

**MAXWELL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 February 2024**

In attendance on-site at Maxwell

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
<b>CCC MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Brian Atfield (BA)	Community Representative
	Sue Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
	Jennifer Lecky (JL)	Community Representative
	Peter Horder (PH)	Community Representative
	Stephen Ward (SW)	Community Representative
	Mark Bowditch (MB)	Community Representative
	Michael White (MW)	Coolmore / Godolphin Representative
	Kemer Edwards (KE)	Wanaruah LALC alternate Representative
<b>MALABAR REPRESENTATIVES</b>	James Johnson (JJ)	General Manager; Development & Operations
	Donna McLaughlin (DM)	Manager Health, Safety, Environment & Community
	Teagan Rutter (TR)	Community Administrator
	Alex Newton (AN)	Environment & Approvals Coordinator
	Chris Donohue (CD)	Land & Property Coordinator
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Theresa Folpp	Muswellbrook Shire Council
<b>OTHER</b>	Sarah Purser	Independent Minute Taker
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>	<p>LA opened the meeting at 10.05 a.m. welcoming all to the first CCC Meeting for 2024.</p> <p>LA noted there was a large complement of members at today's meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend.</p> <p><i>Acknowledgement of Country by LA.</i></p>	LA
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Advised and recorded.	LA
<b>3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests</b>	<p><i>Standing Declarations;</i> LA is an Independent Chairperson, approved by the DPE, and engaged by Maxwell to Chair this CCC meeting. MW is a consultant and representative for Coolmore and Godolphin. SP provides secretarial services as an external contractor to Maxwell.</p>	LA
<b>4. Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	LA confirmed the finalised minutes of the previous CCC meeting held 15 November 2023 were emailed to members on 7 December 2023, along with the Maxwell CCC Terms of Reference ratified on that day.	LA
<b>5. Business Arising from the Meeting held 15 November 2023 Action Items</b>	<p><b>Ongoing Action;</b> Members to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings.</p> <p>LA confirmed no questions had been put forward and that members are welcome to submit these in Business Arising.</p>	LA
<b>6. Correspondence Report</b>	<p>Emailed to Maxwell CCC Members by LA:-</p> <p>28/11/23; Draft minutes for the meeting held 15/11/23 for review.            7/12/23; Finalised meeting minutes for 15/11/23.            15/12/23; Advice of change in meeting date schedule for 2024.            9/2/24; Meeting notice and agenda for this meeting.            19/2/24; Reminder and RSVP request for today's meeting.</p>	LA

<p><b>7. Exploration Licence Update</b></p>	<p><b>Spur Hill Exploration</b>          JJ advised that the processing of seismic data collected in 2023 has been completed and a data processing report submitted. Initial interpretation of this data has begun and JJ anticipated the final results will come through in March this year, this will enable Maxwell to develop a plan for 2024. Planning is underway for the 2024 exploration program, this may include a combination of 2D seismic and drilling.</p> <p><b>Exploration Licences 9497 and EL9498</b>          The desktop analysis was undertaken in 2023 and the first year of field exploration activities are planned to occur through 2024. The 2D will assist to understand the relationship between the Maxwell Mine and Spur Hill. The 2024 exploration is planned to occur on Malabar owned land.</p>	<p>Slide 3</p>
<p><b>8. Update on Maxwell Underground Mine</b></p>	<p>JJ provided an update on the Maxwell Underground Mine schedule that is reviewed at each CCC meeting.</p> <p><b>Woodland Hill Ventilation Shaft</b>          Maxwell have commenced earthworks for the entrance and anticipate having contractors on the ground in May 2024. MW queried if the shaft was from the surface down and JJ confirmed that is correct.</p> <p>MB asked if any areas in the Mine Entry had been tough to mine through. JJ responded that most areas were quite easy however some areas required drill and blasting. MB queried if these blasts were small blasts and JJ confirmed that is correct. JJ confirmed all is going to plan and at this stage no further surface blasting has been identified.</p> <p><b>Longwall</b>          This is well into manufacture, the prototype roof supports have been tested in China. The coal clearance and cutting machines are manufactured in Germany. Maxwell's Engineering Manager will travel to the manufacturer to check quality and timing.</p> <p><b>Overland Conveyor</b>          JJ advised that earthworks for the conveyor trace have been completed. The design of the overland conveyor is still being finalised noting that this will be manufactured off site prior to coming to Maxwell.</p> <p>Maxell have signed all contracts for the underground development equipment, some equipment is being overhauled and some will be new.</p> <p>JJ noted that an extension of the longwall to 300 metres has been added to the schedule in today's presentation, this is consist with approvals and anticipated for Q3 of 2026. Maxwell continues to work through certainty on supply time frames and capital for expansion.</p> <p>Maxwell provided a pictorial overview of some achievements to date, inclusive of but not limited to; the Mine Entry Area, conveyor installation, dam and water infra-structure.</p> <p>Maxwell's first coal was produced from the Bord and Pillar operations in March 2023 with the first train departing the mine to the Port of</p>	<p>Slide 6</p>

<p><b>8. Update on Maxwell Underground Mine (cont)</b></p>	<p>Newcastle in June 2023. MB asked if the train movements of coal are on par with expectations and JJ responded that these will increase as the Bord and Pillar increases production. MB asked if that meant there will be no changes to the anticipated community disturbance from rail movements and JJ confirmed that is correct. Three trains are expected to leave site during 2024 and to date there have been no issues.</p> <p><b>Achievement Milestones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ December 2020 – Development Consent issued.</li> <li>✓ November 2021 – Mining Lease granted.</li> <li>✓ May 2022 – Construction commenced.</li> <li>✓ March 2023 - First coal was produced from the Whynot Seam.</li> <li>✓ June 2023 – First coal train leaves site.</li> <li>✓ July 2023 – Woodlands Hill Drift Construction commences.</li> </ul> <p><b>Access Road &amp; Conveyor Trace</b></p> <p>The first section of bitumen road sealing (on Part B) has been completed and road base course placement is ongoing.</p> <p><b>Mine Entry Area</b></p> <p>Concrete work on Woodland's Hill Portal access ramp is in progress and anticipated for completion around mid March 2024. Following this, the conveyor will be built on the left-hand side of this concrete ramp. The Woodland's Hill Portal sump is almost completed. Maxwell have undertaken temporary seeding for improved stabilisation.</p> <p><b>Apprentices 2024</b></p> <p>Maxwell have employed their first four apprentices for 2024, this commenced with a visit to site on 19 January to do a meet and greet, along with an underground inspection where they were provided with an overview of the mining process. These apprentices commenced their training and HVTC on 22 January. MB queried if the apprentices were local and Maxwell confirmed that one is from Singleton and another from Muswellbrook. Maxwell received 270 applications which was a very good response.</p>	<p>Slide 7</p> <p>Slide 8</p> <p>Slide 9</p> <p>Slide 10</p>
<p><b>9. Management Plans &amp; Environmental Performance</b></p>	<p><b>Management Plan Updates</b></p> <p>DM provided detail of the Management Plans that have been updated following approval of the Antiene Modification. Management Plans for Exploration Activities &amp; Minor Infrastructure Management and Noise &amp; Blasting are still under review. DM anticipated these to be finalised by the next CCC Meeting scheduled for May 2024. Management Plans are available on the Malabar website.</p> <p>Work is continuing on the Whynot Extraction Plan; this includes looking at remodelling for subsidence and groundwater, plus there are a number of sub-plans that are being developed. DM advised this work is likely to progress over the next six months.</p>	<p>Slide 12</p>

	<p><b>Rehabilitation Update</b></p> <p>Maxwell have sprayed regrowth of Golden Wreath Wattle and Prickly Pear. Targeted program conducted end November 2023.</p> <p>Maxwell have applied a woodland seed mix to 3.9 hectares within the remediation areas of the Woodlands Corridor.</p>	Slide 13
	<p><b>Rehabilitation - Remedial Work</b></p> <p>Dm advised the following work has been completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Widening of drains ID7, ID8 and ID9.</li> <li>✓ Diversion of water away from the Northern Void highwall.</li> <li>✓ Repairs to contour banks and reshaping at the East Void.</li> <li>✓ Removal of old contour banks near Southern Void.</li> </ul> <p>Maxwell has provided a progress report to the Resources Regulator and await their feedback. DM anticipated that these works will continue for 12 months.</p> <p>MB queried, from an environmental point of view, if there is a way that Maxwell could build in catch dams on downhill slopes that would allow for water to go into revegetation. DM confirmed that Maxwell do have some dams located on rehabilitation, contour drains direct flow to these dams however they are not located on the downhill slopes. The company has looked at implementing strategies in other areas to keep water on land, particularly land that will be used for grazing.</p> <p>MB commended the work that Maxwell has undertaken in relation to the green (synoptic) corridor, he felt that corridor is coming along really well. JL advised she would like to praise Maxwell for this area as well, she said the way planting has been done looks great. MB felt it would be nice to also encourage some more finches and swift parrots back into the area.</p>	Slide 14
	<p><b>Maxwell Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA)</b></p> <p>This BSA has been established under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and covers an area of 1041 hectares. DM noted that it had taken a number of years to get this BSA in place and it was pleasing for this to have been signed off in December 2023.</p>	Slide 15
	<p><b>Dust Monitoring;</b></p> <p><b><i>PM<sub>10</sub> at TEOM-1 (Maxwell Infrastructure);</i></b> This monitor is located on the other side of Thomas Mitchell Drive. Monitoring levels were low in relation to criteria for human health protection. AN provided explanations for a few data gaps; one in November was due to a scheduled calibration, then after Christmas and New Year there had been high humidity and temperatures that caused an air-conditioner to trip the power. AN confirmed that a new air-conditioner has been installed. AN provided supplementary data from a BHP TEOM Air Quality Monitoring Station that is located 2 kilometres to the north</p>	Slide 16

	<p>west on Balmoral Road to provide data for those periods. LA thanked AN for adding that data.</p> <p><b>PM<sub>2.5</sub> at TEOM-1 (Maxwell Infrastructure);</b> Concentrations recorded were significantly below the 24 hour and annual impact assessment criteria.</p> <p><b>PM<sub>10</sub> at TEOM-2 (Plashett);</b> This monitor is located near the Hunter River at the Plashett property. Concentrations recorded were significantly below the 24 hour and annual impact assessment criteria.</p> <p><b>PM<sub>2.5</sub> at TEOM-2 (Plashett);</b> All results were significantly below the 24-hour and annual impact assessment criteria. AN noted that the TEOM 2 Monitor had a near perfect data record for the quarter with one exception in early January when the power tripped.</p>	<p>Slide 17</p> <p>Slide 18</p> <p>Slide 19</p>
<p><b>10. Community Update</b></p>	<p>No complaints had been received by Maxwell since the previous CCC Meeting held in November 2023.</p> <p>TR advised that Maxwell have been busy in the Community space and provided an overview of the support provided to the following recipients:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 2NM Power FM Food &amp; Toy Christmas Appeal</li> <li>✓ Milbrodale Public School</li> <li>✓ Muswellbrook Day View Club</li> <li>✓ Westpac Rescue Helicopter</li> <li>✓ Denman Sandy Hollow JRLFC – Club Sponsor 2024</li> <li>✓ Scone Community Pantry at the Scone Community Centre</li> <li>✓ Aberdeen Fire &amp; Rescue NSW</li> <li>✓ Calvary Care Singleton</li> <li>✓ Upper Hunter Education Fund – 2024 Sponsorship</li> </ul> <p>Maxwell have recently completed a mail out of their January 2024 Update Community Newsletter, this also contains full detail of Maxwell’s support work within the local community. The Newsletter was made available to the CCC at today’s meeting.</p>	<p>Slide 21</p> <p>Slide 22</p>
<p><b>11. Community Questions</b></p>	<p>In response to a query from MB regarding local employment percentages, DM confirmed that a workforce snapshot, including residency, had been provided at the 15 November 2023 CCC and the Meeting Minutes capture that detail. LA noted that DM was also going to try and source the same detail for contractors and DM confirmed that Maxwell are working with Pegasus to obtain that data.</p>	
<p><b>13. General Business CCC Member Feedback</b></p>	<p>JJ advised members of a recent company announcement regarding a recent successful equity raise of \$180 million. One of the key initiatives made possible by this funding is the development of a 300 metre longwall, this can be found on Maxwell's website:-  <a href="https://malabarresources.com.au/malabar-resources-celebrates-successful-180-million-equity-raise-2/">https://malabarresources.com.au/malabar-resources-celebrates-successful-180-million-equity-raise-2/</a></p> <p>LA closed the meeting at 10.40 a.m., thanking Malabar for a great presentation and all attendees for providing such a good representation of this CCC.</p>	

<b>Next Meeting Dates</b>	23 May 2024 at 10.00 a.m. Following meetings proposed for 22 August and 14 November 2024.	LA
<b>Ongoing Action Item</b>	Community representatives to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings	