

MAXWELL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 August 2024

In attendance on-site at Maxwell and via Video Conferencing

GROUP	NAME	ORGANISATION	
CCC MEMBERS PRESENT	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson	
	Brian Atfield (BA)	Community Representative	
	Stephen Ward (SW)	Community Representative	
	Mark Bowditch (MB)	Community Representative <i>(via video-conferencing)</i>	
	Kemer Edwards (KE)	Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Lands Council (LALC)	
	Michael White (MW)	Coolmore / Godolphin Representative	
	Jennifer Lecky (JL)	Community Representative	
	Peter Horder	Community Representative	
MALABAR REPRESENTATIVES	James Johnson (JJ)	General Manager; Development & Operations	
	Dominic Brown (DB)	Environment & Community Superintendant	
	Teagan Rutter (TR)	Community Administrator	
	Alex Newton (AN)	Environment & Approvals Coordinator	
	Chris Donohue (CD)	Land & Property Coordinator	
APOLOGIES	Sue Pickersgill	Community Representative	
	Theresa Folpp	Muswellbrook Shire Council	
OTHER	Sarah Purser	Independent Minute Taker	
1. Opening	LA opened the meeting at 10.00 a.m. welcoming all to the Maxwell CCC. <i>Acknowledgement of Country led by LA.</i>		LA
2. Welcome and Introductions	Whilst Donna McLaughlin is on leave, Dominic Brown (DB) will cover the Environment and Community component of her role and Mark O'Brien will look after Health and Safety. DB asked members to feel free to contact him should they have any concerns or questions; dbrown@malabarresources.com.au ACTION 1: LA to email the NSW DPHI CCC Governance Forms to DB for completion & return.		LA
3. Apologies	Advised and recorded.		LA
4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	<i>Standing Declarations;</i> LA is an Independent Chairperson, approved by the DPHI, and engaged by Maxwell to Chair this CCC meeting SP provides secretarial services as an external contractor to Maxwell.		LA
5. Business Arising from the CCC held 23 May 2024. Action Items	LA confirmed the minutes of the previous CCC meeting held 23 May 2024 were finalised on 27 June 2024. Action Arising; LA to update the Maxwell CCC Terms of Reference (ToR) to include Muswellbrook Shire Council's (MSC) Environmental Planning Officer and an additional Councillor delegate, as nominated by MSC's General Manager to be Councils representatives. ✓ Actioned by LA and the ToR was ratified by the CCC at this meeting.		LA
Business Arising	Ongoing Action; Members to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings. LA confirmed no questions had been put forward and that members are welcome to submit these in General Business at this meeting. LA asked if there was any Business Arising. MB queried if the field work for the Spur Hill (EL7429) Exploration anticipated for September and October is going ahead. JJ confirmed that is correct and will provide an update at this meeting.		

<p>6. Correspondence Report</p>	<p>Email Correspondence:- 24/5/24; Link to Edderton Solar Farm SEARs. 31/5/24; Invitation to Malabar's NAIDOC celebrations. 5/6/24; Information regarding Maxwell's recruitment drive. 14/6/24; Draft minutes for review. 25/6/24; Advice of DM's leave with DB's contact details for any matters relating to environment and community. 27/6/24; Finalised minutes. 19/7/24; Advice received by LA from MSC that Bengalla Road and Wybong Road will soon be reclassified from Local to State roads. ACTION 2: LA to circulate the Media Release regarding the Bengalla and Wybong Roads reclassification. 5/8/24; Meeting notice and agenda for today's meeting. 5/8/24; Invitation to the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue 2024 Community Forum to be held on 29/10/24 in Singleton. 21/8/24; Meeting reminder for this meeting.</p>	<p>LA</p>
<p>7. Exploration Licence Update James Johnson</p>	<p>Spur Hill (EL7429) Exploration JJ confirmed that the plan for exploration has not changed, this will include four 2D seismic lines and non-core drill holes. Landholder liaison has been completed. "Ground truthing" has been undertaken resulting in the adjustment of seismic line locations. Final locations will be determined in August with archaeology and flora/fauna surveys thereafter. The program commencement remains anticipated for September / October. JJ noted the Spur Hill Exploration Licence goes to December 2024, Maxwell will develop an Exploration Licence Renewal Strategy for a 5 to 6 year extension prior to this.</p> <p>EL9497 and EL9498 Exploration The purposed of these EL's is to identify connectivity between the Maxwell Underground and Spur Hill. JJ advised there have been no changes to exploration plans for three 2D seismic lines across both EL's and non-core drill holes. The activities will occur on Malabar owned land and Lessee liaison has occurred. Similar to Spur Hill; "Ground truthing", archaeology and flora/fauna surveys are planned for August, early September.</p> <p>MW queried if the footprint of the proposed solar would mean that Maxwell would change their exploration program at all i.e. would there be any areas excised. JJ identified areas south-east of the EL where exploration has already been completed and therefore taken into account with regard to plans for solar. JJ confirmed that Maxwell will need to consider how they mine through those areas and interact with solar.</p>	<p>Slide 4</p> <p>Slide 5</p>
<p>8. Update on Maxwell Underground Mine James Johnson</p>	<p>JJ provided an update on the Maxwell Underground Mine schedule that is reviewed at each CCC meeting.</p> <p>Development of site infrastructure; is ongoing.</p> <p>Whynot Bord & Pillar (B&P) Mine; has commenced with both place change panels producing coal. There are approximately 130 people employed in the B&P operation.</p>	<p>Slide 7</p>

<p>Update on Maxwell Underground Mine James Johnson</p>	<p>Woodland Hill Drifts & Ventilation Shaft; the forecast for completion is late October, early November. Works will continue on the surface to seam shaft through to late December 2024 or early January 2025.</p> <p>Longwall; is currently being transported from China via sea.</p> <p>Overland Conveyor; Maxwell have executed the contract for the conveyor design and off site manufacture. On site construction is anticipated for January / February 2025. MW queried if the conveyor drive will be at one end or would multiple drives be required. JJ responded there will be a 3 megawatt drive at the head end with a tail brake at the other end.</p> <p>Development Coal; comes off the back of when the drift finishes. All equipment for that process is on schedule for delivery to site through September.</p> <p>Workforce Snapshot; JJ noted there had been interest from the CCC around Maxwell's workforce demographics and presented snapshots for; Residency, Gender and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander data. JJ noted this reflects the large proportion of workforce that come from Muswellbrook and Singleton.</p> <p>Maxwell Underground Mine Construction of the Woodlands Hill Drift continues and ventilation shaft works have commenced. Completion of road sealing is anticipated for mid October having been delayed by ongoing wet weather.</p> <p>Development Equipment JJ provided a pictorial overview of equipment that has been manufactured, inclusive of the Longwall roof supports.</p> <p>MW asked if the longwall shearer is being manufactured in Germany and JJ responded that is correct. This was tested during July and will go to a compatibility site at Beresfield where it will get built up. JJ noted this will not be the entire 150 metre longwall build up. Maxwell have what they call a "mini build pad" on site where they will construct approximately 50 metres. This will be utilised to train the workforce, and as in the past, will provide a good opportunity for people to come and view the longwall prior to it going underground.</p> <p>MB asked if Maxwell will have spares of those segments in case of failure. JJ responded that is correct, spares have been considered in the purchase strategy, for example; all components on a roof support are replaceable and there will be spare full roof supports.</p> <p>Recruitment; Maxwell conducted Careers Road Shows over June 2024, covering Muswellbrook, Mudgee, Gunnedah, Lithgow, Singleton, Lake Macquarie, Campbelltown and Wollongong. As a result there had been in the order of 2,600 applications from Experienced Operators and Tradesmen, New To Industry (NTI) Operators and Tradesmen and Deputies.</p>	<p>Slide 8 Slide 9 Slide 10</p> <p>Slide 11</p> <p>Slide 12 Slide 13</p> <p>Slide 14</p>
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9. Management Plans & Environmental Performance	<p>Management Plans - Dominic Brown</p> <p>Whynot Seam Extraction Plan Panels 2 - 5 Following consultation with Government Agencies and Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAP's), this feedback has been incorporated into the plans. The Extraction Plan and associated sub-plans are awaiting DPHI approval. Maxwell are anticipating response from DPHI around October 2024.</p> <p>Woodlands Hill Seam Extraction Plan - Panels 1 - 4 Maxwell has engaged technical specialists to commence modelling and plan development. This will also trigger another review of supporting Management Plans.</p>	<p>Slide 16</p>
	<p>Rehabilitation Update - Chris Donohue CD provided an overview of Maxwell's weed and pest control measures. In relation to revegetation, ground preparation is being undertaken for the Spring tree planting program. Remedial work includes cleaning of contour drains reporting to the Southern Void area and salvaging some hard rock to widen the rock structure. LA noted the area was looking good and CD acknowledged it is a good time coming into spring.</p>	<p>Slide 17</p>
	<p>Dust Monitoring - Alex Newton During the reporting period all monitoring results were significantly below the 24 hour and annual impact assessment criteria.</p>	
	<p>PM₁₀ at TEOM-1 (Maxwell Infrastructure); This monitor is located on the other side of Thomas Mitchell Drive. There had been a data gap on 10 and 11 June 2024 due to a frozen TEOM requiring a restart, this was notified to the DPIE.</p>	<p>Slide 18</p>
	<p>PM_{2.5} at TEOM-1 (Maxwell Infrastructure); AN noted the same data gap as above on 10 and 11 June 2024.</p>	<p>Slide 17</p>
	<p>PM₁₀ at TEOM-2 (Plashett); This monitor is located near the Hunter River at the Plashett property. AN noted there had been some periods of data gaps due to a frozen device, annual calibration / flow testing, and TEOM replacement. Maxwell have purchased a new TEOM and the one recently repaired will act as a spare providing additional capacity there.</p>	<p>Slide 19</p>
	<p>PM_{2.5} at TEOM-2 (Plashett); This monitor is in the same location and measures PM_{2.5} data.</p> <p>MB noted a spike on 27 July 2024 on both PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Plashett TEOM-2 monitors. AN confirmed these may have been caused by a localised issue such as a local burn or regional dust storm, he will provided results of his investigations at the next CCC.</p> <p>ACTION 3: AN to provide results of investigations into the spike on 27 July 2024 at the Plashett PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} TEOM-2 monitors.</p>	<p>Slide 20</p>

<p>10. Community Updates</p>	<p>There were no complaints received by Maxwell during the reporting period.</p> <p>Community Update - Teagan Rutter</p> <p>TR provided an overview of funding and donations that Maxwell have provided to the following organisations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Muswellbrook Ambulance Station; Malabears to help comfort children. ✓ Blackroo Community Haven; children's clothing. ✓ Scone Grammar School; Annual School Fete and Markets. ✓ Harry Scowen, Muswellbrook High School student, chosen to represent NSW All Schools in Cricket. ✓ Upper Hunter Markets; assistance with new signage. ✓ Singleton Neighbourhood Centre; linen donations. ✓ Denman Public School; support for children participating in Starstruck. ✓ Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre; Industrial Dishwasher for the Made In Scone Cafe. ✓ Muswellbrook Animal Shelter; toys for cats and dogs in the Shelter. ✓ Open Door @ Singleton Neighbourhood Centre; funded a NAIDOC morning tea and a three course dinner for local community members to come together. ✓ Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council; NAIDOC Awards night. ✓ Sandy Hollow Public School; NAIDOC celebration which also included students from Martindale, Ellerston and Cassilis Public Schools. <p>Substantial payments to the Muswellbrook Community - James Johnson</p> <p>JJ provided an overview of Maxwell's financial contributions and benefits that go towards the Muswellbrook Shire and its community via the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) and Council Rates. When the longwall is in operation Maxwell will likely be contributing in excess of \$2million per annum to the Council.</p>	<p>Slide 23</p> <p>Slide 24 Slide 25 Slide 26 Slide 27</p>
<p>11. Community Questions CCC Feedback</p>	<p>BA was curious to see what rainfall had been recorded for the period January to July 2024. BA noted his interest was driven by the differing levels of rainfall in the region, for example there had been 90ml difference between BA's property and one mine in January, February and March, and 120ml difference between two other mines.</p> <p>ACTION 4: AN to include rainfall data in the Monitoring slide pack.</p>	

	<p>MW queried if the drive that runs the conveyor belt will be noisy. JJ responded that it has a variable start speed control and the drive is designed within a noise criteria category. JJ confirmed the drives are not typically noisy.</p> <p>MW asked if the company could provide a brief outline on production as it would be of interest to get a sense on how things are going i.e. how much coal and ROM when operations ramp up.</p> <p>ACTION 5: JJ to provide a Production Summary in the Underground Mine updates.</p> <p>MB noted that there is some belief in the community that Spur Hill is owned by Mt Arthur Coal. MB said it was up to Maxwell on how to address this but had wondered if an advertisement clarifying ownership would be beneficial to correct this misunderstanding.</p>	
<p>12. General Business</p>	<p>LA reminded all that the Local Government elections are on 14 September 2024. It was confirmed that JL, MB and DD were all running again for re-election as Councillors for MSC and that SW was also a candidate. Members wished everyone well with this and LA felt this CCC was very fortunate to have so many Councillors on this committee.</p> <p>BA thanked Malabar for the great Naidoc day they had put on.</p>	
<p>13. Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Following meeting proposed for Thursday 14 November 2024 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>MB may be an apology due to media commitments. MW is unable to attend and asked if he may seek alternates. LA confirmed that is fine if MW could provide confirmation if alternates do intend to come and their contact details.</p> <p>JJ suggested that Maxwell organise a site tour in conjunction with the November meeting as has been done in previous years. The group responded that would be appreciated. JJ proposed that the tour commence at 10.00 a.m., followed by the CCC meeting and refreshments at 11.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>13. Meeting Close</p>	<p>LA closed the meeting at 10.55 a.m. thanking all for their attendance.</p>	
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