

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Date: Wednesday 29 August 2021

9.04am - 10.07 am, Via Microsoft Teams Time:

Minutes taken by: Renee Pettit

Attendees: Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA)

Simon Coates (SC), Renee Pettit (RP), Steff Wills (SW) Evolution:

Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Angus Stitt (AS)

Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Ally Coe (AC)

Forbes Shire Council: Cr Phyllis Miller (PM)

Cr Chris Roylance (CR) Cr Dennis Brady (DB)

Lachlan Shire Council: Independent Scientist: Max Finlayson (MF)

Apologies: Bruce Dent (BD), Laurie Hutchinson (LH)

ITEM **ACTION** 1. Welcome

Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9.04 am and welcomed all in attendance. Acknowledgment of Country.

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, Industry and Environment, and she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Moved by: MF Seconded by: AS

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Actions 2, 3, 4, and 5 to carry over

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSBILITY		
1	Correct March 2021 meeting minutes due	RP		
	to typing error for the date of meeting.			
2	Contact FSC to request signage to	BD		
	address unauthorised access around			
	Lake Cowal.			

Action 1: BD to contact FSC to request signage to address unauthorised access around Lake Cowal

Action 2: MF to make presentation of bird survey next face to face CEMCC meeting.



			Milling		
3	Bird survey presentation to take place when MF can attend next face to face meeting.	MF	Action 3: EVN to provide annual update on rehabilitation		
4	EVN to provide annual update on rehabilitation landform design after Q3/Q4 audit.	SC	landform design after Q3/Q4 audit. Action 4: MF to		
5	Provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal conservation centre when these are formally available.	MF	Provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal conservation centre when these are formally available.		
	orrespondence (as emailed with the meeting n	otice on			
	 13/8/21– Email to members with the draft review/comment. 21/8/21 – Email to members advising that changes to the draft minutes. 14/9/21 – Email to members with the Med Agenda, and Correspondence Report for this muthat the CEMCC will be held via video conference. 				
6. Re	eports				
Enviro	ovided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation onment Department's activities over the last quart inderground project.	,			
	oted that licenses will push out to 2040 after unde val to align with LOM which also take into accoun s.				
Mana	oted Construction Workforce Management plan & gement Plan will be added to the environmental Nation following Underground approval.				
applic	oted that EVN was expecting ministerial conformation of UG CGO expansion once the public exhilated by the department.				
	cluded links to DPIE Assessment Report in EVN elow links:	oresentation.			
	UG - https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ cts/project/21361	<u>/major-</u>			

DA 14/98 Mod 16 -https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/25011



RP provided details of community complaints received and the activities and support undertaken by the Cowal Community & External Relations team in the previous quarter.

SW addressed CEMCC meeting in regard to their thoughts and opinions on community perception should EVN Christmas party go ahead this year, covid compliant.

All members agreed that although the shires are eager to hold large community gatherings and events, planning for these are on hold until they could better understand the new restrictions that will be enforced once the state hits the 70-80% double vaccination rate.

7. General Business

CEMCC members request copy of presentation.

PM & CR communicated that Forbes Shire is eagerly awaiting to welcome city counterparts back into the community to support the economy, once restrictions have been lifted, with the hope that everyone does the right thing.

PM enquired whether EVN employee vaccination rates are known. EVN communicated that they are currently circulating a covid vaccination register with employees and contractors, this will then provide the business with this data.

MF requested a copy of the Lachlan River coming into Lake Cowal photograph that was included in the EVN slide pack in the hope he could use in his future presentations.

SC acknowledges that drilling on the lake will commence within next quarter. It is general exploration with a number of significant risk assessments completed. It is set to take a number of months depending on conditions.

Action 5: RP to provide CEMCC slide pack when meeting minutes are sent out.

Action 6: SC to send through photo as requested to MF.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday 1 December – Forbes Shire Council (should covid restriction allow)

9. Meeting Closed – 10.07 am with LA thanking all for their participation in the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

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3	EVN to provide annual update on rehabilitation landform design after Q3/Q4 audit.	SC
4	Provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal conservation centre when these are formally available.	MF
5	Provide CEMCC members with EVN slide pack alongside meeting minutes	RP
6	Provide MF with a copy of the photo requested	SC