

Mt Owen Complex

Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson:	Val Scott
Minute-taker:	Sarah Brown (AECOM)
Date:	15.07.2011
Time:	10:00am – 11:30am
Location:	Glendell Training Room

1. Opening of Meeting	Meeting opened by Val Scott at 10:00am.
1.1 Present	<i>Community:</i> Wendy Williams [WW], Jenny Marshall [JM] <i>Singleton Council:</i> Val Scott [VS], Godfrey Adamthwaite [GA] <i>Mt Owen Complex:</i> Glenn Cook [GC] (Glendell), Tony Israel [TI] (Glendell), David Currey [DC] (Glendell), Trevor Wells [TW] (Xstrata Coal NSW (XCN)), Ashley McLeod [AM] (Mt Owen Complex), Peter York [PY] (Thiess), Ross Burden [RB] (Thiess), Craig Strudwick [CS] (XCN) <i>Other:</i> Ben Harrison (Department of Planning and Infrastructure)
1.2 Apologies	Jeroen Hendricks (Thiess), Alec Schiemerer (Community), Annemieke Grosser (Mount Owen Complex), Deirdre Olofsson (Community), Sarah Roberts (Council), Brian Thomas (Council), Gillian Holmes (Community), Michael Spiteri (Community), Patricia Bestic (Community).
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	No pecuniary interests declared.
3. Previous Minutes and Actions	The minutes from the previous meeting held on 18 March 2011 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved by GC and seconded by VS.
4. Mt Owen Complex Update	Slideshow presentation update on Mount Owen Complex provided by Glenn Cook. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advertised and filled CHPP roles and planning has commenced for operational transition in Q4.• Glendell Mine Open Day currently being planned for September. We will be sending invites to CCC and local community members.• Website upgrade almost complete for the Mt Owen Complex. Feedback will be sought at next meeting.• 1st Newsletter for 2011 to be released in July.
4. Social Involvement/Community Engagement Mt Owen Complex	Update on community support and social involvement was provided by Glenn Cook. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outlined community support in Health / Cultural / Arts / Education / Social areas.• VS asked if donation to community member for cancer treatment was from the workers or the company. GC explained it was from the company.• Video presentation of the XCN CSI (Corporate Social

	<p>Involvement) Program. VS commented on the excellent job done by the company as shown by the video.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TW stated that booklets will be available on XCN CSI Program. AM asked how Xstrata selects partners (shown in video presentation). CS explained that projects are picked from the Hunter Valley and surrounding areas that are not-for-profit, robust, with clearly set sustainable outcomes that create a good change in one of the five areas. TW added that each site can pick their own projects and use their own budget to help the local area. VS commented that this was excellent.
5. Update on Operational Performance of Mt Owen	<p>An update on Mt Owen Continued Operations was provided by Trevor Wells.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General project overview included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential Hebden Rd Diversion Options - Ravensworth East Continuation - MIA Upgrades & Product Stockpile Extension - Mt Owen SE Continuation - Rail Overpass and Bowmans Ck Bridge - Rail Spur and Line Duplication • Key operational and environmental aspects • SIA and stakeholder engagement • Project Timeline
5.1 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – Total Suspended Particulates (Mt Owen)	<p>Update on Mt Owen Operational Performance by Peter York.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stable, data showing a downward trend. • Rolling average remained below compliance level at all sites.
5.2 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – PM10 (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no exceedances in the continuous PM₁₀ compliance limits for March to June 2011.
5.3 Air Quality – Depositional Dust (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling annual average below exceedance criteria for all sites.
5.4 Blasting (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobles Monitor recorded 119dB on 23rd June 2011. Only 1.3% of Mt Owen blasts were above 115dB last financial year – this is within the compliance limit of 5%.
5.5 Complaints (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 complaints YTD; predominantly noise related.
5.6 Environmental Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40ha of rehabilitation undertaken on the Main Dump at Mt Owen. This area to be seeded in late July / August. • Wild dog baiting undertaken during June. • Weed spraying continued on the WOOP dump and 215 dump targeting environmental weeds. • External ISO 14001 Certification (Environmental Management Systems) audit undertaken. No major non-compliances identified. • First record of a Brush Tailed Phascogale at Mt Owen since monitoring began in 1996; using nest boxes previously installed. • Opportunistic observation of a Spotted Quoll leaving the

	<p>rehabilitation area during the day and a Northern Brown Bandicoot. This is also the first confirmed record of the species at Mt Owen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos of fauna monitoring shown.
6. Glendell Operational Performance Update	Update on Glendell Operational Performance by Glenn Cook.
6.1 Air Quality – Depositional Dust (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One site above the OEH limit (DG4) – external influence known to be the cause in December. All other data below OEH limit.
6.2 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – PM10 (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no exceedances in the continuous PM₁₀ compliance limits for March to June 2011.
6.3 Blasting (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All overpressure results for April to June 2011 period were within licence limits. • Vibration results were all below their respective licence limits for the same period.
6.4 Noise (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of the attended noise monitoring program conducted during Q2 showed that Glendell Mine was complying with the noise assessment criteria. • In response to complaints on reverse alarms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video of new broadband alarm to be put in place. BH asked when this was to be implemented. GC answered they were to be phased in over next few months. TI added that the target date was two months. Added that the sound dissipates over short distance unlike the existing beep reverse system; proven robust system and very effective.
6.5 Complaints (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 complaints YTD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13 complaints for noise. - 2 complaints for dust. - 1 complaint for blasts. • BH asked if noise complaints were from one location. GC answered that majority were from Camberwell village. • WW commented that she felt two blasts at home but was unable to locate the appropriate phone number. BH supplied contact card. GC Advised that he would follow up on this. • WW also commented that she is usually contacted by the gravel quarry prior to blasting.
6.6 Rehabilitation & Community (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehab ahead of schedule – focus of works on the rehabilitation of the Barrett face. • Photo of rehab shown.
6.7 Feral Animal and Weed Control (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn sand pad results showed a low abundance of dogs and high abundance of foxes. • Focus on weed control at Bowman’s Creek. • Autumn / Winter focus on Mother of Millions, African Boxthorn, Pampas grass, and <i>Acacia saligna</i> in rehabilitation
7. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WW asked if Xstrata had bought good property in Merriwa for carbon credits. TW answered that this was unknown but believed to be another company. WW asked whether Xstrata were looking

	<p>for green offset properties to offset impact by operating areas. TW to follow up.</p> <p>WW stated that she cannot understand why mines buy good farming land outside of mining regions; mines should stay in area for carbon credits. Are there other motives for buying in other areas.</p> <p>TW stated that offsets are creating other issues, with Coal and Allied having purchased substantial amounts of land.</p> <p>VS requested TW report back to WW directly on Xstrata's green offsets or at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BH handed cards out to CCC members and to feel free to take community issues to him or to the mine itself; will look into the issue for them. <p>BH added that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure would not be regularly attending this meeting – they would attend all sites once – unless requested otherwise. Please call for any issues.</p>
8. Next Meeting	Friday 18 November 2011
9. Meeting Closed	11:30am

Items to be Actioned for next CCC Meeting

Item	Person Responsible	Timing
Provide information to WW whether land was purchased at Merriwa by Xstrata for carbon credits.	Trevor Wells / Tony Israel	Complete. TI spoke with Wendy Williams following the CCC and advised that Xstrata had not purchased land in Merriwa for carbon credits.