

Record of Meeting – Community Consultative Committee

Date	3rd December 2021
Time Start	10:12am
Time Finish	12:20 pm
Location	Mount Pleasant Operation – Thiess Training Room
Minutes	Lesley McLoughlin LM

Opening	Meeting opened at 10:12 am
	Chair: Wej Paradice WP
	Community Consultative Committee Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Llewellyn Bates LB 2. Jonathan Moore JM 3. Trevor Parkinson TP
	Apologies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Tim Troon TT 5. Andrew Reid AR
	Government Department Representatives: Nil
	Muswellbrook Shire Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharon Pope SP 2. Theresa Folpp TF
	Mount Pleasant Operation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ngaire Baker NB, Lesley McLoughlin LM, Richard Bailey RB, Chris Lauritzen CL via TEAMS, Sandy Lettice SL
	Thiess: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter York PY
Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	WP asked the CCC to disclose if they have any pecuniary interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WP receives payment to Chair the CCC to meeting for the 3.12.21. • SP introduced Theresa Folpp. Ms Folpp was recently recruited from Consultant's Hansen Bailey to Muswellbrook Shire Council in the newly established role of Development Compliance Officer. Ms Folpp will be responsible for mines and quarries etc., in the Shire. Also attending some CCC Meetings. All could change after the election depending on the new Councillors and their direction. • WP asked the CCC to introduce themselves and their roles.
Safety Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB encouraged drivers to take care on roads in wet weather and to drive to conditions. RB described a situation in which water was across the road and a 4WD was washed off Wybong Road on the flood plain, in front of the mine. The vehicle was later found in a paddock, quite a distance from where it had been washed away. There is a significant risk driving through flood water. Be mindful of conditions, during flooding and following flooding as roads and bridges can be badly damaged.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP also commented that after the water recedes there are massive potholes, logs etc..
<p>2. Previous Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes from the previous meeting September 17th, 2021, were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved by LB. • WP advised that the Minutes have already been circulated and accepted by the Chairperson, and, as per the CCC Guidelines are not required to be moved or seconded by members of the CCC. • WP said as per the CCC Guidelines, the Minutes are issued to the CCC by the Chairperson, giving them a period of two weeks to review and make comments and suggestions. Once the Chairperson has reviewed the suggestions and proposed changes, the Chair can the accept the minutes as the final version allowing it to be distributed more broadly and placed on the Company's website. • JM asked when he could comment on these minutes given he was not at the September 2021 meeting. WP indicated at Business arising from the minutes.
<p>3. Matters Arising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM mentioned after reading the September Minutes he 2re-empt how fast the community was reacting to what was happening in the area in relation to Covid-19. It was quickly becoming a more serious issue. I am pleased to say that the community was very impressed with the procedures MACH Energy put in place to keep the community safe and with your ability to create a safe working environment for your employees and contractors. The community was also very impressed with actions taken when you had a confirmed Covid-19 case. I was also particularly impressed by the amount of detail MACH Energy provided in the September Minutes about how they were managing Covid-19, thank you. • JM also mentioned in the September Minutes, MACH Energy reports that the new section of Wybong Road was open to traffic. This is a brand-new road, but it was quickly noticeable, that there were visible patches on the new section. The community is wanting to know about the structure of the road and if it will continue to need repairs? There is a lot of traffic on that road and the community does not want to be left with a road that is still needing repairs in 12 months – two years' time. Will this new section of Wybong Road be repaired and maintained by Mount Pleasant? Or will the road maintenance fall back under Muswellbrook Shire Council to maintain? • MACH Energy confirmed that under our original consent, we were originally responsible for the section of road from the Bengalla Mine front gate on Bengalla Link Road to the entrance to Mount Pleasant on Wybong Road. However, when we completed construction of the current rail bridge on Bengalla Link Road, our area of responsibility extended to include the section past Old Bengalla Road and to Gate 21 (opposite the Mount Pleasant CHPP). Mount Pleasant will be responsible for the new section of Wybong Road from the completion of the works for an additional period of 2 years. • JM asked the Chairperson to elaborate on his comment in the September Minutes "<i>looking at the process of rejuvenating the current CCC.</i>" I would like to understand and receive more clarity, as my first thoughts were that it appears that the Chairperson is unhappy with the current CCC members or is it that we are wanting to add more members from the community to be more effective? What are the thoughts from the Chairperson? • WP explained with one CCC member resigning, we need a replacement, In the context of the number of community members, a CCC can have a maximum of seven members. There is now an

	<p>opportunity for this CCC to add three more members. The CCC guidelines describe the process for recruiting new members.WP he had received an expression of interest from a neighbour of the mine..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM indicated that using the word “<i>rejuvenating</i>” may be seen that the Chair is making comments about the rotation of members, as this has been mentioned before by the Chairperson. • WP indicated he would like more community members to be involved in this CCC. Most of the community members have been on the CCC from the beginning and all CCC should be open for new ideas and new people.While current CCC members are able to make a contribution it is also important to be able to encourage new members3re-empt3 • JM referred to the September Minutes where it was stated in the Operations Update that the new Wybong Road rail bridge structure was complete. If it is complete, why is there so much work currently being done around the base of the bridge? • MACH Energy confirmed the structure itself has been completed. The remaining works are road works, intersection, traffic barriers, drainage and rebuilding the new pavements under that section of road. • MACH Energy explained the work is essentially rebuilding the pavements to make sure that the new pavement under that section of road is the same as the other upgraded areas. The section being worked on from Wybong Road to Overton Road was stopped due to the work going on with the bridge.
<p>4. Community Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACH Energy received a phone call from CCC member Rod Upton. Mr Upton thanked MACH Energy and in particular Richard Bailey and Ngaire Baker for their efforts to date with the mining operation and the CCC, however, he offered his resignation effective immediately from the CCC. Mr Upton was invited to attend today’s meeting, however, he expressed his thanks again to MACH Energy and declined the invitation. • WP indicated that Rod Upton’s resignation be noted for the minutes, however community members are appointed by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and therefor his resignation should be referred to them. • JM indicated he would like to add his thanks to Mr Upton for his contribution over many years. JM said he had been a very valuable contributor to the MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation CCC. • ACTION: NB to write a letter of thanks to Rod Upton for his contribution on behalf of the CCC. Letter to come from the Chair. • JM mentioned planting trees in rehabilitation areas that are suitable for Koalas. JM suggested MACH Energy might like to investigate for long term planting as we do have some Koalas in the area. It might add to make the rehabilitation more interesting. • JM expressed concern about the line of communication from the Rossgole Tower straight down to the lower area of the Muswellbrook CBD, this will be a problem as the height of the mine overburden continues to rise. • MACH Energy commented that the issue has been raised and has been looked at as part of the SSD Application. • MACH Energy have investigated and will retain a communication specialist to analyse the issue and work out if there is a communications or transmission shadow caused by the mine landform and what can be done to address it. MACH Energy will be accountable for fixing the issue if it exists. 3Options to address the issue could include a repeater being installed or an upgrade to Rossgole Tower. • JM asked about the recent rain fall over the last month. What about erosion issues? How does the mine manage such a massive rain fall event?

MACH Energy said that they have a water management system and planning in place. The central storage dam has received a lot of water, but it is still well under control.

- With the rain received over the past two months, MACH will be drawing less water from the Hunter River allocation.
- JM asked if there were any serious issues with the rehabilitation.
- PY said one of the pleasing things with the GeoFluv landform is the ability to predict where erosion will start to show up what area will erode. The predictions are in line with the model which is great. The water is currently flowing exactly where the rock drains are planned to be built. You won't get a better indicator than seeing survey pegs either side with water running through the middle.
- The toe drains and other structures are inspected to make sure there is no erosion to minimise and concerns.
- SP asked if Thiess was involved with the rail loop area and their erosion issues?
- Thiess said the Rail Loop Project was not under the control of Thiess. The areas are separate, and Thiess only looks after the mining operation.
- LB asked how high did the water level reach in the fine's emplacement facility with all this heavy rain?
- MACH Energy confirmed that the level didn't rise at all. In the last week, MACH has reduced the drawback.
- LB said with the continuation of road works on Wybong Road it can be quite dangerous travelling this way into Muswellbrook at times. She said on a recent trip, to Muswellbrook, before you get to the crest, there is an entry near a side gate, there has been no stop and go traffic controllers in place in this area and I have noticed semi-trailers have to drive onto the other side of the road just so they can make the sharp turn into the gate, it is quite dangerous. When you are travelling west, and you come over the crest there is no warning and to see a truck on the wrong side of the road it is dangerous.
- MACH Energy thanked LB for her feedback and will alert the Rail Loop Project team immediately.
- **ACTION: MACH ENERGY to contact Rail Loop Project Director regarding the tight entrance for trucks on Wybong Road.**
- JM also added that with a truck and dog, the truck will slow down and then turn in through the gates, the driver will then stop and leave the 'dog' on Wybong Road.
- MACH Energy thanked the members for their feedback and confirmed they will speak to Rail Loop Project immediately.
- LB mentioned the erosion where the new rail bridge comes across Wybong Road.
- MACH Energy said topsoil was used, however, with the recent heavy rain, parts of this area were washed away before it was established. These areas will be re-done as soon as possible.
- TP said he received a phone call from a member of the community about the difficulty he had trying to speak to someone at the Mount Pleasant Operation.
- MACH Energy confirmed that they did receive the call from the community member. It was very difficult to hear the caller, road noise and poor connection via his car phone made it challenging to understand the details of his call. When the details could be confirmed and his question (not a complaint) answered, MACH Energy contacted their Call Centre (contractors since 2018) to ascertain the details of the call.
- The Call Centre Duty Manager sent the audio file and a detailed transcript from the call centre operator regarding the call.
- In conclusion, the lack of clarity due to the quality of the call via the car

	<p>phone and the fact the caller wasn't clear about what he was asking lead to a longer than usual response time from the Call Centre.</p>
<p>4. Mount Pleasant Operation Update – RB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACH Energy reported that 220mm of rain has been received on site in November. The average monthly rainfall for November is 75mm. This is the largest amount of rain on record since 1874. • Covid update, MACH have reduced Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) to only test employees who are unvaccinated and those visiting from other areas. • The Rail Loop Project team still undergo RAT weekly as several of their staff come from out of the Muswellbrook LGA. • MACH will respond if there is a further Covid outbreak in the area and are prepared to ramp up testing if required. MACH always follows NSW Health Guidelines. • RAT site has transferred from Blackrock Office to a new venue in the Light Industrial Area (LIA), it is being used by a wider range of business as the site is well set out with double lanes. • In terms of vaccination status, 100% of MACH Energy employees are vaccinated, Thiess have recorded over 90% and Sedgman have all but one employee vaccinated. It is important to reduce the risk to employees on site and the community. Vaccination is not mandatory at Mount Pleasant Operation. • LB asked about RAT and if MACH Energy is notified if a positive result has been received. • MACH Energy confirmed that once RAT has been completed, employees stay in their car until a result has been received by text message to their mobile phone. This takes approximately 15-20min to receive. If the RAT is positive, they are instructed to return to the RAT facility (off site location) to undergo PCR testing. During this time the person has had no contact with personnel at Mount Pleasant. Their only interaction is with the First-Choice Diagnostic medical staff who are in full personal protective equipment as they conduct the required PCR test. • MACH Energy also receives notification if a positive RAT has been received and the positive result is immediately reported to NSW Health. The person is directed to follow all NSW Health Guidelines. • Installation of number plate recognition technology on Kayuga Bridge and Mount Pleasant Operation. It is in the Consent Conditions that employees and contractors must not use this access to and from site. • LB asked with the number plate recognition cameras installed, has the entire workforce been notified not to use the Kayuga Bridge. • PY confirmed that the communication has been provided to all employees from the very first day Thiess commenced at the Mount Pleasant Operation. All employees have been spoken to at pre-start meetings and again with the new installation of the cameras the entire workforce has once again been reminded of the Consent Conditions stipulating that they are not to use Kayuga Bridge to access site or when they are leaving site. • SP asked if other local mines would benefit from these cameras? • MACH Energy confirmed that the cameras were only for Mount Pleasant as we are the only site with the Consent Condition. • TP asked about the culvert near the Bengalla Mine entry, will this area be filled in when the new rail line is open? • MACH Energy said they were working with Muswellbrook Shire Council and Bengalla Mine to keep the bridge in place to assist Bengalla with their future planning. • JM said he was pleased to hear that the local mines work together on these matters. I commend MACH Energy for your efforts, it is good to

	<p>see.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TF asked how will the trucks access the existing rail infrastructure on the Bengalla lease to remove it? • MACH Energy confirmed that the trucks would have access through Gate 21 off Wybong Road and through the access gate west of the bridge on Bengalla Link Road. • LB asked if this is the same access that is currently being used now on Wybong Road? • MACH Energy confirmed that the Wybong Road gate is currently in use.
<p>5. Applications & Approvals - CL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of The State Significant Development (SSD) Application for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project provided. • MACH will note JM's additional concerns about the mine water dam in the southwest corner. It is referred to at all CCC meetings and the same images have been shown over the past two years. • TF asked if it has been confirmed if MACH Energy would be going to the Independent Planning Committee (IPC)? • MACH Energy said that the threshold for objections has been met during the EIS exhibition, so this means our SSD Application will go to an IPC Hearing on a date to be determined by the Department of Planning, Infrastructure & Environment (DPIE). • TF asked if MACH Energy knows who is on the IPC panel yet? • MACH Energy said the panel has not yet been formed. DPIE is preparing the assessment report, when completed the report will be handed to the IPC. Then the IPC, in their own time will form a panel and set up a process.
<p>6. Land & Property – SL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview provided on land management and off set property activities. • JM thanked SL for his help recently regarding the spraying St Johns Wart around the area' • JM asked who was doing the fencing around site and on Wybong Road. He said he sees Franks Fencing around and they always do a great job. • MACH Energy said yes, Franks Fencing are contracted to undertake work, however, in this instance SL think the work was carried out by PERFS.
<p>7. Environment - PY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview provided on all aspects of environment including, air quality management, blasting, noise, and operational activities. • LB asked if the Keeping Place is stored on site? • PY said the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPS) salvage items of significance from the Mount Pleasant Operation, they are then stored in a certain location enabling the RAPS to access. • The Keeping Place is not located on site. A site is currently being investigated with the RAPS with a decision to be made in 2022.
<p>8. External Relations & Community Engagement – NB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Community Engagement & Sponsorship. • Presented Community Complaints Graphs from the previous three months. • Discussed results and potential reasons for the drop in complaints with zero recorded in September, six in October and two in November.
<p>9. General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed advertising requirements for new CCC representatives. • ACTION - Chairperson to contact DPIE to discuss and confirm the process of how to proceed. The Chairperson will inform the CCC. • ACTION – MACH Energy External Relations Manager to draft CCC Vacancy advertising for review by Chairperson. • Committee member asked if the application will be for three vacancies?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairperson confirmed we will advertise for three positions. Guidelines state applicants must live in the local Government area (Muswellbrook).• SP discussed flying fox camps in Muswellbrook. At different times their camps grow significantly. Council is currently in discussion about a project to establish a new habitat. One of the areas we are looking at is the MACH Energy owned Cowtime Property. Council will have discussions with MACH Energy soon.• Suggested Meeting Dates for 2022 –<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Thursday 17 March➢ Thursday 16 June➢ Thursday 22 September➢ Thursday 15 December
10. Next Meeting	<p>Date: Thursday 17 March 2022</p> <p>Time: 10:00am – (Or 9.30am arrival, if a site tour can be arranged – to be advised)</p> <p>Location: Mount Pleasant Operation - MACH Energy Meeting Room, MACH Energy office.</p>
11. Close	Meeting closed at 12:20pm

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