



Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Thursday 14 March 2013

Venue

Conference Room 1, Tahmoor Colliery

Next Meeting

5:00pm

Thursday in June 2013 to be confirmed

Tahmoor Colliery Conference Room

Meeting Open

5.00pm

Meeting Close

8.15pm

Attendance

Present ✓ Apology A or did not attend X

Committee

✓	Michael Muston	Independent Chairperson
✓	Col Mitchel	Wollondilly Shire Council Representative
✓	Lou Amato	Wollondilly Shire Council Representative
✓	David Auchterlonie	Community Representative
✓	Julie Sheppard	Community Representative
✓	Sandra Potter	Community Representative
A	Robert Khan	Community Representative
A	Diana Lange	Community Representative
✓	Ian Sheppard	Tahmoor Colliery Representative
✓	Belinda Clayton	Tahmoor Colliery Representative
✓	Sam Beresford	Tahmoor Colliery Representative

Invitees

A	Peter Vale	Tahmoor Colliery Operations Manager
✓	Nick Wandke	Tahmoor Colliery Environment Coordinator
✓	Fiona Robinson	Tahmoor Colliery Environment and Community Officer
✓	Jarith Young	Tahmoor Colliery Environment and Community Graduate
✓	Ron Bush	Tahmoor South Project Approvals Manager
X	Ben Streckeisen	Tahmoor South Project Manager
A	Darren Bullock	Mine Subsidence Board, District Manager
X	Greg Kininmonth	Division of Resources and Energy Team Leader – Environment
X	Craig Strudwick	Xstrata Coal NSW Community Relations Coordinator

Visitors

✓	Virginia Fairley	Local resident (Member of Shafted Group)
✓	Andrew Dawkins	Geoterra Surface and Groundwater Consultant

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Les McMahon

General Manager Wollondilly Shire Council

Item	Issue	Action	Date
1. Welcome/Introductions			
1.1	<p>Michael Muston is the independent chairperson. He would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting and pay respects to their Elders, past and present.</p> <p>He welcomed the new members of the TCCCC. Introductions were made of everyone at the table.</p> <p>Note: Julie Sheppard: Represents National Parks Association not National Parks and Wildlife Service.</p> <p>Michael Muston went through his qualifications - has had roles at Sydney Water, Illawarra Ports Authority, and Wingecarribee Shire Council General Manager. Has never had a role with Tahmoor Colliery and is considered independent. (Michael's CV is attached for information)</p>		
2. Declarations of Interest			
2.1	<p>Michael Muston is paid by Xstrata Coal Tahmoor. Sandra Potter is a member of the <i>Shafted</i> action group.</p>		
3. Apologies			
3.1	<p><u>Apologies</u> Peter Vale, Robert Khan, Darren Bullock and Diana Lange</p>		
4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting			
4.1	<p>Andrew Dawkins from Geoterra was to come to speak to the group regarding the surface water impacts. He is here tonight to speak to the group</p> <p>Julie Sheppard - TCCCC committee was not due for refreshing until 2014 and wished to know why it happened sooner.</p> <p>Ian Sheppard answered – there was a change in the development consent and the Colliery was looking for new members following a resignation from the committee. While this did not require the refreshing of the Committee, the matter had been discussed by the existing committee with a consensus to proceed to refresh the Committee.</p>	NFA	

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	<p>Sandra Potter wanted to know if the chairperson appointment was on the same timeframe as the other members of the committee.</p> <p>Ian Sheppard advised that the Department of Planning appoints the chairperson under separate provisions of their Community Consultative Committee guidelines. Council are no longer a part of the chairperson selection process.</p> <p>Julie Sheppard wished to know why there was a new format for the agenda which increased paper usage</p> <p>Thirlmere Lakes – JS advised that it should be going to cabinet this month and be released</p>	<p>Reduce gaps in agenda to reduce number of pages</p> <p>IS - Arrange for Dr Stephen Riley to address committee</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>When report released by Minister</p>
5. Correspondence			
IN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bank Statement 2. Expressions of interest from 8 applicants for Community Consultative Committee 	NFA	
OUT	Letters to 8 applicants advising of selection or otherwise to Community Consultative Committee	NFA	
6. Committee Members Reports			
6.1	<p>Julie Sheppard Nil</p>	NFA	
6.3	<p>David Auchterlonie Nil</p>	NFA	
6.4	<p>Sandra Potter Notification of a complaint from a community member was tendered about extremely short notice for Redbank Tunnel Works on the weekend of 9-10 March and noise from rail maintenance works commencing after 6.00 am.</p> <p>IS explained that Tahmoor Colliery was only advised of the rail works on the Thursday before the rail works occurred, as the works were at the direction of the Australian Rail Track Corporation. Tahmoor then proceeded to advise people by letter box drop and telephone contact on the Thursday evening and Friday morning beforehand.</p>	Will be recorded as community complaint - FR	

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7. Update on Current & Future Mining Operations			
7.1	<p>Environment Update Nick Wandke Environment Coordinator, gave an update of the mine’s current environmental incidents and issues.</p> <p>Committee Renewal Process Julie Sheppard thinks that we should have put advertisements for expression of interest for the TCCCC in the three local newspapers (Chronicle, Advertiser and District Reporter)</p> <p>Committee makeup focussed on having a representative from each of the broader regions affected or potentially affected by mining operations, the business community and the environmental and community groups.</p> <p>Meeting Dates Operations Manager cannot come to the meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month and would like us to change. Potential meeting dates to be sent to members to see if there is another date that may be suitable to all concerned.</p> <p>Inspections Offer to do a number of inspections (subsidence affected areas, underground visit to longwall, Refuse Emplacement Area, stormwater and water recycling systems)</p> <p>Lou Amato, Robert Khan, Michael Muston Diana Lange and local Member for Wollondilly Jai Rowell, would like to go underground.</p> <p>Environmental Incidents No environmental incidents January -March 2013</p> <p>Community Complaints 8 Redbank Tunnel 1 Olive Lane Noise 1 Flora and Fauna 1 Odour</p>	<p>Action: Ensure ads are in all 3 local papers going forward</p> <p>Action: Send out request for preferences by email</p> <p>Action: BC to organize a convenient time</p> <p>Action: Additional 12 months moving average trend line to be included in data showing trend without the Redbank Tunnel project impacts</p>	

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7.2	<p>Subsidence Update Belinda Clayton</p> <p>Current Extraction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began extraction of Longwall 27 on 8th November 2012 • 684m extracted from the south eastern end was extracted by 12 March <p>Sandra Potter a resident had an emergency and had called emergency services. Emergency Services were unaware of the mine subsidence 24 hr emergency line.</p> <p>Belinda Clayton advised that detailed contact and telephone numbers are provided to all residents prior to any impacts from mining being experienced.</p> <p>Main Sewer Line</p> <p>Longwall 27 crosses beneath the main sewer line that services Tahmoor. Tahmoor Colliery is currently managing it very closely as it has a low gradient slope. This includes regularly surveying of the line and measuring the minimum gradient levels.</p> <p>Tahmoor House</p> <p>Tahmoor House is a heritage listed property on the Wollondilly Local Environment Plan. Until October, the more recently constructed timber carport structure had vines covering it. Once the vines were removed it was noted there a safety concern with the structure and Tahmoor Colliery put in preventative measures secure some loosely attached timbers before mine subsidence movements were experienced,.</p> <p>Myrtle Creek</p> <p>Weekly inspection – number of minor cracks in the stream and bank were identified. Each area was photographed for review.</p> <p>Government agencies have been notified.</p> <p>Water is flowing through the area due to the large rainfall event recently</p> <p>Site inspection to occur with all relevant stakeholders</p>	NFA	

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	<p>Government Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Panel Subsidence Monitoring Report was prepared by Mine Subsidence Engineering Consultants • End of Panel Surface Water, Dam and Groundwater Monitoring Report was prepared by GeoTerra • Both submitted to DRE on 15 February 2013 • Response from DRE to amalgamate reports and resubmit. <p>Apprentices Engagement Program</p> <p>During 2012 Tahmoor Colliery Apprentices completed a community project improving the outside area of the Thirlmere RSL. This included replanting the memorial garden, fencing the area, levelling the area, backfilling the car park with blue metal, concreting slabs for future displays, manufacturing and installing bollards around garden beds. The photographs presented at the meeting showed the high standard of the work done.</p> <p>Myrtle Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Q4 2012 Tahmoor Colliery funded the Healthy Waterways Community Project • \$30,000 was donated by Xstrata Coal Tahmoor, engaging rehabilitation specialists Southern Habitat to plan, implement and complete the first stage of the Project • Key focus was weed removal in creek bed and riparian zone allowing native plant species to re-establish • Works will continue in 2013... <p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Account Balance \$15,920.53 <p>Mine Subsidence Board</p> <p>A representative from the Mine Subsidence Board was unable to attend but provided an update on claims history since the commencement of longwall 22 in 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total received 672 • Completed 284 • Refused 169 • Claims commenced 30 • Claims Pending 219 		

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	<p>Redbank Tunnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backfilling operations in and around the tunnel, and bridge construction works continue to progress. • Noise monitoring in the nearby residential areas was conducted over a two week period during January/February to compare the predictions from the Environmental Assessment with the actual measured and modelled. The final report is expected soon. • Recent rains have triggered vegetation growth in areas that have been rehabilitated and seeded in the past few months. 		
	<p>Tahmoor South Project Update Ron Bush</p> <p>Exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Currently drilling Site 38 (located south-east of Bargo within the mining lease) <input type="checkbox"/> Additional 6 to 8 drill holes proposed during 2013 <p>Project Approvals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Environmental Assessment submitted to Department of Planning and Infrastructure – 12 September 2012 <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Focus Meeting with key stakeholders – 18 October 2012 <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Planning and Infrastructure Director General's Requirements were issued – 6 November 2012 <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphology field work conducted during Jan & Feb 2013 <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal heritage field work conducted during Feb 2013 <p>Baseline Environmental Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing during 2013 <p>Community Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tahmoor South Community Newsletter N 2 issued in February 2013 <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation on the Project was given to Bargo Progress Association in February 2013 	NFA	

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8. General Business			
8.1	Stream Monitoring Presentation Andrew Dawkins, Managing Geoscientist from independent, Australian, geoscience based consultancy Geoterra, came to give a presentation of the current state of Myrtle and Redbank Creeks, including the impacts from mining experienced to date. He gave a photographic presentation showing various sections of the creeks, stream flow and monitoring sites, and where impacts from mining such as minor cracking is occurring.		
9. New Business (Actions)			
9.1	Ventilation Shaft 4 Project – There is no change, with the project remaining on hold.		
9.2	Website – A web page featuring broad details of the TCCCC and contact details is to be added to the colliery website. A draft showing committee information and contact details is to be circulated to members for approval prior to going on the website	FR to organize list and circulate for approval	
9.3	David Hunt spent 10 years on the TCCCC and his contribution is appreciated and recognised. A motion was moved by Julie Sheppard, seconded by Col Mitchell and confirmed unanimously by the meeting, to have a thank you letter written to him on behalf of the committee.	FR to draft letter and send to Michael Muston for signature.	
Next Meeting 5.00pm Thursday evening in June TBA Venue: Tahmoor Colliery Conference Room			

Recorded by Fiona Robinson on 14 March 2014

Confirmed:

Michael Muston

Chairperson

Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee