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

Date: Wednesday 4 June 2020  
Time: 9.21 am – 10.45 am, Forbes Shire Council  
Minutes taken by: Renee Pettit  

Attendees:  
Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA)  
Evolution: Simon Coates (SC)  
Renee Pettit (RP)  

Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw* (LB), Angus Stitt* (AS), Kate Dean*  
Lake Cowal Landowners: Bruce Dent (BD)  
Independent Scientist: Max Finlayson* (MF)  
Bland Shire Council: Cr Brian Monaghan (BM)  
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Phyllis Miller (PM)  
Lachlan Shire: Cr Dennis Brady (DB)  
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Ally Coe (AC)  
Elton Consultancy: Jessica Anagnostaras* (JA), Katie Guest* (KA), Sam Weir* (SW), Paul Freeman* (PF).  

Attended meeting remotely*  

Apologies: Denis Brady (DB), Luke Bowden (LB)  

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<td><strong>1. Welcome</strong></td>
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Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9:21am, welcomed all in attendance both face to face and virtually. Lisa thanked all members for patience in organizing meeting due to COVID regulations and also with technically difficulties delaying the start of the meeting.  
Lisa acknowledged Danielle Wallace’s (DW) resignation and her outstanding contribution to the CEMCC. |
| **2. Declaration of Interest** |  
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 she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.  
Luke Bowden (LB) completed a declaration statement. |
3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Moved by Cr Phyllis Miller (PM), seconded by Max Finlayson (MF)

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

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<td>Respond to concerns raised by near neighbor re, blast</td>
<td>neighbor informed within limits, ongoing monitoring</td>
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<td>Parking - Business owner concerns</td>
<td>Issue dealt with and closed out.</td>
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<td>Update CEMCC once WAD CN investigations completed</td>
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**Action 1:** SC to Add new acronyms as they arise

5. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice)

Slide pack & agenda to meeting attendees

RP & SC advised consultation between noise complaint land holder is continuing and monitoring is ongoing

**Action 2:** RP to continue to respond to concerns raised by near neighbor re noise

6. Reports

SC provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operations (CGO’s) Environment Department’s activities over the last quarter and current status of underground project.

RP provided details on the activities undertaken by the Social Responsibility Department in the last quarter.

See attached presentation for further details.

**Action 3:** Water birds, Peter Gell update.

7. General Business

**Action 4:** RP & SC to Notify CEMCC when community consultation
Meeting members present discussed options they seen were beneficial for community consultation for the underground project.

KD suggested we utilise social media platforms for greater exposure on community consultation. PM suggested we utilise a text based approach as that has been beneficial for the FSC.

Meeting locations – issues raised of travelling to other meeting locations. Was decided by all in attendance that meetings will remain shared amongst the 4 locations - ECCC, WCC, FSC, onsite and add in the option of virtual attendance.

Ally Coe commended SC and RP on presentations as he noted the difficult circumstances of staff changes.

Meetings for 2020 are as follows:

26 August – On site
2 December - ECCC

8. Meeting Closed – 10.45am

9. Elton Consultancies - Underground Project social engagement activity

Next meeting: Wednesday, 26 August 2020, On site, Evolution Cowal at 9am.

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<td>RP to respond to concerns raised by near neighbor re blast, noise dust etc</td>
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<td>Report on water birds from Peter Jele</td>
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<td>Notify CEMCC when community consultation of underground project is scheduled to commence.</td>
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