

Mt Owen Complex

Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Final minutes pending acceptance by the committee at the next meeting

Chairperson:	Val Scott
Minute-taker:	Sarah Brown
Date:	25.11.2011
Time:	10:05am – 11:55am
Location:	Glendell Training Room

1. Opening of Meeting	Meeting opened by Val Scott at 10:05am.
1.1 Present	<i>Community:</i> Deirdre Olofsson [DO], Michael Spiteri [MS]
	<i>Singleton Council:</i> Val Scott [VS], Godfrey Adamthwaite [GA], Brian Thomas [BT]
	<i>Mt Owen Complex:</i> Annemieke Grosser [AG] , Ashley McLeod [AM], Pam Simpson [PS]
	<i>Glendell:</i> Glenn Cook [GC], Tony Israel [TI], David Currey [DC]
	<i>Thiess:</i> Peter York [PY], Jeroen Hendriks [JH]
	<i>Other:</i>
1.2 Apologies	Alec Schiemerer (Community), Gillian Holmes (Community), Jenny Marshall (Community), Wendy Williams (Community), Patricia Bestic (Community) Note: Alec, Jenny and Patricia were apologies on the morning of the CCC due to the recent wet weather and localised flooding.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	No pecuniary interests declared.
3. Previous Minutes and Actions	The minutes from the previous meeting held on 15 July 2011 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved by VS and seconded by GA. The actions required from the previous meeting were followed up on 15 July 2011 by Trevor Wells – <ul style="list-style-type: none">Request by Wendy Williams for further information regarding the purchase of Green Offset land by Xstrata.
4. Mt Owen Complex Update	Slideshow presentation update on Mount Owen Complex provided by AG. Topics covered include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">New noise attenuated equipment to start arriving at Mt Owen.Mt Owen took over operation of the CHPP on 16th October from Thiess. The Mt Owen Environmental Pollution Licence (EPL) will be transferred from Thiess to Mt Owen P/L.Air Quality Pollution Reduction Programs (PRP) are being added to all Mt Owen Complex EPL's by the end of 2011. Response to draft provided to OEH.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aim is to formalise a process by which to investigate dust sources, rank these and propose additional mitigation measures ○ Agreed mitigation measures will be implemented / monitored and progress reported to Office Environment and Heritage (OEH). ○ Progress will also be communicated at CCC meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushfire Management Plan update/ inspections with Rural Fire Service and neighbouring land holder. Tracks slashed. • Social Involvement Plan reviewed/updated for 2012 program. • 2nd Newsletter to be released in December 2011. • 3-yearly Independent Compliance Audit is planned for December 2011 for the Mt Owen Complex. <p>VS asked if the audit was conducted by local Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI) Officers. AG answered that the mine puts forward an audit company to act on behalf of the Director General of DoPI.</p> <p>Action 1: Provide feedback on the results of the compliance audit to the community at the next CCC meeting.</p>
<p>5. Social Involvement/Community Engagement Mt Owen Complex</p>	<p>Slideshow presentation update on social involvement and community engagement provided by Annemieke Grosser.</p> <p>Outlined community support in Social / Health / Environment areas – with donations to Samaritans Christmas Lunch; Mai Wel; Carer of the Year Awards; Wildlife Aid; Devil Ark program (with the adoption of “Glendell” the Tasmanian Devil); MS Sydney to Gong bike ride; and Captain Courageous.</p> <p>VS asked if CCC will receive notification following up the Captain Courageous sponsorship.</p> <p>Action 2: Provide the captain courageous brochure to the CCC members with the minutes of the November CCC meeting.</p> <p>TI explained the next sponsorship program is to provide assistance to Hunter Public Schools for the economically disadvantaged – providing breakfast, uniforms, books and covering fees for school excursions. Academic trusts for each school year would allow teachers to identify the students in need. Initially a Glendell initiative, the program has been picked up by XCN for yearly sponsorship.</p> <p>Action 3: Presentation on the programme for disadvantaged Hunter School kids to be provided during next year’s CCC meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Owen Complex attended the official opening of Mt Pleasant School’s shaded play area and new library/class room. Mt Owen Complex previously contributed \$20,000 to this project. <p>Visitors to Mount Owen Complex included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Singleton Heights Pre-School; - Xstrata and local farmers from Queensland – positive feedback and useful advice on nutrient levels discussed; - Xstrata visits from Mick Buffier and XCN; - Rio Tinto Global Environment Group tour; and - upcoming tours for the UH Mining Dialogue – Rehabilitation tours. <p>PY explained that the Rio Tinto tour was to show how they can improve rehabilitation processes to achieve the same outcomes, with overseas input and information transfer providing good insight.</p>

	<p>BT commented that it was very good to see results from rehabilitation and dust suppression trials shared between companies.</p>
6. Update on Operational Performance of Mt Owen	<p>Slideshow presentation update on Mt Owen Complex Environmental Performance presented by Peter York.</p>
6.1 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – Total Suspended Particulates (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling average remained below compliance level at all sites. • Noted are the elevated levels during the week of prevailing wind gusts – North-West and southerly change following.
6.2 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – PM ₁₀ (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no exceedances in the continuous PM₁₀ compliance limits for July to October 2011. • Slight upward trend with the Ravensworth Farm monitor being influenced by activity to the west. <p>BT asked where the nearest location to Glendell is in regards to the OEH monitoring network.</p> <p>PY advised Camberwell is the closest OEH air quality monitoring site.</p> <p>BT explained that three out of four days the OEH monitor records an exceedance but there are no exceedances on Glendell's results.</p> <p>AG explained that there will be some variation but the main differences are in the way the data is presented as OEH reports hourly data whereas the CCC is provided a daily 24-hour average. OEH also presents an Air Quality Index on the main page rather than the raw data (available on another web page).</p>
6.3 Air Quality – Depositional Dust (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling annual average below exceedance criteria for all sites.
6.4 Blasting (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No exceedances for blasting overpressure from July to October 2011.
6.5 Complaints (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low level of complaints with no complaints in the last quarter – August to October 2011.
6.6 Environmental Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 ha of Open Woodland Seeded in August 2011. • Construction of the WOOP dump drop structures started in September 2011. This work is to continue over the next few months. • Bushfire Management Inspections undertaken with NSW Rural Fire Service and Local Landholders to prepare for the fire season. • Animal care and ethics approval submitted to NSW I&I for a Spotted Quoll GPS tracking project. Once approved the project will begin in January 2012.
7. Glendell Operational Performance Update	<p>Slideshow presentation update on Glendell Operational Performance by Glenn Cook.</p>
7.1 Air Quality – Depositional Dust (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One site above the EPA limit (DG4) – external influence known to be the cause in December (15g/m²/month); ploughing in nearby paddock. • All other sites the rolling annual average was below exceedance criteria. DG8 had decoy bird perches installed – results show

	significant improvement at the site.
7.2 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – PM ₁₀ (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no exceedances in the continuous PM₁₀ compliance limits for July to October 2011. • Spikes in September as result of high winds however still within Glendell criteria. Alarms received on both days and OCE inspected site dust levels. Ben Harrison (DoPI Compliance Officer) was onsite for an unannounced dust inspection during one of the high dust readings and reported that the site’s dust was being well managed.
7.3 Blasting (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All overpressure results for July to October 2011 period were within licence limits. • Vibration results were all below their respective licence limits for the same period.
7.4 Noise (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment noise testing has been completed for 2011. • Noise results for the winter attended noise monitoring were within compliance criteria. • Completed the implementation of the “broadband” reversing alarms in all equipment.
7.5 Complaints (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 complaints 2011 YTD; most regarding noise. <p>TI added that Ben Harrison has been on site numerous times and noted it has been a bad year for inversions which may be correlated to the increase of complaints.</p> <p>DO enquired about the implementation of on site of weather prediction and the ensuing amendment to operations with a view to reducing noise emissions.</p> <p>PS answered that XCN plans and processes were occurring that included using predictions ahead of time to enable changes to operations as required.</p> <p>AG added that general observations to noise level were also made, and with inversions occurring more in winter and the start of spring the mine planning would factor this in and change equipment as required.</p>
7.6 Rehabilitation & Community (XMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about rehabilitation targets. BT asked what ratio of forest to ground cover / pasture. TI answered 30% forest to 70% pasture. TI added that to reduce dust they use in-pit tipping methods. AG explained they do not strip more than 100m in advance. TI added that the philosophy of Glendell is they do not disturb more than they have to, rehab as much a possible and as close to the operations as possible; often more than required. • Family and Community Open Day – 11th and 18th September 2011 - 920 people over the two weekends - Included tours of sites, dump trucks and stalls.
7.7 Feral Animal and Weed Control (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feral Animal Control – Winter Program: - 1080 Baiting stations - Soft Jaw trapping - 19 Baits taken from 126 baits laid – 5 dogs and 14 foxes. • Feral animal results for spring pending. • Weed Control 2011 Ongoing:

	<p>- Winter / Spring focus areas - Giant Reed, Mother of Millions, Cape Tulip, Saffron Thistle - Rehabilitation Galenia, <i>Acacia saligna</i> - December 2011 St John's Wort</p>
<p>8. General Business</p>	<p>GA asked how to get information from CCC – what other systems were in place for the community to access; newsletters, etc. AG answered that the website is available. GA asked if there are alternatives for people who cannot or do not use the website – besides word of mouth. TI opened the topic to any thoughts or suggestions. AG added that the newsletter would be an opportunity to list CCC members and their details. BT added that people can go to council and the library to view minutes to be able to identify committee members. Action 4: Mt Owen Complex to contact CCC committee members for approval to have their details published on the website and in the Mt Owen Community newsletter. BC added that the current website has details to contact the current CCC representatives. Action 5: Update the website with readily available details to contact CCC representatives, with a direct link from the front page following their consent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS stated that consent conditions across the three sites were inconsistent in terms of CCC meeting frequency. PS seeking to reach consensus on 3 meetings per year (as is currently the case) so it can be documented to address the inconsistency and for auditing purposes. . BT also commented that the Department of Planning will need to approve this also (which was agreed). • General discussion took place between members on whether three meetings were still adequate and on the best approach to document this decision. It was agreed that a postal vote would be conducted (to include CCC members unable to attend meeting) and the decision would be made based on majority rules (non-company majority). This was supported by members present. The general consensus among those present was that the existing three meetings were adequate. TI commented that this does not prevent the CCC from calling another meeting if it was felt it was needed. <p>Action 6: Proposal form to be distributed to committee members for vote on number of CCC meetings to be held per annum. Action 6 Response: Upon further checking, this was discussed, agreed and minuted in the CCC meeting held 1 September 2006. This action is no longer relevant unless the committee wish to increase the frequency above three meetings per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS stated the website should have the draft meeting minutes within 14 days of the meeting as per the consent and approved at the next meeting. BT requested the draft minutes be circulated to committee for review and approval. PS added the draft meeting can be considered the working minutes and subject to acceptance at the next meeting. TI added this process would need to be captured within Glendell's systems. Action 7: Place the Draft Minutes of the CCC meeting on the

	<p>website following changes received from CCC members.</p> <p>PS stated that the Mt Owen consent required a new committee to be formed and proposed a nomination form for committee members.</p> <p>BT responded that this was previously done when the committees amalgamated – 2 councillors (adopted one from each) and 8 community representatives (4 from each).</p> <p>AG added that Alan Noble had left and a position was vacant. This was discussed and although it was previously a Council role to advertise new members, it is now the responsibility of the mine to do this in consultation with Council. The suggestion was made by BT that the MOC could use the community newsletter to advertise this position which goes to over 100 people and is on the company website. Distribution area to be confirmed following question from DO.</p> <p>Action 8: MOC to advertise for the vacant CCC member in the Community Newsletter and follow up on the distribution region of the newsletter to DO/CCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VS welcomed Pam Simpson (new Environment & Community Manager for MOC) to the committee. <p>DO requested further information regarding dust suppression management in place.</p> <p>AG answered that Xstrata Coal NSW (XCN) have dust guidelines currently in draft format.</p> <p>TI added that an update in a concise format would be included at the next CCC meeting and could be included in future newsletters. DO requested this information for the community as it affects them. TI responded that they looked at the sources of dust and what to implement to manage it better. The draft conditions would be amended to achieve the best outcome.</p> <p>Action 9: Provide an update of the XCN Dust guidelines and what the Mt Owen Complex is currently implementing regarding dust suppression at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC asked the community members what they wanted to see in the newsletter. <p>VS recommended committee contacts be listed in the newsletter. BT recommended mine plans in regards to where they are heading and how it will affect the community; details in rehab works and success; and general interest – mining plans believed more critical than monitoring history.</p> <p>DO stated the biggest issue was air quality and what is being done; what is the gain, goal and changes in regards to environment; topics such as carbon tax and resources; air quality, noise and the environmental impacts on Singleton; plus details into shutdown times and why.</p> <p>Action 10: Review the content of the Newsletter following feedback from the CCC and amend accordingly.</p> <p>TI noted these mechanisms and that the website information replicated this already.</p> <p>DO stated that production doesn't mean much to her with a request to see more about environment. In speaking to the public many are unaware of the management required after mining.</p> <p>TI answered that mine closure planning addresses this.</p> <p>BT asked if there is a draft mine closure plan.</p> <p>TI responded that there is a conceptual plan as the final is not due until 5 years before closure.</p> <p>BT asked if there was any community input into the plan.</p> <p>AM answered that it was part of the initial plan.</p>
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	<p>BT requested a short briefing at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action 11: Provide information at the next CCC meeting regarding the process and current situation of the Mine Closure Planning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO asked if the hotline had been fixed. AG explained that on the 16th the hotline company went into receivership with no notification to their clients. IT have diverted the 1800 number to AG's mobile whilst an investigation into an alternative is in progress. AG also distributed an e-mail to regulators and main complainants in relation to this providing a direct mobile number to call also (if there were any issues getting through until the issue can be rectified). <p>Action 12: Notify all CCC committee members when the Community Hotline is fixed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AG announced her resignation from Glendell – leaving on 16th December. Thanked the committee and Xstrata but would be pursuing personal interests. VS spoke as chair person for the committee and thanked AG for being there and part of the committee. BT also thanked AG for her commitment and attendance to the meetings. VS concluded that the site tour planned was postponed due to wet conditions.
9. Next Meeting	Friday 16th March 2012, 10am
10. Meeting Closed	11:55am

Items to be Actioned for next CCC Meeting

Action Item #	Action Item	Person Responsible	Timing
1	Provide feedback on the results of the compliance audit to the community at the next CCC meeting.	Pam Simpson	Next CCC Meeting
2	Provide the captain courageous brochure to the CCC members with the minutes of the November CCC meeting.	Glenn Cook	Provided with November CCC minutes
3	Presentation on the programme for disadvantaged Hunter School kids to be provided during next year's CCC meetings.	Pam Simpson	Next CCC Meeting
4	Mt Owen Complex to contact CCC committee members for approval to have their details published on the website and in the Mt Owen Community newsletter.	Glenn Cook	December 2011
5	Website updated with readily available details to contact CCC representatives, with a direct link from front page	Pam Simpson	Next CCC Meeting

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6	Proposal form to be disturbed to committee members for vote on number of CCC meetings required (Now not required refer minutes above)	Pam Simpson	Upon further checking, this was discussed, agreed and minuted in the CCC meeting held 1 September 2006. This action is no longer relevant unless the committee wish to increase the frequency above three meetings per year.
7	Place the Draft Minutes of the CCC meeting on the website following changes received from CCC members	Glenn Cook	Following draft minutes of CCC meeting being reviewed by CCC members.
8	Advertise for the vacant CCC member in the Community Newsletter and follow up on distribution region of the newsletter to Deidre.	Glenn Cook	By next Newsletter
9	Provide an update of the XCN Dust guidelines and what the Mt Owen Complex is currently implementing regarding dust suppression at the next meeting.	Glenn Cook / Peter York / Pam Simpson	Next CCC Meeting
10	Review the content of the Newsletter following feedback from the CCC and amend accordingly.	David Currey / Pam Simpson	In the next newsletter
11	Provide information at the next CCC meeting regarding the process and current situation of the Mine Closure Planning process.	Ashley McLeod	Next CCC Meeting
12	Notify all CCC committee members when the Community Hotline is fixed.	Annemieke Grosser / Pam Simpson	Following correction of Hotline