

## Record of Meeting – Community Consultative Committee

<b>Date</b>	23rd July 2020
<b>Time Start</b>	11:43 am
<b>Time Finish</b>	13:23 pm
<b>Location</b>	Restricted members in meeting room/participants dialed in via Microsoft Teams
<b>Minutes</b>	Lesley McLoughlin [LM]

<b>Opening of Meeting</b>	Meeting opened at 11:43am
	<b>Chair:</b> Wej Paradice [WP]
	<b>Community Consultative Committee Members:</b> 1. Llewellyn Bates [LB], Rod Upton [RU], Trevor Parkinson [TP], Jonathon Moore [JM], Tim Troon [TT]
	<b>Apologies:</b> 1. Mayor Martin Rush
	<b>Government Department Representatives:</b> Nil
	<b>Muswellbrook Shire Council:</b> Sharon Pope [SP]
	<b>Mount Pleasant Operation:</b> Ngaire Baker [NB], Lesley McLoughlin [LM] – Dial In, Richard Bailey [RB], Andrew Reid [AR], Ian Webber [IW] – Dial In, Chris Lauritzen [CL] – Dial in
	<b>Thiess:</b> Peter York [PY]
<b>Declaration of Pecuniary Interests</b>	<b>WP requested that Members disclose if they have any pecuniary interests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[WP] Receives payment to chair the CCC to meeting for the 23.07.20</li> </ul>
<b>Safety Share</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[CL] Covid-19, cases increased in Melbourne, these are now affecting various areas across NSW, lesson is that if we short cut procedures there are consequences. Follow procedures, same goes with mining and safety management.</li> <li>[SP] Do you have many people coming to Mount Pleasant from Sydney? [CL] No, we have strict visitor and safety protocols in place, we have found Microsoft Teams a very effective way to work and saves money on travel and accommodation etc.</li> <li>[WP] Should masks be part of required PPE on site? What is the view on this with the current situation? [CL] When you start to get real community transmission, it stops you from spreading the virus. If</li> </ul>

	<p>necessary, we will act at the appropriate time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[WP] Should we be having this meeting via teleconference? What are your thoughts for future meetings? [CL] We will certainly adapt to the situation as it unfolds. We have followed all required protocols to enable this meeting and site tour to go ahead today.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p>The Minutes from the previous meeting <b>April 3rd, 2020</b> were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved by [RU] seconded by [LB].</p>
<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p>	<p>[JM] There has been strong interest from local residents about the rehabilitated areas you can see when driving down Wybong Road. The site tour today was very informative, and I am personally really impressed with the efforts on the rehabilitation. The main comments from town are that they are interested in Mount Pleasant and what they can see, it is good to be able to provide an update.</p> <p>[LB] It is excellent to be able to see the rehabilitation up close. It is really a great job by all those involved.</p> <p>Can you also tell me where the course reject from the coal handling preparation plant goes?</p> <p>[AR] The course rejects go back to the pit.</p> <p>[LB] When it is put into the stacks, (stockpiles) there's been a lot of work in the south area near the CHPP, what is happening there?</p> <p>[AR] We have been building a stockpile extension, it is now complete.</p> <p>[TP] The rehabilitation has really taken off over the past six months, from town it looks good and can only improve.</p> <p>A few people from the community have approached me about the noise, they live in Ford Street, they say the noise is really affecting their health.</p> <p>[NB] Have they contacted the Community Hotline?</p> <p>[TP] I don't know, I didn't ask.</p> <p>[NB] Encouraged the CCC members to let the community know about the MACH Energy Community Hotline. It is available 24/7. We have received complaints from this area, and we did undertake attended and non-attended noise monitoring. The results showed that we were within compliance levels well inside areas such as Ford St and we have collected data for a six to ten-month period.</p> <p>NB to provide TP with a supply of Community Hotline fridge magnets.</p> <p>[TT] Dust since mid-January has improved, regarding blasting, we don't hear or see as much as we did last year. The outlook is better than November 2019, good job.</p> <p>[RU] Really good job on the rehabilitation work, I appreciate it. Top job.</p> <p>[SP] Preference is for Muswellbrook Shire Council staff to attend CCC meetings. Relevant information will be conveyed back to Councillors. In relation to the upcoming Rail 2 Project, MACH Energy needs to make sure Traffic Management Plans are in place and to ensure the community are kept informed of activities.</p>
<p><b>4. Mount Pleasant Operation Update - RB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHPP operating and processing rates ramping up;</li> <li>Averaging two trains per day throughout June/July;</li> <li>Pit development continues into E&amp;F;</li> <li>Geofluv landform shaping progressing well;</li> <li>Thiess have six Maintenance Apprentices, with the majority from Muswellbrook and local area;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• And 11 Production trainees with majority from Muswellbrook and local area; and</li> <li>• CHPP operator Sedgman are working in partnership with Blackrock/Protech and MACH Energy to recruit two local Aboriginal trainees.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dust Lidar – University of Newcastle (UoN) Partnership update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MACH Energy sponsored UoN PhD student Liam Sutton who commenced working with the Dust Lidar unit in April 2020. Mr Sutton, originally from Singleton will be working on and improving the Lidar unit;</li> <li>• The Dust Lidar unit is expected to be ready for site trials at Mount Pleasant in September 2020. [WP] How does the Dust Lidar Unit work with dust?</li> <li>• [RB] The unit helps with density of dust cloud, tracking where it goes and the makeup of particles.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tailings to Topsoil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project is underway in collaboration with Bengalla and Muswellbrook Shire Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>BioMass for BioEnergy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progressing with tree planting on site at Roxburgh Road expected by August 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rail 2 Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early works expected in Q4 2020.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Applications &amp; Approvals - CL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [WP] What's the timing on closing Castle Rock Road?</li> <li>• [CL] It is approximately five to six years away. We understand that MSC has their road strategy and where the Mount Pleasant development might impact on a road by closing it, we need to make suitable arrangements to ensure access for all residents.</li> <li>• The State Significant Development (SSD) Application for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project (the Project) is progressing;</li> <li>• The Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the Project were issued by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on 17 February 2020;</li> <li>• Referral of the Project to the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE) under the EPBC Act is complete;</li> <li>• Consultation with other Government agencies and the community will be ongoing;</li> <li>• [WP] Is Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC) part of the equation? How do you link the two?</li> <li>• [CL] There will be consultation with MSC and all elements from the EIS will be presented. I would expect the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) meetings to be held later this year at or around the time of lodgement. MSC have also participated in the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) process.</li> <li>• Most of the baseline monitoring required for the Project Environment Impact Statement (EIS) has been completed, some additional noise monitoring to be completed in August;</li> <li>• Environmental assessments that will support the Project EIS (e.g. Air</li> </ul>

	<p>Quality Assessment) are progressing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Impact Assessment is underway in accordance with the SEARs;</li> <li>• The outcomes of key environmental assessments will be presented to the next CCC or standalone meeting, prior to EIS lodgement;</li> </ul> <p>Key assessment results to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Quality;</li> <li>• Noise and Blasting; and</li> <li>• Water Resources.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Land Management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warrawee / Thorndale - Castlerock Road, Native Seed Harvesting - Autumn harvest completed, quantity yet to be provided by Diversity Seeds, preparing to harvest forbs in late July or early August;</li> <li>• “Negoa Homestead” – works nearing completion of two upstairs rooms, stairwell and one downstairs room;</li> <li>• Demolition Programme 2020 – commenced in June 2020 – current programme of five houses;</li> <li>• Weed Spraying – in conjunction with the MACH’s environmental team commenced a property wide Yearly Weed Management Program using Enright Land Management – focus in July and August on Boxthorn;</li> <li>• Bushfire Management – all Mount Pleasant bush fire trails are inspected on a monthly basis during summer. All main fire trails have been slashed in recent months, this is a shared arrangement between Land and Property and environmental departments;</li> <li>• Autumn Inspection and Report on the Natural Native Pasture Regeneration Paddocks was completed in on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Trial plots have commenced but slowed by rain/access issues;</li> <li>• New Paddock Assessment Tool – ongoing and numbers are increasing as users get used to the system;</li> <li>• Stage V of the Llangollen Shearing Shed Project – completed;</li> <li>• Firesticks Alliance – Cool Burn on Broomfield 4 scheduled for three days commencing on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020;</li> <li>• Restocking of offset properties – Warrawoona 18 cows and calves, Gumridge 64 dry cows, Blackrock 653 cows, 39 calves and 53 steers, St Antoine 329 cows and calves plus 320 weaners Clare Park still destocked. Quarter II REM Agricultural Audit due in July;</li> <li>• Rain – all offset properties received between 500 and 600mm year to date. Except for Warrawoona, Gunnedah with 450mm;</li> <li>• Fencing Projects – Mount Pleasant, Wybong Road commenced on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Various minor fencing projects are ongoing;</li> <li>• Fencing Offsets – 4.2km of internal fence renewal on Blackrock commenced. Wahrane 4.6km nearing completion. Agreement to commence next stage of Pitlochry towards the end of 2020;</li> <li>• Bores – conversion of exiting bores from mains power or diesel will be an ongoing process through 2020 at Blackrock – Merrivale conversion completed. Drilling of new bore completed on Warrawoona in June 2020 – quotations being sought for infrastructure. Next project will be Two Mile Creek Bore on St Antoine when Gunnedah project completed;</li> <li>• Warrawoona Hay Shed - replacement of storm damaged farm shed for Warrawoona; Gunnedah completed; and</li> <li>• Routine homestead maintenance and repairs – ongoing.</li> </ul> <p>• [RU] Great fence on Wybong Road, it’s a beauty.          • [JM] I support the comment, the fence looks great.          • [LB] I agree, it looks terrific.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[IW] Eventually the whole boundary will be to that standard.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Environment</b></p>	<p><b>Air Quality Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No air quality non-compliances for 2020 YTD;</li> <li>Three (3) new CAT Watercarts expected 2021;</li> <li>CHPP measures including water sprays, luffing of stacker, multiple CCTV monitors, two hourly walkthroughs by supervisors during adverse weather conditions;</li> <li>Dust suppression polymers used on exposed areas and drill patterns.</li> <li>Ongoing forecast modelling and real time alerts (SMS/email) to assist with operational planning and daily activities</li> <li>MACH Energy ongoing support of ACARP and University of Newcastle studies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Blasting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>38 blasts YTD (January - June 2020)</li> <li>All blast results within relevant criteria and compliant.</li> </ul> <p><b>Noise</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly attended noise monitoring ongoing;</li> <li>All noise monitoring results compliant YTD;</li> <li>Ongoing forecast modelling and real time alerts (SMS/email) to assist with operational planning and daily activities, including the Thiess Compliance Assessment Tool (CAT).</li> </ul> <p>Independent Environmental Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full report on MACH website</li> </ul> <p><b>Operational Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feral Animal Control including pig trapping, rabbit eradication, kangaroos;</li> <li>Flesh/meat delivered to Devils Ark;</li> <li>Weed spraying including the access road, and topsoil stockpiles;</li> <li>Tree planting &gt;5,000 Rehabilitation, 2,500 on premises, and &gt;10,000 for Spring planting</li> <li>Erosion and sediment control program including de-silting of drains, northern diversion drain, MIA Borrow pit remediation;</li> <li>Bushfire Management Plan Review;</li> <li>Culturally Informed Cool Burn planned for this winter;</li> </ul> <p><b>Cultural Cool Burn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revival of Cultural Burning practices with the support of the Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation;</li> </ul> <p>[WP] Is this MACH Land? Can you take photos?          [AR] Yes, External Relations will be able to provide photos.          [WP] What is the process?          [AR] Burn small patches at a time, not intense fire which burns underneath larger trees, If it does improve the land, will consider another burn next year.</p>

	<p>[JM] Met with Ian Webber, as involved in the fire brigade, a lot of green, an indigenous cultural learning is important, hoping it still might go ahead as there is a lot of value.</p> <p>[RU] What does the monitor at Negoa track?</p> <p>[AR] Noise is monitored at this station.</p>
<b>8. Community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Complaints Graph shows the type of complaints received and the total number of complaints at the end of June is 53 YTD.</li> </ul> <p>[JM] I received a phone call recently from a member of the community, he knew I was a member of the CCC. I found it difficult in the end to have a conversation with the caller and I contact NB and briefed her about the call. I learnt the history that MACH Energy has done in the past and what they have done to manage this. I offered to meet with the caller, however, he declined, he did not want to meet with me.</p> <p>[JM] Some of these people who are concerned have a different understanding how the CCC works, we are briefed on complaints, but names and actual address details are not provided due to privacy reasons. This person was particularly upset that their name was never mentioned, or openly discussed. This person thought we (the CCC) weren't very effective. It is very difficult for a mining operation to always have the answers for near neighbours.</p> <p>[WP] Do you have any groups or meet with other mines?</p> <p>[NB] Yes, I set up the local Mine Community Group and we speak via Teams or message when we have a quick question via WhatsApp. We talk about a range of items from local traffic, rubbish on Wybong Road, blasting and community complaints.</p> <p>[JM] This communication between other mines is really good. Some years ago, this wasn't available.</p> <p>[WP] Make sure the messages are getting through.</p> <p>[LB] Massive step forward that you communicate with all the mines within the area. <li>Community Sponsorship; Merriwa Pony Club Camp, Aberdeen Care Cadets, Vinnies Community Sleepout for Muswellbrook homeless Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Rotary Club of Scone, NAIDOC Week &amp; National Breast Cancer Foundation</li> <p>[JM] Wonderful that the mines have come together to provide a bathroom facility for the Wybong RFS, we are very grateful.</p> </p>
<b>9. General Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>10. Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Date: 15.10.20</b></p> <p><b>Time: 10:00am</b> (if no mine tour, meeting will commence at 10:00) To view CHPP</p> <p><b>Location: TBA with Covid-19 restrictions, (do we need to wear masks? If we meet in person)</b></p>
<b>11. Close</b>	Meeting closed at 1:23pm

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