

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

Date:	Wednesday 26 August 2020		
Time:	9.06 am – 10.00 am, Bland Shire Council		
Minutes taken by:	Renee Pettit		

### Attendees:

Allendees.	
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)
Evolution:	Simon Coates (SC)
	Renee Pettit (RP)
	Steff Wills (SW)
	John Penhall (JP)*
Community Members:	Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Angus Stitt (AS), Kate Dean (KD)*
Lake Cowal Landowners:	Bruce Dent (BD)
Bland Shire Council:	Cr Brian Monaghan (BM)
Forbes Shire Council:	Cr Phyllis Miller (PM)
	Cr Chris Roylance (CR)
Lachlan Shire:	Cr Dennis Brady (DB)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation:	Ally Coe (AC), Vicki Śwadling (VS), Laurie Hutchison (LH)

### \*Attended meeting remotely

## Apologies:

Max Finlayson

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome	
Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9.06 am, welcomed all in attendance both face to face and virtually.	
LA acknowledged that the new General Manager, John Penhall would join the meeting virtually at 10.00am.	
2. Apologies – Max Finlayson.	
3. 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.	
Confirmed that Steff Wills (SW) has completed and submitted the necessary pecuniary/non-pecuniary declaration and code of conduct forms.	
4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Action 1: RP to correct misspelling of Peter



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Moved by: PM. Seconded by DB.		items list	
5. Bu	siness Arising from Previous Minutes	5	
ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSBILITY	Action 2: SC to Add
1	Add acronyms to list as they arise	SC – ongoing.	new acronyms as they
2	RP to respond to concerns raised by near neighbor re blast, noise dust etc	SC and RP – neighbour informed within limits.	arise
3	Report on water birds from Peter Gell	Monitoring ongoing. SC – report provided to meeting attendees via email on 20/6/20. Due to COVID, EVN Environmental department working with Peter Gell to be able to produce next report.	
4	Notify CEMCC when community consultation of underground project	SC & RP – completed Further correspondence sent out via email 1/9/2020	
	is scheduled to commence.	Sent out via email 1/9/2020	
	er business arising.		
<ol> <li>Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice on 10/8/20 with 1 additional item)         <ul> <li>10/6/20 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment.</li> <li>20/6/20 – Email to members with the final draft of the minutes as well as the latest progress report of Peter Gell's Waterbird Monitoring Survey.</li> <li>23/6/20 – Email from BD with comments on the draft minutes.</li> <li>10/8/20 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda, and Correspondence Report for this meeting.</li> <li>22/8/20 - Email to members with the login details for Microsoft Teams.</li> <li>24/8/20 – Completed declaration &amp; code of conducts form from Steff Wills (Evolution).</li> </ul> </li> </ol>			
7. Rej	ports		Action 21 Forward
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, including time line of the process.			Action 3: Forward information of CGO underground project onto PM & BM for social media community engagement.
PM & BM offered assistance via Shire Social Media pages to feature CGO community consultation information.			
SC also notified the meeting attendees of an incident regarding a chemical spill in the Shire of Bland, which resulted in notifying the EPA.			
LB enquired how the completed pipeline affected water usage. SC confirmed it would not increase water usage but enabled reliability.			
BM enquired on CGO's current water usage.			



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AS enquired what EBAN meant?	Action 4: SC to notify
	BM of CGO's current
	water usage
	Action 5: SC to clarify
SW provided details on the activities undertaken by the Community &	the definition of EBAN
External Relations team in the previous quarter.	and add to the
	acronyms list
Positive feedback was provided from numerous meeting attendees on	
the EVN support of WLT program.	
RP advised meeting attendees of the one complaint received from	
community.	
Local landholder advised of excessive water in and around bore 4 pump	
station – bore fields.	
Investigation indicated water from surface run-off after recent rains with	
pump station in low lying areas.	
EPA & FSC given approval to remove water. Cowal maintenance will	
install permanent pump to address the water build up.	
No further action required.	
8. General Business	
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PM informed the committee of her submission for road funding to	
Transport for New South Wales on behalf of the three Shires seeking	
11.3 million dollars.	
BM commended EVN on operations and the management of the	
recent spill that occurred within the Bland Shire.	
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John Penhall joined the meeting at 9.55am. JP introduced himself to	
members and provided some background information of himself,	
previous roles and what attracted him to EVN, the position and future	
aspirations.	
9. Next Meeting:	Action 6: LA to confirm
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The next meeting is scheduled for 2 December 2020. The venue	
would usually be the ECCC in Main St, West Wyalong, however,	
should COVID-19 restrictions continue, it is likely the meeting will be	
held in Bland Shire Council Chambers to ensure social distancing	
requirements can be met.	
<b>10. Meeting Closed</b> – 10.04am with LA thanking all for their	
attendance.	

### **ACTION ITEMS**



		Cowal
1	Correct misspelling of Peter Gell error in action items list in previous (June) meeting minutes.	RP
2	Add new acronyms as they arise.	SC Ongoing
3	Forward information of CGO underground project onto PM & BM for social media community engagement.	SC, RP & SW
4	Notify BM of CGO's current water usage	SW
5	Confirm definition of EBAN and add to the acronyms list	SW
6	Chair to confirm venue for 2/12/20 CEMCC	LA