

**MINUTES OF CALGA COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE  
COMMITTEE MEETING**



**Meeting Date:** Monday, 2 November 2015  
**Venue:** On Site – Rocla Quarry

**Apologies:** Graeme Ausburn, Paul Slough and Annette Willby

**Present:** Tony Tuxworth - Chairperson  
Angus Richmond (Rocla Representative)  
Margrit Kandalajt (Rocla Representative)  
Simon Lindsay (Rocla Representative)  
Margaret Pontifex (Community Representative)  
Debbie Chancellor (Community Representative)  
Tassin Barnard (Community Representative)  
Terri Thomson (Community Representative)  
David O'Bryan (Community Representative)  
Maggie duPille (Observer)  
Julie Renshaw (Minute taker)

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**Item 1 - Site Inspection**

A short tour of the new site facilities was carried out at 5.15pm.

**Item 2 - Minutes of Previous meeting held Monday 11 May 2015**

**Motion:** That the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting of Monday 11 May 2015

**Moved:** Margaret Pontifex

**Seconded:** Debbie Chancellor

**Motion carried.**

**Matters Arising:**

- **Hard Copy of AEMR**

At the previous meeting Margaret & Graeme requested hard copies of the AEMR. Paul arranged copies but unfortunately was unable to deliver. Margaret was given her copy at the meeting and a copy for Graeme was given to Debbie to pass on to him. Tassin and Terri also requested hard copies of the AEMR. Margaret also requested that she would like to receive a hard copy of monthly monitoring reports.

**Action:** Margrit from Roca to arrange copies of all documents as requested.

- **Siltation in Popran Creek**

Angus advised that he had a phone conversation with Barton Lawler of Glenworth Valley Outdoor Adventures to discuss the matter. Barton had advised that he did not think that it was an issue and due to time constraints he would be unable to investigate. Angus said that on behalf of Roca he was still happy to look into the matter. Margaret said she would like to see the situation be monitored the same time every year. Tassin believes that Roca's Hydrogeologist should be able to investigate the matter. After a short discussion, Angus agreed to investigate the site and provide baseline information on the siltation issue.

**Action:** Angus Richmond to investigate.

- **Umwelt Report**

Tassin enquired about the availability of the Umwelt Report. Margrit advised that it had been on the website since September 2015. Margaret P. advised that she had received her copy as requested in previous meeting. Tassin also requested a hard copy of the Umwelt Report.

**Action:** Margrit to provide hard copy of Umwelt report for Tassin.

### **Item 3 Non Compliances**

No non compliances were recorded

### **Item 4 Current operation of quarry**

Simon Lindsay (standing in for Paul Slough) provided a summary of the current quarry operations. An air photo of the site that was in site shed was not available since the building was moved. The air photo was available in the adjoining room which was viewed.

Debbie Chancellor suggested that a map of the site and surrounding area be available for future CCCC meetings.

Simon advised the following:

- Cell 3 was exhausted.
- Cell 4 Stage 1, 2 and 3 had been stripped

Tassin enquired about the quarrying of Cell 6 and referred to past restrictions.

Margrit addressed Tassin and advised that new Hydrogeologist reports will be prepared and these will have to go back through Department of Planning in accordance with the condition of the consent.

Tassin asked what the expiration date of the current consent was. Following discussion regarding this and the new Stage 4 (quarry extension), Margrit advised that the consent will be handed in if Stage 4 is approved. She advised that if the consent for Stage 4 is approved by the Land and Environment Court it will carry through to the year 2030.

Tassin requested that she be notified of the current approval's expiration date before next meeting. Margrit confirmed that the current consent lapses 1 July 2030.

**Action:** Margrit to provide this information to Tassin

Margrit also confirmed that Rocla will provide a site plan for each member of the committee for reference at future meetings.

The following information was reported by Simon

### ***Compliance Issue***

- Conducted attended and unattended noise monitoring
- 2 complaints since last meeting (1 Walkabout Park, 1 Gina Rozmanec)
- Department of Planning completed consent compliance audit, recommendations in draft form at this stage
- 2014 AEMR is on the Rocla web site.

### ***Operation In Extraction Cell***

- Currently extracting in Stage 3 Cell 4
- Decommissioned old Admin/weighbridge area in June
- Commissioned new admin/weighbridge and access road in June
- Completed Cell 3 mid-October
- Started stripping overburden on Cell 4, ongoing should be completed December

### ***Rehabilitation***

- Weed spraying has been ongoing around the quarries perimeter
- Seed banking of natives has commenced
- Planted out enviro cycle transpiration area to Gosford City Council Specifications
- Planted natives on acoustic bund parallel to Peats Ridge Road in September
- Spreading mulch parallel to access in readiness for planting
- Monitor southern boundary spray mulch growth to determine planting requirements

### ***Management Plans***

- In the process of revising Air quality Management Plan and Noise Management

## Complaints

Terri Thomson spoke on behalf of the Rozmanecs regarding issues relating to noise and their bore.

- **Noise**

The noise issue appeared to be from the reverse alarm on dozer. The dozer was moved to the bottom of Cell 4 which reduced the noise. Tassin said she felt that the beeper is only one part of the problem – there are many other noises. She said that she felt that Rocla are trivialising noise complaints and not taking complaints seriously.

Margrit K advised that Rocla had been liaising with the Rozmanecs and she said that the Rozmanecs were clear on describing the noise. Rocla have apologised.

David O'Bryan said the noise had diminished.

Tassin mentioned that she would like to see Rocla do continuous noise investigations.

- **Bore**

Terri advised that the Rozmanec's bore water level has dropped to a level that they can only pump 1 hr out of 24hrs. In 1994 they could pump for 24 hrs. They have been liaising with Rocla about the issue, however, in recent times they haven't been able to get hold of Rocla Staff and said they felt that they were being ignored. As Rocla will be taken over by Hansen in January, Terri asked the question whether this matter should be addressed prior to take over.

At this point, David said that his bore had also diminished. The static level had dropped from 48ft to 100ft. He had spoken to Paul Slough about it. David said that he told Paul that he wanted to carry out tests independently of the pumping equipment. He said if it is a faulty pump causing the problem that he will fix.

Margrit said that this was a grey area as to whether or not Rocla had impacted on Rozmanec's bore. Monthly monitoring and 6 monthly detailed analysis and yearly reports are provided. Tassin said that there is compliance with the specifics of the "conditions of consent" but this is of little value to landholders, because the conditions of consent only require testing of the bore level, whereas it is the bore recharge rate that actually matters. Rocla confirmed that they will assist the Rozmanecs as a neighbour and will continue to monitor their bore and offer assistance to investigate yield issues.

Margrit confirmed that Rocla will speak to their Hydrogeologist (Dundon) regarding testing on recharge rates and investigate all other bores on the perimeter of the quarry to see if any bores have been missed. The Hydrogeologist will include the missed bores in the monitoring.

Tony asked the question of how long had the bores been monitored for?

Monitoring had been occurring since 2006.

**Action:** Margrit to liaise with Hydrogeologist regarding testing on recharge rates.

(This will include the Rozmanecs bore. This should occur before the takeover by Hanson and the Committee should be informed of the outcome prior to this date.)

- **Recording of Complaints**

Tassin questioned why the complaint from David O'Bryan and other verbal complaints from members of the public communicated directly to the quarry manager were not recorded on the complaints register. Rocla apologised for this oversight and advised that they would address this issue.

**Action:** Paul Slough to follow up on recording of complaints.

### ***Rehabilitation***

Tassin mentioned the previously reported problems with weeds preventing Rocla from beginning the replating phase of rehabilitation and questioned Rocla (Simon) as to where they were up to in relation to controlling the weeds. Simon was unable to answer in Paul's absence. Rocla are to arrange for Paul to advise accordingly.

During the discussion, Angus made an assurance that as soon as Rocla can rehabilitate they will. Margrit made reference to the Regeneration Plan Page 19. She said that the site is still an operational quarry site and cannot be regenerated until the work is complete. Angus suggested that Tassin read the Regeneration Plan.

Simon confirmed that weeds are still being sprayed.

**Action:** Angus to ask Paul to arrange a site visit to show Tassin and Margaret the rehabilitation areas. Tassin & Margaret to provide available dates, then they can liaise with Paul/Margrit to meet on site.

### ***Management Plans***

Management Plans likely to be out before the end of December. Consultants currently finalising reports.

Margrit advised that if Rocla obtains consent for the quarry extension, they will be carrying out continuous dust monitoring.

### **Item 5 2014 Annual Environmental Management Report**

It was agreed to hold off discussion regarding the AEMR until next meeting as most members had not been able to review the document.

### **Item 6 General Business**

- Tassin questioned the process of forwarding the minutes to Department of Planning and was concerned at the amount of time the minutes were taking to reach the Department which is not in conformity with this committee's agreed approach which

is to circulate the minutes for comment and then finalise and send to DoP within 4 weeks of each meeting. Debbie suggested that the minutes, once finalised, be circulated to the committee with the request that each member respond within 14 days stating that they approve the minutes. If there is no response from a member, their approval will be assumed. The minutes can then be forwarded to the Department as final while still meeting the 4 week timeframe.

**Action:** Tony & Julie to look into whether the last minutes were forwarded to the Department of Planning and advise accordingly.

- Tony Tuxworth announced his resignation as Chairperson of the Committee effective immediately.
- New chairperson to be nominated by Hanson.
- Tony & Julie were thanked for their commitment to the CCCC.
- Angus advised that as of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Rocla (Fletcher) will be taken over by Hanson. Paul and Simon will stay with Hanson. There will be a new Operations Manager from Hanson, Scott Tipping.
- Angus also advised that he will be moving on and will no longer be involved with the Committee.
- Margit advised that she too will also be finishing up with the company – sometime early to mid 2016.

Meeting Closed 7.15pm

Next Meeting Monday 2 May 2016 at 5.15pm