

MAXWELL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 March 2023

Via Zoom * & in attendance at the Maxwell Boardroom No. 2

GROUP	NAME	ORGANISATION	
CCC MEMBERS PRESENT	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson	
	Mark Bowditch (MB)	Community Representative	
	Stephen Ward (SW) *	Community Representative	
	Michael White (MW)	Coolmore / Godolphin Representative	
	Kemer Edwards (KE)	On behalf of De-Anne Douglas; CEO Wanare	uah LALC
	Theresa Folpp (TF)	Muswellbrook Shire Council	
CCC APOLOGIES	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative	
MALABAR	James Johnson (JJ)	General Manager; Development & Operations	
REPRESENTATIVES	Donna McLaughlin (DM)	Manager Health, Safety, Environment & Community	
	Alex Newton (AN)	Environment & Approvals Coordinator	
OTHER	Sarah Purser	Independent Minute Taker	
1. Welcome and	LA opened the meeting at 1	11.05 a.m. welcoming all and introducing	LA
Introductions	Kemer Edwards as represen	tative of Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land	
	Council, Stephen Ward as a	new Community Representative and Sarah	
	Purser as Minute Taker. LA advised that Community Representative Les		
	Jones will be resigning from this Community Consultative Committee		
	(CCC) as he is unable to attend on a regular basis.		
	Acknowledgement of Country by LA.		
2. Apologies	Advised and recorded LA		LA
3. Declaration of	Standing Declarations; LA is an Independent Chairperson, approved by LA		LA
Pecuniary Interests	the Department of Planning & Environment (DPE), and engaged by		
	Maxwell to Chair the Maxwell CCC Meeting. MW is a consultant and		
	representative for Coolmore and Godolphin. SP provides secretarial		
	services as an external contractor to Maxwell.		
4. Confirm Minutes of	The finalised Minutes of the previous CCC Meeting held 7 December LA		
Previous Meeting	2022 were emailed to mem	bers 27 December 2022.	
5. Business Arising from	LA confirmed a site inspection had been conducted in December 2022. LA		LA
the Meeting held 7			
December 2022	Action Items:		
	Ongoing: Members to for	ward "Community Questions" 14 days in	
	advance of scheduled meetings.		
	•	ons had been put forward.	
	Item: LA to write to Stephen Ward seeking interest in joining the		
	CCC as a Community Representative.		
	✓ Actioned by LA, SW was welcomed at today's meeting.		
	Item: AN to provide details on their investigation into loss of		
	monitoring data.		
	✓ Presentation at today's meeting.		
	Item: JJ to provide update on the granting of the exploration		
	licence to the west of Max		
		ers had been advised at the 7 December	
	2022 CCC Meeting that	this exploration licence had been granted.	



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6. Correspondence	16/12/22; Email to members with the draft minutes for review as well as the god turning invitation.	LA
Report	 the sod turning invitation. 27/12/22; Email to members with the finalised minutes. 	
	 3/2/23; Email to members advising of an extra-ordinary meeting on 	
	15/3/23 to discuss the proposed modification to the Antiene Rail Spur	
	Development Consent.	
	13/2/22; Email to Stephen Ward, inviting him to be a community	
	representative on this CCC.	
	23/2/23; Email to Mt Arthur CCC members regarding the meeting on	
	15/3/23.	
	8/3/23; Email to Maxwell & Joint CCC members with agenda for 15/3/23.	
7. Update on the	Spur Hill 2D Seismic Lines;	Slide 3
Spur Hill Underground	JJ noted that there had been some delays in progressing the	
Metallurgical Project	exploration program due to wet weather and contractor availability.	
James Johnson (JJ)	The Archaeological and Ecological surveys have been completed. The	
	ESF4 application is to be submitted to the Resources Regulator (RR).	
	Work is planned to commence in Q2, with contractors currently being	
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O lindata an Marror II	organised for the end of April 2023.	Clida F
8. Update on Maxwell	Schedule; Members were provided with a construction timetable for	Slide 5
Underground Mine	the period 2022 to 2026 onwards. JJ gave an overview of works being	
James Johnson (JJ)	conducted in Q1 2023, including but not limited to; construction of the	
	access road, mine access portals, drifts and vent shaft and site	
	infrastructure. The Coal Handling Prep Plant is being recommissioned	
	ready for the first coal. The longwall has been ordered and going	
	through manufacture.	
	PIMS Group are recruiting additional workforce to be directly	
	employed for the Maxwell site. On-boarding activities, such as	
	completing inductions, have been underway as the workforce	
	mobilised to site in February, ready for the start of operations week	
	commencing 13 March 2023.	
	Development of the Woodlands Hill Drift is due to commence late Q2	
	2023. Development Coal produced to set up for Longwall production	
	is anticipated for Q2 2024 with longwall production commencing in Q1	
	2025.	
MEA Earthworks	JJ provided an overview of the construction process and progress for	Slide 6
	Whynot and Woodlands Portals as at 9/2/23 and 8/3/23.	Slide 7
Whynot Portal	Whynot will be the first seam for operation with first workings	
	scheduled to start week commencing 13/3/23 equipment has been	
	mobilised to this area, workforce inducted and set up for operations.	
	In response to a query from TF, JJ identified three portal entries that go	
	into the Whynot seam, one will be roadways to provide access for	
	vehicles, one will be for a conveyor and both provide intake ventilation,	
	the third is for life of mine exhausting ventilation so there will be no	
	requirement for a shaft.	



Woodlands Portal	Woodlands is situated further to the west of Whynot, JJ identified holes	
	where Maxwell have been drilling ready for a blast. In response to a	
	query from TF, JJ advised the Woodlands Portal is for entry to deeper	
	longwall seams, with construction anticipated to be completed in June	
	2023. TF asked if access to Arrowfield, Woodlands and Bowfield are via	
	the Woodlands Portal and JJ confirmed that is correct.	
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Access Road &	JJ identified the permanent access road that commenced being	Slide 8
Conveyor Trace	constructed through February with completion anticipated towards end	
Conveyor Trace	of 2023. JJ explained that the road is in two parts with the second	
	section due for completion early 2024. TF queried the timing for	
	sealing the mine entry roads and JJ confirmed each of these two	
	sections will be sealed on completion.	
	LA asked if members had any questions on the Maxwell Underground	
	Mine update and MW queried if it was anticipated that there be further	
	surface blasts to finish the portal entry. JJ confirmed that results from	
	drilling indicate that there will be the need to do further blasting. The	
	scheduled blast in Woodlands Hill portal will take it down to Whynot	
	Seam and more will be known when that seam is taken out. MW noted	
	that there had been two blasts so far in Whynot, so this would be the	
	first in Woodlands Hill, he felt it would be good to see the results being	
	as negligible as the blasts already conducted. MW noted there had	
	been some comfort provided to the horse studs from those early	
	blasting results.	
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Management Plans And Audits

Donna McLaughlin (DM)

The Rehabilitation Strategy was approved by DPE on 15 March 2023. MB queried if there could be any changes made to some of the native vegetation to incorporate species such as bush tucker. DM responded that species selection doesn't sit within the Rehabilitation Strategy as it is a high level document that defaults back to what is in the Development Consent, however DM would be happy to discuss this offline with MB, noting that the RR would need to approve of any changes. DM noted that it is not out of scope to conduct trials in regard to changing some species down the track, however this would still have to be consistent with Maxwell's consent.

ACTION 1: DM to discuss seed mixes with MB to see if the native vegetation could incorporate or trial bush tucker species.

MB felt a benefit that comes with rehabilitation is the opportunity to put in water bodies and appropriate trees with the right food sources to encourage endangered birds such as the Honey Eater, and also for the Black Cockatoos in the hope to encourage them out of Wollemi National Park.

TF queried the types of species considered to be bush tucker and if they are planted randomly, or in communities. MB responded that is a broad term that covers a large number of species, including some weeds, some examples are; Prickly Pear, Davidson Plum and Native Hibiscus. MB explained what parts of these plants can and can't be consumed or alternatively have been used to make items such as fish nets and traps. MB provided an example of an area the size of an acre block where 5 to 6 plants would provide a food source to encourage birds, adding that natural seeding occurs as they move from each of these plants. MB believes that cultural fires, known as cool burns, are also required to assist plants to seed and grow. TF wondered if some of the plants MB had mentioned may already be in native seed mixes and DM agreed they potentially could be if they are all native species that existed in the area prior to mining.

MB raised concerns about Black Wattle and White Cedar, these are fast growing species with a large number of berries that birds spread. Both species are attractive to the hairy caterpillar that shed hairs which is also of concern around horses' health. DM noted that Maxwell do not have those two species.

In December 2022, Maxwell received a notice from the RR to engage a suitably qualified expert to undertake an assessment that sets out the design of modifications to the rehabilitated landform and surface water management structures on the rehabilitated landform to address any instability and erosion risks identified. Chris Waygood; Principal Mine Closure Specialist - Golder, has been engaged to carry out this assessment and that will go back to the RR.



Dust Monitoring	PM ₁₀ at TEOM-1 (Maxwell Infrastructure); all results low for both short	Slide 13
Alex Newton (AN)	and long term assessment criteria.	
	PM _{2.5} at TEOM-1 (Maxwell Infrastructure); again all results were very	Slide 14
	low relative to any assessment criteria / human health.	
	PM_{10} at TEOM-2 (Plashett); concentrations all very low relative to assessment criteria. There had been two small gaps in monitoring	Slide 15
	where a monitoring contractor had resolved an equipment failure and	
	secondly due to a scheduled calibration day.	
Investigation into	AN advised this action had arisen from the December 2022 CCC	Slide 16
TEOM downtime	Meeting and provided a detailed report into Maxwell's investigation	
October 2022	into TEOM missing data or downtime during October 2022.	
Alex Newton (AN)	Please refer to Slide 16 in Maxwell's CCC Company Presentation.	
	TF queried if AN would typically receive a high volume of emails in	
	relation to monitoring alerts from the TEOM's and AN provided some	
	examples of causes of alerts, along with investigations and actions that	
40.0	he would undertake in response to these.	CI: L 40
10. Community Update	No complaints were received in the reporting period.	Slide 19
Donna McLaughlin (DM) Sponsorships	Overview of recent sponsorships:	Slide 20
& Donations	Muswellbrook Day View Club; donation to supply back to school items.	Silde 20
	 Sponsorship towards the Mullins Conceptual Photography Prize, 	
	exhibited at Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre.	
	Donated prize for the Muswellbrook Cats AFC Mega Raffle, funding drive.	
	 Sponsorship for Bureen RFS to assist in rewiring of brigade 	
	building.	
	Denman Sandy Hollow JRLFC, main sponsor for 2023 season.	
	 Rock'n the Brook; a free Community Event at Olympic Park, Muswellbrook held 4 March 2023. 	
11. Community	As has been the case at previous CCC meetings, DM again encouraged	
Questions	members to reach out while Maxwell is preparing the Antiene	
	Modification Assessment Report should they have any queries or	
	feedback.	
	MB acknowledged Maxwell for doing a good job in keeping the CCC	
	informed as business is progressing, he thanked the team for the	
	information coming through to members. DM noted there was a lot	
	happening on the ground and much has changed since the CCC site	
	visit in December 2022, so she felt another tour would be of value.	
	SW suggested that Maxwell also engage with the Horse and Winery	
	Industries with regard to their consultation around the Antiene Rail	
	Modification. LA thanked SW for his feedback.	
	ACTION 2: DM to engage with neighbouring Horse Studs and	
	Vineyards in relation to the Antiene Rail Modification.	
12. General Business	ACTION 3: LA to send SW the Minutes for the Maxwell CCC Meeting	
	held 7 December 2022.	



CCC Member Feedback

TF advised that Muswellbrook Council Officers had met with Regional NSW, along with a few other groups, around housing, adding there has been some concern about temporary housing in the shire. TF noted that the Hunter-Central Coast has recently been declared a renewable energy zone and there are a number of plans and strategies being developed, for example; around workforce accommodation and use of infrastructure post mining when sites are rehabilitated back to grass and trees. TF felt this was quite an exciting space and recommended that mining sites keep informed around Regional NSW's initiatives.

MB queried if there was any structure in place that PIMS might use in relation to encouraging an intake of local apprentices, for example there are young people in Denman that may be interested in getting into the mining industry. MB acknowledged that it can been seen at shift changes that traffic is coming in and going out of the local area, he understands there is an appeal for many people to live in Newcastle and on the Coast. MB would like conversations to be started on how to encourage more people to live in the local area and attract them to support mining. LA noted that when putting out tender documents, or within purchasing procedures, a number of companies have a percentage of staff or materials that are to come from the local area and that MB had brought up a very valid point. JJ confirmed that both Maxwell and PIMS are proactive in developing supply arrangements through local suppliers and targeting a local workforce.

JJ explained that Maxwell's first intake of personnel had been about bringing in a relatively small crew of experienced people to get the mine entry started to commence the underground mine.

With the development of the mine, Maxwell will need 350 personnel, which will include engaging apprentices, so there will be Employment Road Shows conducted to attract these people in the future. These Road Shows will be of particular benefit to inexperienced people in gaining an understanding of how to follow a pathway to get into the industry. JJ noted that Maxwell is not targeting fly in - fly out transport or providing accommodation as part of employment packages as another means to encourage people to live locally.

MB reiterated that he understands the rationale for people wanting to live out of the local area. As there is a transition to renewables, MB feels there will be a greater need for more people and that it would be of benefit to have people living locally at that time.

JJ noted that with regard to a transitional workforce, he trusts that people will be able to see an opportunity to stay in the local area and do something they have not done before i.e. underground mining. With people seeing a future in this business will help support keeping them in the area.



DM agreed that this subject does require a broader approach and noted the importance of making sure people want to live locally by providing the right services, such as Doctors, Schools etc. MB declared that he works for a department of Regional NSW and noted that Muswellbrook Council has engaged with Regional NSW to uplift the liveability of the local area. MB would like for all to start reliving the conversation around attracting people looking to live locally, considering that Maxwell is starting to re-employ people whilst Mt Arthur Coal's closure will leave a huge hole. MB acknowledged that there is a housing issue in Muswellbrook but this cannot be addressed if people are not staying in the local area. MB queried with regard to renewables, if there was an update or news on the development of the solar farms. JJ responded there are two projects; one is a proposal for a large scale Solar Farm with Maxwell partnering with EDF Renewables. JJ confirmed that Maxwell put out a Media Release about this proposal in 2022. Development work is currently in progress, along with project planning and this will need to go through the approval process. The second is the Maxwell Solar Farm, a 25 megawatt solar farm, that has been approved to be built on a rehabilitated mine area. Maxwell are working with other groups for proposals on this project. TF queried if the land is ready to go for Maxwell Solar or does it require shaping and DM responded it will require clearing and shaping. Maxwell would need to relinquish that land from their mining lease and work with the RR to ensure they are happy to go with another land use. There was a general discussion around water erosion issues with solar farms and how that could be managed. MB noted the potential for	CCC 14 1 - " :	DAA LILAH LI	
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ACTION	ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY
Ongoing	Members to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled	Community
	meetings.	Representatives
1	DM to discuss seed mixes with MB to see if the native vegetation could	DM
	incorporate or trial bush tucker species.	
2	DM to engage with neighbouring Horse Studs and Vineyards in relation to the	DM
	Antiene Rail Modification.	
3	LA to send SW the Minutes for the Maxwell CCC Meeting held 7 December	LA
	2022.	