

**MAXWELL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM*/ONSITE
ON WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2021 AT 12.59pm**

GROUP	NAME	ORGANISATION
CCC MEMBERS PRESENT	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Jennifer Lecky (JL)	Deputy Chairperson
	Theresa Folpp* (TF)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Peter Horder (PH)	Community Representative
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
	Michael White (MW)	Representative for Coolmore/Godolphin
CCC MEMBERS APOLOGIES	Cr Stephen Ward	Muswellbrook Shire Council (<i>caretaker mode</i>)
	Tim Wolfgang	Community Representative
	Aaron Moon	Community Representative
	Mark Bowditch	Community Representative
	Fiona Webber	Community Representative
	Robert Halloran	Community Representative
	CEO (TBA)	Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
MALABAR REPRESENTATIVES	James Johnson (JJ)	General Manager Development and Operations – Malabar Resources
	Donna McLaughlin (DM)	Manager Health, Safety, Environment & Community – Malabar Resources
	Alex Newton (AN)	Environment & Approvals Coordinator – Malabar Resources
	Teresa Coleman (TC)	Environment & Community Coordinator – Malabar Resources
	Lindi-May Lochner (LL)	Company Secretary – Malabar Resources
OTHERS	Nicole Demnar*	Independent Minute Taker

*Attended via Zoom

WELCOME	<p>The meeting was opened at 12.59pm with the Independent Chair welcoming all members to the December 2021 Maxwell CCC meeting.</p> <p>The Independent Chair advised Theresa Folpp will be taking over from Sharon Pope as the Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC) representative. The Independent Chair invited TF to provide an overview of her background and experience as a Development Compliance Officer for MSC.</p>	<p>LA</p> <p>TF</p>
HOUSEKEEPING & SAFETY	DM explained general housekeeping and safety requirements to members.	DM
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	LA advised that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, approved by the Secretary, Department of Planning and engaged by Malabar to chair this CCC. No changes to members' declarations. Committee members to advise the Independent Chair of any changes moving forward.	LA
CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Minutes of previous inaugural meeting (Maxwell CCC September 2021 meeting) were distributed to members for review on 29/9/21 and finalised on 11/10/21.	
BUSINESS ARISING	<p>Actions arising from the previous meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest and Code of Conduct forms to be sent to all CCC members for signing. Hard copies to be available in the December meeting, for members unable to print, complete, scan and return via email. (<i>Emailed with finalised minutes 11/10/21</i>) 2. Link to DPIE portal to be provided to CCC members. (<i>Emailed with finalised minutes 11/10/21</i>) 3. Link to Management Plans to be provided to CCC members. (<i>Emailed with finalised minutes 11/10/21</i>) 4. Acronym sheet to be provided to CCC members. (<i>Emailed with finalised minutes 11/10/21</i>) 	<p>1. Complete</p> <p>2. Complete</p> <p>3. Complete</p> <p>4. Complete</p>

	<p>5. CCC members to respond to LA with preferred time for next meeting. <i>(No responses received therefore, scheduled meeting for 8/12/21 at 1pm)</i></p> <p>It was confirmed that no further business has arisen from previous minutes.</p>	<p>5. Complete</p>
<p>CORRESPONDENCE REPORT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29/9/21 – Email to members with the September meeting draft minutes for review. • 11/10/21 – Email to members with the finalised September meeting minutes, presentation, governance forms and completed action items. • 12/10/21 – Email from MW with completed forms. • 22/11/21 – Email to members with the Notice of decision - Mine Area Entry Modification (MOD1). • 24/11/21 – Email to members with the December meeting notice, agenda, correspondence report and COVID site requirements. • 5/12/21 – Email to members with a reminder for the December meeting. 	<p>LA</p>
<p>PRESENTATION ON SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND METALLURGICAL PROJECT UPDATE</p>	<p>JJ provided an update on the Spur Hill Underground (UG) Metallurgical Project.</p> <p>The proposed seismic work includes four 2D seismic lines on EL7429. The focus of the program is to understand the structure, geology and access options from the eastern boundary and initial mining options in the western area of the lease. JJ noted that the seismic line locations have been finalised in consultation with relevant landholders. Commencement of the program has been delayed due to the recent COVID restrictions. The program is planned to commence in February 2021, once relevant environmental studies and regulatory approvals have been received.</p>	<p>JJ Slides 3-4</p>
<p>PRESENTATION ON MAXWELL UNDERGROUND PROJECT UPDATE</p>	<p>JJ provided an update on the Maxwell UG Metallurgical Mine.</p> <p>ML1820 (for UG operations) and ML1822 (for ancillary mining activities) have now been granted. Maxwell will update the Mining Operations Plan to reflect the recent changes.</p> <p>JJ noted that MOD1 was submitted on 6 August 2021 and included repositioning of the underground portal, realignment of a small section of the proposed access road to minimise impacts to established rehabilitation, repositioning of an approved clean water diversion drain and repositioning of the water treatment plant from the mine entry area (MEA) to Maxwell Infrastructure. MOD1 was approved on 19 November 2021.</p> <p>JJ noted that Maxwell has been focussed on preparing for the commencement of construction in 2022. It was noted that the construction of the access road and MEA would take 12 – 18 months, with longwall operations proposed to commence in late 2023.</p> <p>JL queried whether the rehabilitation bonding was still required for the UG. JJ advised that the same process is still required to ensure the bonding is adequate for the UG Mine and associated activities.</p> <p>MW queried if a preferred contractor had been selected for the drift construction. JJ advised that the preferred contractor for the drift construction had been selected.</p>	<p>JJ Slides 6-8</p>

	<p>MW queried if they will be constructing access to the Whynot seam. JJ confirmed drift construction referred to is to the Woodlands Hill seam and access to the Whynot seam will be constructed separately.</p> <p>MW queried the methodology for driving the drift, specifically if blasting was required. JJ advised that the drift will be constructed by drill and blast methodology and a specialist has been engaged for this process.</p> <p>SP queried if the civil construction contractor would be sourced locally. JJ advised they are predominantly from the local area.</p> <p>MW queried if excavation work for the drift will commence early in the calendar new year. JJ confirmed they are targeting as soon as possible and currently finalising civil construction activities to enable drift construction commencement. The drift construction is critical path and is the biggest single construction activity to obtain first longwall coal.</p> <p>MW queried whether the proposed temporary blast monitoring locations at the horse studs had been finalised. DM advised that the locations provided by the horse studs were acceptable and Maxwell would install the temporary monitors a week before any blasting is to occur.</p>	
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE & MANAGEMENT PLANS	DM advised that the Biodiversity Management Plan and Water Management Plan had been approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and were available on the Malabar Resources website. DM noted that all pre-construction Management Plans have now been approved.	DM Slide 10
REHABILITATION	TC provided an update on the site rehabilitation including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maxwell planted 12,500 trees in mid-October. • Annual Ecological Fauna and Flora monitoring was undertaken in November 2021. • Weed spraying and wild dog baiting were being undertaken on site. 	TC Slide 11
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING	AN provided an overview of the Maxwell and Spur Hill environmental monitoring programs. AN provided a summary of the of the 24-hour PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5} data for September to November 2021. All results were below the 24-hour average and annual average criteria. AN noted some missing data due to scheduled maintenance and power outages. DM advised that a new TEOM will be installed to the south of the site in December 2021.	AN Slides 12-15
COMPLAINTS REGISTER	TC confirmed no community complaints had been received since the last meeting.	TC Slide 17
COMMUNITY UPDATES	TC provided an update on Malabar's recent sponsorships and donations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donated ten Christmas trees to local families in need through Blackroo Indigenous Corporation. • Continued as the major sponsor of the Denman Sandy Hollow Junior Rugby League Club. • Silver sponsor of the Denman Junior Cricket Club. • Major sponsor of the Aberdeen Fire and Rescue Santa Lolly Run. • Donated gifts and non-perishable food items for the 2NM and Power FM Toy and Food Appeal. • Provided financial support to Roohaven Wildlife Rescue in Muswellbrook. • Provided financial support for a business case study for the Upper Hunter Regional Museum Inc. • Malabar contributed financial support towards the annual presentation awards night at: 	TC See Slides 18-19

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denman Public School • Muswellbrook High School • Muswellbrook Public School 	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW queried if there was any further developments on the renewal energy opportunities since the last meeting. JJ advised the memorandum of understanding with EDF is a work in progress, site inspections have been completed to develop the plans, however there is nothing more to release at this point in time. • MW queried if gas drainage is being considered as an energy source. JJ advised that gas energy sources from the mine will be considered and Malabar are committed to making maximum reuse where possible. Provisions have been made in the infrastructure planning. • PH queried if solar power will be utilised for site power generation. JJ advised that the large-scale solar project generates more than required for the mine and will include export to the grid. • The Chair raised a topic for discussion as a new agenda item moving forward - "Community Questions". Proposing that members will be asked to submit any questions 2 weeks prior to the CCC, which will be forwarded through to the company for response at the meeting. This has worked well on other committees as it enables the questions to be answered on the day, without having to be taken on notice and it is also captured in the minutes so that all members and the broader community can access this information. The following motion was put forward and seconded by MW with no objections: <i>"That no less than 14 days prior to the next scheduled CCC; members submit in writing to the chair, items to be raised at the meeting. All questions received will be forwarded through to Malabar Resources with a response provided at the CCC meeting and incorporated into the minutes. This agenda item will not replace General Business, where issues may still be raised on the day, but should negate questions having to be taken on notice."</i> 	<p>LA</p> <p>Moved: LA Seconded: MW Agreed</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>The Chair proposed to maintain meetings on a quarterly basis in 2022, with the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 March 2022 • 15 June 2022 • 14 September 2022 • 7 December 2022 <p>All 2022 meetings are planned to be held onsite at Malabar Resources at a commencement time of 1pm.</p>	LA

Meeting closed at 1.37pm with LA thanking members for their attendance and participation throughout 2021 and wished all a safe and happy festive season.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Email Declaration Forms to TF	LA
2	Add Acronym Sheet to end of Presentations for each meeting	LA
3	Members to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings.	CCC Members
4	Members to advise LA of known conflicts for proposed 2022 meeting dates.	CCC Members