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Notes from meeting

Date & Time:	Wednesday 1 April 2015 – 4.00-5.00pm	
Chair:	Scott Bicket	Neighbour Representative
Attendees:	Stefanie Loader	Northparkes Managing Director
	Rob Cunningham	Northparkes Manager Health, Safety, Environment & Farms
	Roslyn Dalton	Northparkes Manager Ore Processing
	Justine Fisher	Northparkes Specialist Community & External Relations
	Brooke Lees	Northparkes Advisor Community & External Relations
	Steven Vickers	Northparkes Mechanical Project Engineer
	Cr Ken Keith OAM	Mayor Parkes Shire Council
	Cr Michael Greenwood	Councillor Parkes Shire Council
	Bob Haddin	Parkes Shire Council
	Cr Michael Greenwood	Councillor Parkes Shire Council
	Sandra Carter	Principal Parkes High School
	Cr Chris Roylance	Councillor Forbes Shire Council
	Jason Hopkins	Forbes Chamber of Commerce
Apologies:	Peter Croft	Parkes and Forbes Business Enterprise Centre
	Cr Allan Ward	Deputy Mayor Parkes Shire Council
	Cr Belinda McCorkell	Councillor Parkes Shire Council
Venue:	Parkes Shire Council	
Subject:	Northparkes Community Consultative Committee	





1. Introduction and welcome

Scott Bicket, Chair, opened the meeting. Apologies were recorded for Peter Croft, Cr Allan Ward and Cr Belinda McCorkell.

2. Acceptance of previous minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and accepted without amendment. Moved by Michael Greenwood moved and seconded by Stefanie Loader.

3. Northparkes update

2014 Performance

Nine people were injured in 2014, consistent with 2013 but improved from 2012. So far in 2015 one person has been injured.

Northparkes achieved a production record of 6.125mt in 2014 and set a record for production tonnes in December. In CMOC's 2014 results, approximately 50% of profits came from Northparkes.

The Volunteer Leave Program has been an outstanding success with regard to how we contribute our skills to the Central West and opportunities it offers us internally. There was a 73% uptake in first full year of operation of the program.

Management changes

Roslyn Dalton, Manager Ore Processing introduced herself and explained her background to the committee.

Stacey Kelly (not present) has been appointed to the role of Manager People.

Emergency Response Team award

Northparkes' Emergency Response Team were overall winners at the Bendigo Mines Rescue Competition. The competition was over three days. Cadia Valley Operations placed second demonstrating the strength of the Central West in this area.

Q. Why can't this competition be held in Parkes? (Cr Michael Greenwood)

Northparkes will hold an Emergency Services Training Day with the NSW Ambulance Service on 31 May. (Stefanie Loader)

Relationship Building

Northparkes is focussing on relationship building with neighbouring mines including Cadia Valley Operations and Lake Cowal. Under consideration:

- Shut down scheduling aligned so we can monitor fatigue, safety and risk approach
- Central West Contractors Group simplifying systems for the needs of the contractor





Implementation of NED

Northparkes has implemented a new IT system, NED, which our business to operate. The transition was successful including accounts payable and payroll functions.

Heart at Work

Heart at Work is our health and wellbeing program this year and will run for the entirety of 2015. It is an extension of other programs we have held over the last three years, but much more in-depth and focused on issues relating to employees at Northparkes.

Northparkes recently held a Men's Health Toolbox mental health session in Parkes. There is a dietician session open to the public in town on 8 April.

Rosedale Tailings Facility Project - Steven Vickers

Steve gave an overall view of the Rosedale Tailings Facility project – what it looks like, how we're constructing it, what is being used, and how long it will take. Steve gave a detailed outline of the dam and the construction plan (lifts) over the mine life of the dam.

McClintocks Lane is being upgraded to become the new site access road. The road provides better opportunities for safety around access control.

The Bogan Road intersection is being upgraded, providing improvements in safety, increased lengths of lanes and improved bus stops.

FRP is the contractor leading project construction. Several contractors have relocated to Parkes for the duration of the project.

Environmental management

Rob Cunningham provided a detailed update on slides.

Geoff McCallum, Farm Specialist, retired in 2014. Geoff was recognised as a finalist in the Australian Farmer of the Year awards, Cropping category. He continues to work with Northparkes as a contractor.

Community relations

Justine Fisher gave an update on community activities. Open Day will take place on 16 May at Northparkes Oval. The committee is invited to attend and participate.

Career Information Sessions were held at Parkes Shire Council throughout February.

Two Indigenous Scholarship recipients awarded in February – Jes'Se Rushby from Forbes and Regan Thorpe from Condobolin.

The Strong Young Mums Program continues to be supported by Northparkes, run through CentaCare.





Q. Can we all get copies of Sustainable Development report? (Cr Michael Greenwood)

A. Yes, you will be added to the distribution list. (Brooke Lees)

Q. There is a down turn at Cadia and Barrick – why is that? Are we swimming against the tide in terms of mining activity? (Cr Michael Greenwood)

A. Both operations are coming off big projects so are naturally ramping down – it is a cycle. Northparkes is currently undertaking projects which are seeing us in a position of a smooth and consistent transition. (Stefanie Loader)

4. General Business

Discussion of committee membership – suggestion to look at new members who are active in the community.