

# MINUTES OF MEETING

## Cowal Gold Operations Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)

**Date:** Wednesday, 7 March 2018  
**Time:** 9.00 am – Wiradjuri Study Centre Condobolin, cnr Cunningham & McDonnell Street, Condobolin  
**Minutes taken by:** Anne Bolton

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### Attendees:

Independent Chair: Lisa Andrews (LA)  
Evolution: Jamie Coad (JC), Danielle Wallace (DW), Bronwyn Flynn (BF), & Anne Bolton (AB)  
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Kate Dean (KD) & Angus Stitt (AS),  
Lake Cowal Landowners: Bruce Dent (BD)  
Bland Shire Council: Cr Tony Lord (TL)  
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Graeme Miller (GM) & Cr Steve Karaitiana (SK)  
Lachlan Shire Council: Cr John Ridley (JR)  
Wiradjuri: Laurie Hutchinson (LH)

**Apologies:** Ally Coe (AC), Max Finlayson (MF) & Chris Roylance (CR).

ITEM	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome</b>  Independent Chair, Lisa Andrews, opened the meeting at 9:16am.	
<b>2. Declaration of Interest</b>  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 and Environment and receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.	
<b>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>  Moved by AS seconded by LB.	
<b>4. Business Arising from previous Minutes</b>  Name tags – these have been provided. This action is now complete.	
<b>5. Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>13/12/17 – Email to members with the draft minutes from the previous meeting held on 6/12/17</li></ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19/2/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice &amp; Agenda for this meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Moved by LA seconded by GM.</p>	
<p><b>6. Reports</b></p> <p>DW provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operations (CGO's) Environment Department's activities over the past three months.</p> <p>AB provided details on the activities undertaken by the Social Responsibility Department in the last quarter.</p> <p>BF provided an update on the proposed Modification 14 (Processing Rate Modification).</p>	<p><b>Presentation attached</b></p> <p><b>Action: Update maps and diagrams in presentation to include: key, title, labels etc.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Include link to Decision Max in the minutes of the meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Mod 14 – advise the amount of the increase in groundwater extraction required by CGO for Mod 14 and the amount of water CGO will need to take from the irrigation channel.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Include list of known acronyms used by CGO in future presentations.</b></p>
<p><b>7. General Business</b></p> <p>BD reported that a near neighbor is concerned about fencing, burrs and the increasing kangaroo population at the Myalla property. DW advised CGO are currently obtaining quotes for fencing works on company-owned land and are also in discussions with the relevant landholder regarding the other issues.</p> <p>AS enquired if CGO has appointed a new land manager. JC advised that DW is the new land manager as part of her role as Superintendent Environment &amp; Social Responsibility. JC further advised that Shannon Sloan was recently appointed as External Land and Indigenous Relations Advisor and this role includes the day-to-day management of company-owned land.</p> <p>TL enquired on the current situation regarding Professional Fishing Licenses. JC advised CGO are in negotiation with the professional yabbie fisherman to look at fishing within the mining lease. The first step involves the preparation of a Risk Assessment, which is underway.</p>	
<p><b>8. Meeting Closed – 10:36am</b></p>	
<p><b>9. Dates for 2018 Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 6 at CGO – with optional mine tour</li> <li>August 29 at Forbes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Further details on mine tour to be provided leading up to the June meeting.</b></p>

- December 5 at ECCC, West Wyalong

*LA thanked all present for their attendance and contribution.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>BY WHOM</b>
1	Update maps and diagrams in presentation to include key, title & labels (Page: 9)	AB
2	Include link to Decision Max  Link to DecisionMAX Software: <a href="http://www.decisionmax.com.au/">http://www.decisionmax.com.au/</a>	AB
3	Modification 14 – advise the amount of increase in groundwater extraction required by CGO & the amount of water to be taken from the irrigation channel	BF
4	Include list of acronyms used	AB