

**MAXWELL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ONSITE AND VIA ZOOM*
WEDNESDAY 7th December 2022**

GROUP	NAME	ORGANISATION
CCC MEMBERS PRESENT	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Jennifer Lecky (JL)	Deputy Chairperson
	Michael White (MW)	Representative for Coolmore/Godolphin
CCC MEMBERS APOLOGIES	Robert Halloran (RH)	Community Representative
	Aaron Moon (AM)	Community Representative
	Theresa Folpp (TF)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Mark Bowditch (MB)	Community Representative
	De-Anne Douglas (DD)	CEO Wanaruah LALC
MALABAR REPRESENTATIVES	James Johnson (JJ)	General Manager Development and Operations – Malabar Resources
	Donna McLaughlin (DM)	Manager Health, Safety, Environment and Community – Malabar Resources
	Alex Newton (AN)	Environment and Approvals Coordinator – Malabar Resources
	Jason Parsons (JP)	Environment and Community Coordinator – Malabar Resources
	Christopher Donohue (CD)	Environmental Trainee – Malabar Resources
OTHER	Kerri Garvie *	Independent Minute Taker

*Attended via zoom

WELCOME	<p>The meeting was opened at 11.45am by the Independent Chair, welcoming all members to the Q4 2022 Maxwell CCC meeting. LA acknowledged that the meeting was being held on site and via video conferencing, acknowledging the Independent Minute Taker.</p> <p>LA thanked Maxwell for organising a site tour out to the Mine Entry Area (MEA) which occurred prior to the meeting commencing.</p>	LA
APOLOGIES	<p>LA confirmed apologies from RH, DD and AM. It was noted that TF and MB would try to attend via Zoom.</p> <p>LA suggested that she make contact with Stephen Ward, previous CCC members when he was a Councillor with Muswellbrook Shire Council, to see if he was interested in being a community representative on the committee. Agreed.</p>	
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST	<p>LA advised that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, approved by the Department of Planning and engaged by Malabar Resources to chair this CCC meeting.</p> <p>MW declared that he had been engaged to represent Coolmore and Godolphin horse studs.</p>	LA
CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting from 14th September 2022 were distributed to members for review and finalised on 7th October 2022.</p>	LA
BUSINESS ARISING/ ACTION ITEMS	<p>Actions arising from the previous meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members to forward through any "Community Questions", 14 days in advance. LA notes no questions were received on notice. 2. JJ to provide a response to the CCC regarding the blasting of the Woodland Hill and Whynot portals. 3. IEA report to be shared with CCC when reviewed by DPE. 4. DM to send CCC site requirements prior to the December meeting/site visit. <p>It was confirmed that no further business has arisen from previous meeting.</p>	<p>LA</p> <p>CCC Members (Ongoing item) Completed</p> <p>Completed Completed</p>

<p>CORRESPONDENCE REPORT as sent with the meeting notice on 24/11/22</p>	<p>29/9/22 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review as well as the sod turning invitation. 30/9/22 - Email to members with the link to the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project IEA & response to the auditor's recommendation from AN. 7/10/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes. 12/10/22 - Email to members postponing the sod turning event due to weather conditions. 12/10/22 - Email to members with information on the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Community Forum. 20/10/22 - Email to members with the November 2022 newsletter\update. 19/10/22 - Email from MSC objecting to use of local roads for State Significant developments in its shire. Forwarded on to Maxwell for its information. 21/10/22 - Email to members advising that the Maxwell Underground Mine - Mining Optimisation Modification (MOD2) has been approved. 25/10/22 - Email to members with the rescheduled date for the Sod Turn Event to Friday 25th November. 4/11/22 - Email from MW with RSVP & questions regarding blasting procedures for horse studs. Response provided by DM. 24/11/22 - Email to members with Meeting Notice & Agenda for this CCC. 5/12/22 - Email to members with the reminder for this meeting.</p>	<p>LA</p>
<p>SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND METALLURGICAL PROJECT UPDATE</p> <p>MAXWELL UNDERGROUND PROJECT UPDATE</p>	<p>JJ provided an update on the Spur Hill Underground (UG) Metallurgical Project. No change to the seismic lines planned. Wet weather has been persistent and caused delays for the contractor and access. Maxwell are now scheduling to commence work early next year.</p> <p>JJ provided an update on the Maxwell UG Mine and discussed the schedule noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work continuing at the MEA in particular the mine access portals. • Site infrastructure is being put in place including power poles, pipelines and tanks. • Maxwell has signed a letter of intent with a contractor for the bord and pillar operation and aim to kick this off early next year. • Maxwell have executed three of the four key longwall contracts. • Maxwell are working towards getting the overland conveyor designed and constructed. <p>MW questioned whether Maxwell were expecting any delays with the delivery of the longwall equipment? JJ responded no that it had been ordered in advance of when it was needed with some buffer.</p> <p>MW questioned how many ventilation fans there would be? JJ responded that there is a ventilation fan on the Whynot portal entry, on one of the roadways. There are 2 separate fans on it which provide the ventilation, they are rated for about 100 cubic metres each; but when they are installed parallel with each other, this lessens the rating. On the relocated single shaft site, included in the modification, initially a single fan is installed, later, as ventilation demand goes up, there will be a second fan installed.</p> <p>DM provided an overview of MOD2 noting this was presented and discussed in previous meetings. DM confirmed that MOD2 was approved on 20th October 2022 and Maxwell were currently working on updating the relevant Environmental Management Plans.</p> <p>MW questioned when the stage 2 Water Management Plan would need to be done by? DM confirmed prior to second workings.</p>	<p>JJ Slide 4</p> <p>JJ Slide 6</p> <p>JJ Slide 7</p> <p>DM Slides 8 & 9</p> <p>Slide 10</p>

<p>ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE & MANAGEMENT PLANS</p>	<p>AN provided an update on the site rehabilitation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting of 4,000 plants in November over 5ha to increase wildlife connectivity throughout the woodland corridor. • Weed control completed during November targeting St John’s Wort. • Dog and fox baiting occurred in October and November. • Pig and wild dog trapping undertaken in November. • Pest control planned for December in recent revegetation areas and the southern offset area. <p>DM noted that since the last meeting, Maxwell have had the Social Impact Management Plan approved and it is now available on the website. DM also noted that Maxwell has commenced preparing the Extraction Plan and the Rehabilitation Strategy.</p> <p>DM noted that the Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) was approved by DPE in September and circulated to CCC member. The audit and action plan are available on the website.</p> <p>AN provided an update on the results from the two ambient air quality monitoring sites; one is referred to as TEOM-1, which is on the other side of Thomas Mitchell Drive, the other is TEOM-2, which is on the Plashett property adjacent to the Hunter River. In relation to TEOM-1, all monitored levels of both PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} during the reporting period of Sep–Nov 2022 were well below the threshold for any effects on human health, for both 24-hour and annual averages. There are a couple of gaps in the data record, the most prominent being a 10-day loss of data during late October, which was the result of an ‘unrecoverable error’ with the TEOM. The issue with the equipment and any measures put in place will be presented at the next meeting. Action.</p> <p>For TEOM-2 a full data record was present for the last three months. All levels were well below any criteria for human health effects. There was an elevated period towards the end of November. This is a result of the reintroduction of the original TEOM that had previously been sent for service; after an assessment of the data the original unit was removed for further diagnosis and the hire unit was reintroduced.</p> <p>Discussion: MW Are the elevated levels on the graph from 18th November incorrect? AN: Some of the PM_{2.5} values exceeded the PM₁₀ values, so the hire instrument was returned to the field, with further diagnosis on the original unit to occur between the equipment manufacturer and the monitoring contractor.</p>	<p>AN Slide 11</p> <p>DM Slide 12</p> <p>AN Slides 14, 15,16 & 17</p>
<p>COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS</p>	<p>DM confirmed that no community complaints had been received since the last meeting.</p>	<p>DM Slide 18</p>
<p>COMMUNITY UPDATES</p>	<p>JP noted that Maxwell had supported the Jerrys Plains School of Arts Hall by funding two display cabinets that were built by the Denman and District Men’s Shed.</p> <p>JP also noted that Maxwell participated in the careers expo as part of the Hunter Coal Festival and had the opportunity to engage with students from Singleton High and St Catherine’s Catholic College to discuss potential employment pathways and careers in mining.</p> <p>Maxwell also has a site recycling program where plastic and glass containers are donated to the Warrior Disability Services who recycle them as part of the Government funded Return and Earn Program.</p> <p>DM noted that on 25th November 2022, Maxwell held a sod turn event to celebrate the commencement of construction. In attendance were a range of community members including supporters of the</p>	<p>JP Slides 19 and 20</p>

	project, Muswellbrook Shire Council, suppliers, neighbours and elected representatives. Construction of the mine marks a significant milestone and will generate approximately 250 jobs throughout the construction period.	
COMMUNITY QUESTIONS	LA confirmed there were no community questions lodged prior to the CCC.	LA Slides 21 and 22
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>JL questioned if any work was being carried out with the new Denman and District Historical Village. JP noted that he had been in discussions with them regarding a potential sponsorship request.</p> <p>DM noted that Maxwell was planning to submit a modification for the Antiene Rail Spur Development Consent. The modification would extend the operation of the Antiene Rail Spur Development Consent to align with the approved operating life of the Maxwell Underground Mine. There would be no change to the boundary or transport limits are proposed. Maxwell are proposing to submit the modification in Q2 of 2023.</p> <p>MW questioned whether the consent just covered the rail line and loop? DM confirmed that this was correct and that part of the line also services BHP's Mt Arthur Coal.</p> <p>JJ noted that the exploration licence applications (ELA's) covering the area west of Maxwell, had recently been granted by the Deputy Premier (now Exploration Licences – EL's). JJ committed to providing an update at the next meeting as Maxwell were still waiting for the final documentation. Action.</p> <p>MW questioned if the EL's would be in newspapers? JJ confirmed that they had already been advertised for submissions.</p>	JL Slide 23
NEXT MEETING	<p>The next meeting will be on 15th March at 11am. Details to be confirmed.</p> <p>Dates were set for the remaining meetings in 2023 and included the 21st June 2023 (aligns with Joint CCC with Antiene), 13th September 2023 and 15th November 2023.</p>	LA

Meeting closed at 12:12pm with LA thanking members for their attendance and participation throughout 2022, wishing all a happy and safe festive season.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Members to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings.	CCC Members (ongoing)
2	Write to Stephen Ward seeking interest in joining CCC as community representative	LA
3	Loss of monitoring data. Provide details of investigation back to the next CCC	AN
4	Provide update on the granting of the exploration licence to the west of Maxwell	JJ