

Mt Owen Complex (MOC) Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson:	Val Scott
Minute-taker:	Shannon Mulholland
Date:	26.06.09
Time:	10.05am – 11.30am
Location:	Glendell

1. Opening of Meeting	Meeting opened by Val Scott at 10.05am.
1.1 Present	<p><i>Community:</i> Patricia Bestic, Alec Schiemerer, Wendy Williams, Alan Noble</p> <p><i>Singleton Council:</i> Val Scott, Brian Thomas, Godfrey Adamthwaite</p> <p><i>MOC:</i> Annemieke Grosser (Glendell (GLD)), Ben Clibborn (MOC), Zac Chytra (Theiss), Tony Israel (GLD), Shannon Mulholland (AECOM), Linda Dunn (Theiss), Trevor Wells (Xstrata Coal NSW), Ashley McLeod (Mt Owen), Greg Mortlock (Theiss), Gary Bernasconi (GLD).</p>
1.2 Apologies	Jenny Marshall, Deidre Oloffsson
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	Alan Noble declared an interest relating to his request for property acquisition under the Mt Owen Development Consent
3. Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes from the previous meeting held on 27th March 2009 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved by Alec Schiemerer, Seconded by Ben Clibborn • As a action from the previous meeting the Cramps monitor has been renamed to Middle Falbrook monitor • Proposal by meeting attendees to capture an action table at the end of the minutes to identify actions from the minutes that are required for the coming meeting. Will be commenced as part of this meetings minutes onwards
4. Update on Operational Performance of Mt Owen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western out of Pit (WOOP) dump rehab commenced and majority of dump to be rehabilitated by end of coming financial year • (Biodiversity Offset Research Program) BORP underway for 2009 • Yorks Creek project inspected by DECC with positive outcomes, minor actions required including:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to update signage on boundary fences 2. Flora monitoring post removal of stock from the area
4.1 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – Total Suspended Particulates (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below compliance criteria • Rolling annual average starting to trend upwards toward compliance criteria. Still investigating the increase and liaising with other mines in the area to ascertain what their data is saying to determine the cause of the increase
4.2 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – PM10 (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below compliance criteria • Rolling annual averages also trending upwards • Continuous monitors are showing a different trend for the upstream and downstream monitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Real time monitors not showing as significant an increase toward the exceedance criteria compared to the 6-day monitors. The trend is more stable with only a slight increase in April and May ○ Both data sets are used for compliance due to differing development consent conditions
4.3 Air Quality –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling annual average below exceedance criteria

Depositional Dust (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had 2 contaminated samples in May that are not represented in the results on the graph
4.4 Blasting (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overpressure and vibration below compliance limits
4.5 Complaints (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 in April from 1 complainant regarding noise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Complainant has been visited and issue still being worked through • 0 complaints in May • Complaints down as a function of recent property acquisitions
4.6 Rehabilitation (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehab of WOOP dump is underway with 7ha shaped • Waste segregation initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ground engaging tool bins ◦ E-waste • Energy Savings Actions Plan projects implementation continues across the site • Site tour for the University of Bucham (Germany) – engineers associated with Theiss and the Uni organised a tour across several organisations within Australia • Review of MOC Bushfire Management Plan underway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Alec commented that the local Bushfire Brigade may consider using the area for hazard reduction training
5. Glendell Operational Performance Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now to full production with 173 employees • Homestead work to be completed by end of June and Expressions of Interest being sort for ongoing use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Val noted that the ad appeared in the local newspaper on 26th June 2009 ◦ Val asked if occupants would be subject to the same environmental and heritage conditions as MOC – Ben stated they would be subject to certain rules and conditions aligned to an agreement with MOC • Homestead Tour by Hunter Heritage Society conducted during April
5.1 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – PM10 (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results presented monthly as requested in last CCC meeting • Results below compliance criteria • High results discussed, these were during periods of high wind speed which is known to pick up dust particles from any bare areas (on-site or off-site).
5.2 Blasting (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results below compliance criteria. Maximum overpressure limits listed as was the >95% limit as requested in the last CCC meeting • Peak ground vibration also well below compliance criteria
5.3 Complaints (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 complaints in March, April and May respectively and 6 in June (to date) mostly related to noise, 1 related to blasting (Glendell complying with licence conditions), 1 related to dust and 1 related to constant vibration (Glendell not operating at time but investigation continues to assist neighbour) • Rise in noise complaints related to time of year – changing weather patterns (eg increase in temperature inversions and North Westerly winds) change noise distribution leading to more complaints. • Complaints are spread across 3 complainants
5.4 Community (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise: Autumn attended noise monitoring results show Glendell are complying with noise limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Attended noise course for XCN operations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noise specific training packages developed and rolled out in June ○ Day/night dumps in progress for winter months (diagram shown in presentation) ○ Val mentioned value in noise training she had attended in identifying differing noise components and their contribution. May look at noise file demonstration for the next CCC meeting.
5.5 Rehabilitation (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First rehab seeded (approx. 15ha) • Habitat management zone planting plus more trees along New England Highway • Image of drop structure and contour banks shown in presentation (designed to mitigate erosion and control sediment laden water)
6 Consent Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Planning audit conducted on 25th June 2009 as part of the Camberwell Cumulative Impact Study with good results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High level of compliance ○ Action to update website and consolidate reporting for the Complex • DECC (aka EPA) conducting dust inspections across mines in the Hunter Valley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using photos as evidence for poor dust performance ○ Using road side photos, planes and helicopters to inspect Hunter Valley mines ○ DECC visited Glendell and encouraged them to review dust procedures on site • Patricia asked if the new quarry was up and running yet and if so is it affecting MOC monitoring results – Quarry does not appear to be operating yet so no effect to monitoring results
7. Social Involvement/Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xstrata video shown on social involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Worldwide community support programs funded by Xstrata Coal and 1% of global profits are committed to community and social projects
8. Community Project Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse Sports Day held • Rotary School Mentoring Program • Mt Pleasant school technology donation • Budget time approaches and looking for projects
9. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild Dog baiting progress – last run in April. A few dogs sighted in Mt Owen area as well as Deer. Next run due around October 2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 dogs had been found on neighbouring properties and last month 5 were killed ○ RLPB (Rural land Protection Board) had undertaken their annual baiting round in May 2009. RLPB had recently completed a training program on trapping and baiting dogs ○ Mt Owen staff sighted around 20 pigs near Mt Owen ○ St Johns Wort – to be targeted with Lantana around July-August. Topsoil stockpiles and pre-strip areas recently inspected for weed infestation to reduce weed transport into new rehab • Positive feedback on the quality of the presentation • Recently had a Family Day where employees could bring their families to highlight what they do on site – last one had

	500 attendees looking at active mining areas and the Homestead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Fire Brigade AGM on Sunday 28th June 2009
10. Next Meeting	Friday 20th November 2009 at 10am at Glendell

Items to be Actioned for next CCC Meeting

Item	Person Responsible	Timing
Continue to investigate unusual dust trend for Ravensworth Farm monitor (possibilities include other surrounding land uses)	Ben Clibborn	November 2009
Noise file demonstration for next meeting	Ben Clibborn	November 2009
Possibly look at adding visit to monitors for a future meeting	Ben Clibborn	1 st meeting 2010
Tour of homestead post completion of maintenance works	Ben Clibborn	November 2009