

Mt Owen Complex (MOC) Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson:	Val Scott
Minute-taker:	Annemieke Grosser
Date:	20.11.09
Time:	10.06am – 11.15am
Location:	Glendell Training Room

1. Opening of Meeting	Meeting opened by Val Scott at 10.06am.
1.1 Present	<p><i>Community:</i> Wendy Williams, Alec Schiemerer, Michael Spitteri, Wendy Williams</p> <p><i>Singleton Council:</i> Val Scott</p> <p><i>MOC:</i> Annemieke Grosser (Glendell (GLD)), Ben Clibborn (MOC), Tony Israel (GLD), Linda Dunn (Thiess), Trevor Wells (Xstrata Coal NSW), Ashley McLeod (Mt Owen), Ross Burden (Thiess).</p>
1.2 Apologies	Sarah Roberts (SC), Brian Thomas (SC), Deidre Oloffsson (Community),
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	No pecuniary interests declared.
3. Previous Minutes and Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes from the previous meeting held on 26th June 2009 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved by Ben Clibborn, Seconded by Michael Spitteri. <p>Actions from previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigated unusual dust trend for Ravensworth Farm dust monitor. There was a fire in this area late 2008 which destroyed groundcover. It is believed elevated dust levels are due to wind generated dust from bare ground. Noise file demonstrated at end of meeting. Played several audible noise files from on site location and Camberwell. Action to visit monitoring locations first meeting of 2010 due to scheduled Ravensworth Homestead tour. Ravensworth Homestead tour planned following CCC meeting.
4. Update on Operational Performance of Mt Owen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mt Owen is progressing mining deeper (but footprint remains the same) Western out of Pit (WOOP) dump rehab continues
4.1 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – Total Suspended Particulates (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 elevated results. One was a regional event (high results upstream and downstream of mine). The other was not related to Mt Owen’s activity as wind was from the opposite direction. Rolling annual average for Glennies Creek monitor is trending back downwards and the Picton monitor remains in a slightly upwards direction toward compliance criteria.
4.2 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – PM10 (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several peaks above 50ug/m3 but Mt Owens contribution remains within compliance limits. Causes for peaks mainly include dry/windy conditions and two significant dust storms. Wind direction predominantly NW until October (easterly). PM10 rolling average (for non-continuous monitors) was increasing slightly and then levelled off. Ravensworth Farm PM10 rolling average trend is going back down (now groundcover has recovered from bushfire). Continuous PM10 monitors show a slow upward trend but remain within compliance limits. PM10 lower for this time last year due to less dumping activity at WOOP dump (to east), which is currently being rehabilitated.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC commented that once the DECCW regional monitoring network is established, these monitoring stations will become the compliance monitoring points and MOC monitors will be used for internal management.
4.3 Air Quality – Depositional Dust (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rolling annual average below exceedance criteria
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"> Complaints have significantly reduced as a function of recent property acquisitions 6 complaints received for 2009. Most recent complaint related to feral animal management.
4.6 Rehabilitation & Community Initiatives (Mt Owen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive rehab of WOOP dump is underway (photos presented) with commencement of topsoil spreading. Energy Savings Actions Plan projects implementation continues across the site Site tour for the University of Sydney Site tour for PT KALTIM PRIMA Coal (Indonesia) looking at rail networks. Dog baiting/weed spraying in buffer lands
5. Glendell Operational Performance Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC showed aerial photograph and explained that mining continued in the Barrett and West Pits of Glendell Mine. MOC is participating in ACARP project supporting more natural rehabilitation design. BC showed computer generated model.
5.1 Air Quality – High Volume Air Sampling – PM10 (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). There were two significant dust storms during the period, twice when Glendell were not operating and several occasions when the wind was not coming from the direction of Glendell mine. Operations ceased the day of the dust storm in September to minimise further dust generation. Operators were trained on environment and other aspects whilst they were not operating equipment.
5.2 Blasting (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All results were below compliance criteria except for one overpressure result at a monitor south east of the mine. This was reported to DECC and DoP and investigated. The cause was a reduced confinement in a hole and the presence of a temperature inversion increased its effect.
5.3 Complaints (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints through winter mainly related to noise. Equipment was relocated on two occasions. As conditions became dry and windy, dust became more of a concern. 3 blast complaints were also lodged. All blast results were within compliance limits. All complaints that are lodged with Glendell are recorded whether they are found to be due to Glendell or not. At times, complainant was unsure of source. Equipment was relocated on two occasions. Most complaints come from Camberwell.
5.4 Community (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise: Winter attended noise monitoring results show Glendell are complying with noise limits, noise training rolled out to crews, trialling directional noise monitoring equipment. Dust: DECCW handbook developed to assist mines based on results of recent survey. Progressive rehabilitation with 58.9ha bulk shaped in 2009. Visual dust camera to be installed as an additional tool for monitoring visual component of dust.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feral Animal Control: program in August on buffer land. 41 baiting stations with 32 baits taken. 20% taken by dogs. • Weed control work: targeted African Boxthorn, Mother of Millions, thistle, St Johns Wort and other weed species in buffer land. Program is ongoing.
5.5 Rehabilitation (Glendell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation: photos of rehabilitation shown and discussed. 58.9ha shaped and more seeding underway. Trial of sterile vetiver grass for contour/stabilisation.
6 Consent Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance audit scheduled for 2010
7. Social Involvement/Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 of Ravensworth Homestead restoration complete. BC presented to Singleton Heritage Advisory Committee, positive feedback received with some advice for the future • Regional Air Quality Program – DECCW plan to install a regional dust monitoring network to monitor dust levels • BC presented on DO's behalf (absent) that there had been a community meeting on Tuesday to discuss the air quality monitoring network proposed for Camberwell and region. About 90 people attended (including DO). BC explained a network would be established for air quality which would be supported by major regional industries. • Some residents have requested noise mitigation works. Noise survey of a residential dwelling has commenced. • Community consultation occurred in relation to feral animal control and kangaroo culling program.
8. Community Project Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mai Wel group: Mt Owen provided funding for volunteer costs associated with the Maitland group. Several employees have also volunteered their time. • Mt Owen Complex contributed to prizes for the Carer of the Year awards. • Several Mt Owen Complex employees participated in the Sydney to Wollongong bike ride to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis. • Community member (AS) also thanked MOC for their support of the Singleton Showground stating it supports more than the Singleton Show but other sports, activities and community meetings also. • WW requested support for Samaritans Christmas Lunch for underprivileged people. Agreed that MOC would provide support.
9. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question asked if there had been any update on expressions of interest for Ravensworth Homestead. BC commented that there had been a couple of interested parties but no one has made a submission.
10. Next Meeting	Friday 19th March 2010 at 10am at Glendell

Items to be Actioned for next CCC Meeting

Item	Person Responsible	Timing
Tour of real time monitoring network next meeting	Ben Clibborn	March 2009