

## Record of Meeting – Community Consultative Committee

<b>Date</b>	30 April 2020
<b>Time Start</b>	10:06 am
<b>Time Finish</b>	11:40 am
<b>Location</b>	Teleconference
<b>Minutes</b>	Lesley McLoughlin [LM]

<b>Opening of Meeting</b>	Meeting opened at 10:06am
<b>Chair</b>	Wej Paradise [WP]
<b>Community Consultative Committee Members</b>	Llewellyn Bates [LB], Rod Upton [RU], Trevor Parkinson [TP],
<b>1. Apologies</b>	Mayor M Rush [MR] Jonathon Moore [JM] Tim Troon [TT]
<b>Government Department Representatives</b>	Nil
<b>Muswellbrook Shire Council</b>	Sharon Pope [SP]
<b>Mount Pleasant Operation</b>	Ngaire Baker [NB], Richard Bailey [RB], Andrew Reid [AR], Ian Webber [IW], Chris Lauritzen [CL], Lesley McLoughlin [LM]
<b>Thiess Representatives</b>	Peter York [PY], Whitney Claxton [WC]
<b>Declaration of Pecuniary Interests</b>	WP requested that Members disclose if they have any pecuniary interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[WP] Receives payment to chair the Mount Pleasant Operation CCC.</li> </ul>
<b>Safety Share</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[RB] Changes to work during Covid-19. A full range of controls in place, increased hygiene, separation in offices, temperature checking on arrival on site etc.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Previous Minutes</b>	The Minutes from the previous meeting <b>December 12th, 2019</b> were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved by [RU] seconded by [LB].
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[WP] – Complaints updates to be discussed in community section by [NB]</li> </ul>
<b>4. Community Member Update</b>	Community Consultative Committee Member Comments and feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[JM] In his absence, via email, Mr Moore is requesting an update on the status of the SIA. Also mentions when driving to town along Wybong Road there is nasty erosion on the side of the road.</li> <li>[JM] The Eastern rehabilitation is going well and well done to all.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [LB] Along Wybong Road, the edge of the crest on the left-hand side, as you drive east is very badly eroded, if you had to pull over, it is very deep.</li> <li>• [RB] Location of area confirmed. Skippens Lane.</li> <li>• [LB] How much of Wybong Road from the rail loop is your responsibility?</li> <li>• [RB] Our area of responsibility is to the gate into the rail loop. MSC undertakes immediate road safety inspections and we carry out road condition inspections. The area to the east of the rail loop gate is Council's responsibility to maintain.</li> <li>• [LB] On Wybong Road, in the centre of the road, in the areas mentioned above, there is noticeable deterioration, drivers are moving on the wrong side of the road to avoid the dirt as the bitumen has disappeared</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Operations Update - RB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development work continues in Pits E &amp; F. The first blast has taken place and excavation has commenced. We understand this work has increased the level of noise impact for near receivers on the northern end of the operation.</li> <li>• We are working on the same process as in Pits A to D where we are building the out of pit emplacement on the eastern side to ensure protection is provided as quickly as possible. We are under our noise criteria and are focused on trying very hard not to impact residents as we work to develop the mining operation to the north.</li> <li>• Good progress with landform and reshaping, more stag trees planted and seeding also progressing well. Approximately 12 hectares of topsoil spreading has taken place this month with the same projected in May.</li> <li>• Work still underway to relocate the Ausgrid 66kV powerline to Dorset Road. Expect to be energised by mid-June.</li> <li>• CHPP update sees coal processing progressing with the ramp up in process capacity, commissioning finalised from October 2019.</li> <li>• Stockpile expansion works almost complete.</li> <li>• MOD 4 Rail project has seen substantial progress. Planning underway and working through final detailed design. Secondary approvals are mostly in place, outstanding items with Muswellbrook Shire Council and working with MSC asking them to move forward with approvals. Start of construction expected in August 2020.</li> <li>• The installation of the new Hunter River pump station will include a wet well adjacent the Hunter River and booster pumps to be located on the mining lease near the sediment dam. The relocation of the booster pumps to the mine will significantly reduce and potential noise near Muswellbrook.</li> <li>• Stakeholder engagement for the Rail 2 Project will be undertaken by [NB] and will include consultation on all aspects of the Project.</li> <li>• We continue to work with the University of Newcastle on a variety of projects, some of which have been impacted by Covid-19 restrictions.</li> <li>• <i>[RU] Richard, you have put a lot of coal and dirt near Kayuga Road, is it second grade coal? Why is it there?</i></li> <li>• <i>[RB] Rod, it is coal that is oxidised and as part of our Management</i></li> </ul>

	<p><i>Plan we are required to keep it away from the final surface.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>[TP] Richard, the rehabilitation is brilliant in my books. It looks really good from Muswellbrook. All the work they are doing is really good, shaping and everything else. It is a positive sign compared to our neighbours, people in town have been commenting and it is all positive feedback. I have had at least eight to ten people coming up to me and they are being really positive. The talk used to be all negative. See, people in town are interested and I tell them straight out about the work that you are all doing.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Applications &amp; Approvals - CL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on SSD preparation, fortunate that field work took place prior to Covid-19 restrictions.</li> <li>• On target to lodge the SSD at the end of 2020.</li> <li>• The NSW Government Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) were received on 17 February 2020. Details are available online.</li> <li>• The major piece of work about to commence is the second phase of the SIA assessment. [NB] and Rachel Mass, consultant from <i>Just Add Lime</i> are currently working to develop online consultation tools due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Engagement will commence towards the end of May 2020.</li> <li>• Over coming months MACH Energy will meet with NSW Department of Planning and Muswellbrook Shire Council to provide an update. The CCC will also be kept up to date.</li> <li>• <i>[WP] is the SEARS available on your website? [CL] all relevant documents are available on the Department of Planning website.</i></li> <li>• [NB] send the links to CCC.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Land Management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warrawee / Thorndale - Castlerock Road, Native Seed Harvesting. Going well, 1.7t last year in seed, this could be double in 2020.</li> <li>• "Negoa Homestead" – Stage 2 of refurbishment completed. Stage 3 commenced</li> <li>• Rosebrook upstairs repairs completed.</li> <li>• Demolition Program for 2019 has been completed. Covid-19 has caused delays in 2020. Waiting for quote for the next five houses. Hazmat inspections completed.</li> <li>• Weed Spraying is ongoing, working with the MACH Energy Environmental team. Recently completed Hunter Riverbank spraying at The Billabongs and Kenmarie for Cestrum, Boxthorn and Blackberry.</li> <li>• Bushfire Management, all Mount Pleasant Bush Fire trails are inspected on a monthly basis during the fire season. Trials have been slashed.</li> <li>• The Bellview Spring 2019 Inspection and Report of the Natural Native Pasture Regeneration Paddocks was completed on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020, waiting on report.</li> <li>• Stage 4 of the Llangollen shearing shed works is completed (plumbing and guttering).</li> <li>• Four of six Offset properties were destocked. This was in excess of 2000 head of cattle. Since good rain in February, 2020 a systematic re stocking has been allowed. Licensees are now bringing stock back onto LMU 4 paddocks in a staggered approach. The Quarterly Ag Audit was completed in early April by REM and further LMU paddocks will be</li> </ul>

	<p>opened in coming weeks. Recovery is truly amazing, can send through photos if requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flora Study was completed on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 by AMBS Ecology, the 2020 survey in Spring will be fauna.</li> <li>• Offset weed management is focusing on Briar and Blackberry.</li> <li>• Mount Pleasant Fencing Projects - Dorset Road, some 5 km is complete with Wybong and Kayuga Roads the next focus.</li> <li>• Cattle Creek Bore and Solar Array completed. The next conversion will be the Merrivale bore at Blackrock. A new bore at Warrawoona, Gunnedah has been approved by Water NSW. This will allow for better strategic grazing of the property. – drilling quotations are being sourced.</li> <li>• Lawlerville Homestead repairs and maintenance are now complete, and the property has been tenanted. Other repairs and maintenance completed at Blackrock and Brigadoon Homesteads.</li> <li>• A section of Amaroo, 120 Roxburgh Road has been leased to the DPI for a biomass trial. Trees to be planted in June 2020.</li> <li>• We are working with Aboriginal Group, Firesticks Alliance, LALC, RFS, LLS and Tocal College (TAFE) to firstly inspect Broomfield 4 with the view of undertaking a cool burn on a section of that land. The first inspection will take place in early May 2020.</li> <li>• <i>[LB] Ian, are you starting on Broomfield?</i></li> <li>• <i>[IW], Yes, that is our intention, however, no inspection has taken place yet, it is still in early stages.</i></li> <li>• <i>[RU] Ian, you recently undertook a kangaroo cull on the offset properties around Mount Pleasant. I was really pleased to read that the meat was supplied to Devils Ark in the Barrington's. Well done to all involved.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Environment</b></p>	<p><b>Air Quality Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four months ago, in the middle of the drought, we were getting close to exceeding our long-time criteria, we did go over with the weather conditions and self-reported to DPIE. Undertook investigation with our consultants.</li> <li>• Smoke was observed in the last quarter of 2019 with 24 days where smoke was quite significant. There was another 33 days (57 total extraordinary event days) inclusive of the dust storms declared by the DPIE during this period. Once those days are excluded from the dataset as per our consent conditions, then we are compliant.,</li> <li>• While there were no air quality non-compliances, there were six relating to air quality (dust). A couple of these complaints came via the EPA and DPIE. MACH Energy does encourage the community to contact the Community Hotline directly to register complaints.</li> <li>• Agree with the CCC that the rehabilitation dozer operators are doing a fantastic job.</li> <li>• <i>[PY] Last year, very dry conditions, as far as air quality is concerned, hot weather, dry, bush fires and drought. We need to be improving and maintaining operations where we can. We have installed a new water fill point with ten tanks and a standpipe. This installation will minimize this distance covered by water carts to fill up. Dust suppression is available to use whenever the operators in the pit they think they need it. The water carts have GPS installed to provide to the EPA, and community. The water carts are in constant operation, watering dust and minimizing the air quality impact on Muswellbrook.</i></li> <li>• <i>[TP] Last three months, since we have had the rain, the air quality has improved 100%, I have to keep a pool clean and I have noticed a big difference at home.</i></li> </ul>

<p><b>9. Community</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Investment from January 2019 to April 2020 is in excess of \$240,000.</li> <li>• A total of 21 donations in excess of \$50,000 have been postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions.</li> <li>• Ongoing stakeholder engagement for construction of the 66kV power line road etc., Bulk shaping activities on night shift, Rail 2 Project and monitoring of vehicles on Kayuga Bridge.</li> <li>• Attended various committee meetings prior to March including the monthly Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry breakfast meeting, St Heliers Correctional Centre CCC, The Great Cattle Dog Muster, Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Economic &amp; Social Development Working Group and NSW Minerals Council Communications Committee and Annual Health, Safety, Environment &amp; Community Conference Organising Committee.</li> <li>• Sponsorships confirmed for the Upper Hunter Educational Fund, Stuarts Brook RFS, Merriwa Race Club, Aberdeen Pony Club, Bengalla Charity Golf Day, Local Aboriginal Land Council Rugby 7's Team, Muswellbrook Netball, Hunter Life Education, Muswellbrook Pre-School, Merriwa Polocrosse, Scone Neighbourhood Centre, Singleton Strikers Football Club, NAIDOC Week Awards, NAIDOC Week, Denman Rugby League, Muswellbrook Rugby League, Great Cattle Dog Muster, Australian Stock Horse Society Muswellbrook, Merriwa Rugby League, Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Upper Hunter Show, St Heliers Heavy Horse Field Day.</li> <li>• Our annual Clean Up Australia Day took place on Wybong Road with the help of team members from Thiess, Sedgman and SGS, including neighbour William Moore.</li> <li>• We participated in the first of the Upper Hunter Schools Breakfast events for 2020 at Muswellbrook's Roger Street School. As a sponsor of this event we assisted with breakfast preparation, sporting activities and meeting the staff, students and parents.</li> <li>• The 2020 ACDF Cultural Spectacular is due to be held in August 2020. A decision will be made in early May regarding postponing the event until 2021.</li> <li>• <i>[WP] Ngairé, regarding the complaints, does "unknown" mean they have come through the EPA hotline?</i></li> <li>• <i>[NB] Yes, sometimes, however, we do received calls to the Community Hotline where callers will not give their name, address or contact details.</i></li> <li>• <i>[RB] We have noise monitors east to the mine, and we are establishing an additional monitor near Negoa. We expect it to be operational in the next coming weeks. The recorded data is connected to our internal systems and as soon as we reach a particular level, we adjust operations.</i></li> <li>• <i>[LB] Noise monitor, place on Bengalla side. Where is that going to be placed?</i></li> <li>• <i>[RB] Eastern side, Wiltons Lane.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>10. General Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [RU] Congratulate everyone on the rehabilitation work, the dozer driver is doing excellent work.</li> <li>• [JM] The Eastern rehabilitation is going well and well done to all.</li> </ul>

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<b>11. Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Date:</b> 18.06.2020</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 10:00am</p> <p><b>Location:</b> TBA keeping in mind Covid-19 restrictions</p>
<b>12. Close</b>	Meeting closed at 11:40pm

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