

MINUTES OF MEETING

COWAL GOLD OPERATION COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CEMCC)

Thursday the 8th of December
9.00am – Cowal Gold Operations
Minutes taken by: Kate Nixon

Attendees:

Independent Chair:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
Independent Scientist	Max Finlayson (MF)
Evolution:	Jason Greive (JG) (left 9.32), Bronwyn Flynn (BF), Kerry Mudge (KM), Tony Glasgow (TG), Kate Nixon (KN), Simon Delander (SD)
Lake Cowal Landholders:	Bruce Dent (BD)
Community Members:	Angus Stitt (AS), Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Kate Dean (KD)
Bland Shire Council:	Tony Lord (TL)
Forbes Shire Council:	Graeme Miller (GM)
Lachlan Shire Council:	John Ridley (JR)

Apologies: Dave Carter, Ally Coe, Jamie Coad, Garry Pearson

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1.0 Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 9:10 am.</p> <p>Welcome to Max Finlayson, Kate Dean, Tony Lord and John Ridley</p>	
<p>2.0 Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared her interest as Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment. For record purposes, Margaret advised the committee she is a member of the Mine Subsidence Board. Margaret also declared that she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.</p> <p>MMH noted with the release of the new DP&E Guidelines, effective immediately all members will be required to complete a Declaration of Pecuniary and Non – Pecuniary Interests and a Code of Conduct Agreement. Under the new guidelines there are now specific time frames for minutes to be sent to the CEMCC, which negated Confirmation of minutes as a standing agenda item. The CEMCC agreed that there be no change to the CEMCC's agenda format nor any need for an independent minute taker.</p>	

<p>3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Moved by Graeme Miller, moved by Bruce Dent</p> <p>4.0 Business Arising from previous Minutes</p> <p>Enquiry about the progress of the Evolution Shop front. KM and TG advised that it was included in the presentation.</p> <p>MMH advised Kate Dean had received DP&E approval as the new Local Community Representative.</p> <p>Updated photo of committee needed.</p>	
<p>5.0 Correspondence</p> <p>The Chair noted that the correspondence had been included in the agenda sent out to all members. The only additions being Lachlan Council's advice on changes to its Councillor representative, DP&E approval of Kate Dean and Bland Shire Council's support of the Cowl Gold Operations modification.</p>	
<p>6.0 Reports</p> <p>KM provided a detailed account of Cowl Gold Operation's Environment Department and Social Responsibility Activities over the past three months.</p> <p>Some key points discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie Coad starting January 3rd • New staff and departmental changes • Looking into removing monitoring points on the lake as we already have 10 years of solid data • SR Project Ark – during flood event 24 volunteers collaborated with the SES and Army in Forbes and Condobolin to assist with flooding event • SR Project Good Neighbour – program to assist land to flood effected landholders to graze stock. • SR Project Bridge – held a 2 day planning session with Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation on how to increase Aboriginal employment with not only CGO but also its suppliers. • CCCC opening mid-February <p>Refer to Attachment A – Cowl Gold Operations – ESR Presentation for more detail.</p> <p>Complaints/Grievances</p> <p>There have been two complaints since the last CEMCC Meeting, relating to blasting impacts and employee parking in town. A full description of the complaint and subsequent actions may be found in the October and</p>	

November Complaints register on the Evolution Cowal external website.	
<p>7.0 General Business</p> <p>MMH requested that all members present fill out a pecuniary interests form and the Code of Conduct Agreement and return to her.</p> <p>MMH requested that hard copies of presentations be handed out to the CEMCC prior to the commencement of the meeting.</p> <p>JR made a comment about the mine vehicle parking in town stating that the mine has reinvigorated the township.</p> <p>KD asked if audits and testing were independent of mine staff. KM replied that most audits are by independent consultants, and the testing of samples is performed on site before shipping samples to NATA accredited laboratory.</p>	<p>All members</p> <p>JC</p>
<p>8.0 Meeting Closed – 10:55 am</p>	
<p>9.0 Next Meeting</p> <p>March 1st at the LCCC</p> <p>2017 Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 1st at the LCCC • June 7 at the CCCC in West Wyalong • August 30th in Forbes • December 6th in Condobolin 	

ATTACHMENT A – Cowal Gold Operations – ESR Presentation

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