

**MINUTES OF CALGA COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**



Meeting Date: Monday, 10 November 2014
Venue: On Site – Rocla Quarry

Apologies: Annette Wilby (Community Representative)
Terri Thompson (Community Representative)
Tassin Barnard (Community Representative)
Graeme Ausburn (Community Representative)
David O'Bryan (Community Representative)
Pat McCue (Rocla Representative)

Present: Tony Tuxworth - Chairperson
Angus Richmond (Rocla Representative)
Paul Slough (Rocla Representative)
Margaret Pontifex (Community Representative)
Debbie Chancellor (Community Representative)
Julie Renshaw (Minute taker)

Item 1 – Site Inspection

A short site inspection commencing at 5.25pm was carried out. Four (4) representatives of Camp Quoll were granted permission to be included in the site tour. Paul Slough provided a brief update on the status of works which are currently in progress on the site.

At conclusion of the site tour formal meeting proceedings commenced.

Angus Richmond then introduced himself to the committee and gave a brief outline of his background and qualifications. The Community representatives were also given an opportunity to provide a brief outline of their background which included their interest in the committee.

Item 2 – Minutes of Previous meeting held Monday 7 April 2014

A review of minutes revealed that no amendments were required.

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as a true record of meeting of 7 April 2014.

Moved: Debbie Chancellor

Seconded: Paul Slough

Motion carried.

Matters arising

Paul advised that the AEMR for 2013 is now available on the web site. He indicated that there was a delay with publishing the document public due to advice from their Solicitors resulting from the court case.

Action: Paul to provide Margaret with a copy of AEMR as she does not have access to computer.

Quarry Audit

Umwelt have been engaged to carry out the independent consent compliance audit, however, because of the court action they have not been able to complete it as the development consent that currently applies to the land is the one issued by the Department of Planning in December 2013 which is being challenged in the Land and Environment Court.

Debbie asked if there were any draft Management Plans that were currently being prepared to comply with the conditions of the latest consent. Paul and Tony advised that this was not feasible as they will reflect the detail arising from the court case. Tony explained the court process when dealing with consents.

Item 3 – Non Compliances or Compliances

- Paul advised that there was 1 non-compliance recorded. He advised that on Saturday 30 August 2014 he allowed a truck to enter the site before 5.00am because of safety concerns owing to protestors that had assembled at the front gate to the site. Under the development consent the approved operating hours are 5.00am to 10.00pm. A representative from Camp Quoll who was participating in a demonstration at the time, near the entrance of the quarry, made Paul aware of the breach. Paul advised that he then self-reported the incident to David Bell of the EPA who then referred the matter to Peter Jamieson. Paul discussed the circumstances which lead him to make this decision. Police supported his decision in regards to safety issues and the EPA did not issue a PIN.
- 11 noise complaints were received during the last 6 months, all from Walkabout Park. Unattended and attended noise monitoring was carried out with no non-compliances evident.

Margaret Pontifex advised that there was a significant amount of silt in Cabbage Tree Creek, downstream of the quarry. She suggested that a representative from Rocla should investigate her findings and advise accordingly. Paul and Angus advised that they would be happy to inspect the creek.

Item 4 – Current Operation of Quarry

Operation in Extraction Cell

- Currently extracting in both Stage 3 Cell 3 and 4
- Ongoing development of main entry road to the new admin and wash plant area
- Stage 2 of the new weighbridge and admin area has been delayed, but will be starting building foundations, trenches for power and stormwater in January 2015

Rehabilitation

- Weed spraying has been ongoing around the quarry's perimeter.
- Seed banking of natives has commenced.
- Monitor southern boundary spray mulch growth to determine planting requirements
- Engage consultants to conduct Annual Rehabilitation Report, Noxious Weed Report, Endangered Species Report and Feral Animal Report during November 2014.

Management Plans

- No changes to the current Environmental Management Plans as the southern extension is pending subject to the outcome of the court case.

Item 5 - 2013 Annual Environmental Management Report

A copy of the 2013 AEMR is now available on the Rocla web site. Angus suggested that we send an email to committee members with a link to the report on the Rocla website for ease of viewing. Tony agreed and suggested that it would be good idea to include the link in the email to members of the committee containing the Agenda for the next meeting. Margaret is to be provided with a hard copy as she doesn't have internet access.

Item 6 – Review of Current Environmental Management Reports

- **Noise**
Rocla conducted attended and unattended noise monitoring. The monitoring results indicated that there were no breaches of the noise limits.
- **Dust**
Monitoring indicated that the reading in one particular month was a little higher than normal. This did not result in a non-compliance as the dust standard for the quarry is based on a 12 month average.
- **Ground Water**
Monitoring indicated that there were no major fluctuations in the groundwater levels. The 6 monthly report on ground water is now due.

Margaret asked for an outline of the monitoring that is carried out and the frequency of the monitoring.

Action: Paul to provide a 1 page summary of monitoring programs to Margaret Pontifex (hard copy) and Paul will bring copies to the next meeting for distribution to the other committee members.

Debbie referred to last minutes and questioned if the Winston White bore monitoring had commenced. Paul to chase up Carbon Based Environmental to see if this is occurring and if not, request commencement of monitoring. Paul to obtain owners consent to be able to carry out monitoring. The Rozmanec bore is now being monitored on a monthly basis.

- **Rehabilitation**
See Item 4 above

Item 7 – General Business

Community Involvement

Angus stated that he is keen to have more involvement with the community by encouraging the community to approach Rocla to openly discuss any opportunities for Rocla to support community events and initiatives. He stressed that openness and transparency from both Rocla and its neighbours is necessary to build trust and respect for each other whilst achieving agreeable and positive outcomes in decision making.

Margaret stated that she was disappointed with how the committee, in the past, had focused too much on the small things and would like the focus to be more on the big picture.

Angus suggested that at the end of each meeting that it would be a good idea to voice what was good about the meeting and any suggested improvements.

It was recognised that this was the smallest representation we have had since the commencement of the Committee.

Margaret advised that during a recent visit to Popran National Park, she observed a white powdery substance covering the leaves of vegetation which exist in small protected gullies which she refers to as micro-climate areas in the Park. She expressed deep concern over this matter and requested that some type of investigation be carried out to determine the source of the substance. She also indicated that it appears there has been a complete die-back of a whole plant species namely Mountain Moss and the Native Rose is now non-existent in the areas where it once existed. Angus suggested she contact NPWS. She advised that she had already done this and was told that there was not enough staff to carry out any such research.

Action: Angus Richmond and Paul Slough to investigate.

Meeting closed 7.40pm
Next Meeting 11 May 2015