discussion around new CCC Terms of Reference contents.</p> <p>Chris Roylance shared that discussions were planned with State Government to seek funding and support for the dual highway (Marsden). Following these discussions, he requested a letter of support from Evolution, which Greg Coase confirmed EVN would be happy to provide.</p> <p>David farewelled Bruce from the committee, thanking him for his many years of contribution. Bruce shared that he had greatly enjoyed his time on the committee, valued the friendships he had made, and noted that he had recently moved off the family farm, which had been in his family for 126 years.</p>	<p>Action 2: Members to review CCC Terms of Reference and provide any comment.</p> <p>Action 3: EVN to distribute CCC terms of reference and supporting documents.</p>

	<p>Discussion around next meeting to be held at the EVN town office and delay tour till next year. Members agreed to postpone holding the site visit until 2026.</p> <p>Discussion around providing slide pack one week ahead of meeting to allow members to review so meetings, allowing more time for focussed discussions.</p>	
7	Meeting Schedule	3 December EVN town office

Action items

	Responsible	Item description	Deadline
1	CEMCC members	Members of CEMCC to come to next meeting with SVP ideas.	3 December
2	CEMCC Members	Members to review CCC terms of Reference and provide any comment.	3 December
3	EVN	To distribute draft CCC Terms of Reference and supporting documents.	3 December