

## Meeting Minutes – Northparkes Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Date & Time	Monday 9 November 2020, 4.00 pm	
Venue	Northparkes Mines, Bogan Road, Parkes	
Attendees	David Johnson	CCC Independent Chair
	Hubert Lehman	Managing Director, Northparkes Mines
	Stacey Kelly	PSE Manager, Northparkes Mines
	Chris Higgins	Environment & Farms Superintendent
	Donna Shaw	Environment Officer
	Cr Bill Jayet	Parkes Shire Councillor
	Cr Patricia Smith	Parkes Shire Councillor
	Cr Chris Roylance	Forbes Shire Councillor
	Andrew Rice	Community Representative
	Geoff Rice	Community Representative
	Margaret Applebee	Community Representative (Observer)
Apologies	Cr Ken Keith OAM	Parkes Shire Council, Mayor
	Kent Boyd	Parkes Shire Council, General Manager
	Cr Phyllis Miller OAM	Forbes Shire Council, Mayor
	Cr Steve Karaitiana	Forbes Shire Councillor
	Steve Loane	Forbes Shire Council, General Manager
	Sandra Parker	Parkes High School, Principal
	Scott Bicket	Community Representative
	Phill Moss	Community Representative

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## 1. WELCOME

David opened the meeting at 4.04pm.

David read out the apologies that had been received. This included Cr Ken Keith, Kent Boyd, Cr Phyllis Miller, Steve Karaitiana, Steve Loane, Sandra Parker, Scott Bicket, and Phill Moss.

## 2. DECLARATION OF PRECAUTIONARY OR OTHER INTEREST

The committee was reminded they must declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest. No one declared further interests.

## 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

The type of trees being planted at Kokoda had not been distributed. During the meeting, this was sent to the members, and a copy is included below.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

**Q. Marg** – What is the status on the applications for membership for herself and Phil Moss.

**A.** Waiting for Phil to submit a copy of his CV for the applications to then be sent to the DPIE.

**Action:** Marg to follow up with Phil

## 5. CMOC-NORTHPARKES MINES UPDATE

### 5.1 Business update

*Hubert Lehman, Stacey Kelly and Chris Higgins provided an update on the business operations, including an environmental, farming and community update. The presentation has been provided as an attachment at the end of these minutes. The following information includes the questions, responses and the additional information provided to the slides within the presentation.*

Northparkes has decided to cancel the staff Christmas parties this year and give a Shop Local Voucher to the value of \$150 to each employee which would have been the approximate cost of the Christmas parties.

Hubert gave an update on the progress of the key major projects. All projects are tracking well.

Barley on tailing storage facility (TSF) as dust suppression

**Q:** What was the % drop in dust with the barley

**A:** 100% decrease in dust lift off.

**Andrew:** Have you considered trying hard seeded legumes that may persist in the environment, they don't all germinate straight away and can take a year or two.

**A:** There are currently different legumes used and we will look into the options suggested.

### Estcourt TSF and TSF 1 erosion projects in 2021

Design standards have increased significantly over the last few years, due to dam collapses similar to those seen in Brazil and Cadia. Costs to build new dams cost has increased significantly compared to previous standards that Northparkes built to.

Northparkes will apply for high risk work permits to complete the changes required to the current dam walls. Real time monitors on the dam wall have been installed to monitor stability of the dam walls.

**Q: David** - Have you received any results from the monitoring on the TSFs that required any rectification or to make changes?

**A:** No, with Dam Safety Committee, Regulator and so many checks and balances there has been nothing identified.

### E44 & Rocklands TSF

Northparkes is looking to combine the approvals for E44 and Rocklands. E44 studies are progressing and Rocklands TSF is in the early stages of design.

**Q: David** - Won't Rocklands be easier to get approval than E44, if you needed Rocklands first, would they be better split as two approvals?

**A:** Rocklands TSF isn't required until after E44. It is currently thought that the new TSF will be needed around 2027, possibly 2028. With E44 possibly having more approval variables it is more efficient to combine them.

### Environment & Farm Update

Northparkes' Environment Management System is certified under ISO14001. As part of the system, we would like regular input from our interested parties on your needs and expectation of Northparkes. Is there anything Northparkes should be doing that this committee would like to see.

- Continue promoting the basics and feelgood stories ie the barley, basic concepts
- Good news of the Christmas parties not happening and being replaced with shop local vouchers
- Share the planning for E44, processes, land ownership, well consulted development and agriculture in the community – effort and importance with consultation
- Develop confidence with transparency

**Q: Bill:** Are good new stories getting out to the community?

**A:** Yes, through a number of mediums: Facebook Instagram, monthly newsletter, Source, project updates on E26, & development

**Q: Bill** is it worthwhile to convene a public meeting at the end of the year and let them know the good news stories

- **Marg:** Parkes Show was good community engagement
- **Andrew:** Better utilise Landcare, Chamber of Commerce,
- **Geoff:** community grants in the paper is good, too much media could be overkill, need a happy medium
- **Marg:** up to each group (Landcare/CoC) to take the good news and forward on to their readers, members
- **Stacey:** Hubert is giving a site update at next rotary meeting. Northparkes resourcing numbers are not as high as they have been over the years, and we are very conscious of our social licence. It is not that we don't want to share, but having enough resources to give it the time it deserves
- **Geoff:** push the positives. Ali did a great job, and will be hard to replace.

### Kokoda

Skillset have been carrying out the tree and shrub planting at the property. Of the 9,350 to be planted in 2020, approximately 2750 tube stock remain to be planted by the end of the month. Another 8,000 are scheduled to be planted next Autumn

**Andrew:** Inland Rail have not promoted much about their offset projects, perhaps Northparkes could position themselves ahead of other large companies by promoting the work being done with their offsets to the community.

**Q: Chris R:** How many trees have been removed on site since Northparkes began?

**A:** In earlier years there was no offset requirements, only in the more recent years. We did some work with NSW Fisheries in 2016 where some of the trees we removed were sent to the Macquarie River between Narromine & Dubbo to be used as habitat for Murray Cod. For a number of years we also planted 10,000 trees per year around the site, so the number of trees planted would be significantly more than those removed.

### Community

**Q: Marg -** what is the difference between a concern and complaint

**A:** A concern is when someone notifies us of something, but they don't want to put in a formal complaint, however would like to let us know something has happened. Northparkes still takes community concern very seriously. A formal complaint is when the person takes the option to make it formal. Formal complaints are then reported on the Northparkes website and a range of external reports. We work hard to address concerns before they become formal complaints.

Triple Flag (our gold and silver streaming partners) will be donating \$50k annually to Northparkes to use for funding around the community. At this stage the projects are anticipated to be:

- Top up the Northparkes Community Investment Program
- More Scholarship opportunities
- Sports grants into Forbes Shire

**Hubert:** The new CEO at CMOC, has appointed a Deputy Managing Director, Jianjun Tian to Northparkes Mines to support Hubert and the management team. He has an extremely strong technical background in Ore Processing, and will have responsibility for Operations, Technical Services and Asset Management. Jianjun brings 38 years' of experience from his time in the mining industry working in China, South Africa and more recently Australia for companies including CITIC SMCC Process Technology, BHP Billiton, Gold Fields of South Africa and more. His family is located in Brisbane, so he is extremely excited to be coming home to Australia and to have the chance to work closely with our team here at Northparkes. Jianjun and his wife will be relocating to Parkes in the New Year.

**David:** Thank you for the tour of E44 and the tailings facilities. It was good getting out to site for this meeting as well.

## 6. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

There were no other agenda items

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

**Hubert:** Northparkes has been here for 25 years but the environment we work in has changed from that time. We have access to a lot of ore, but it is of low quality with less copper grade. We have to do the same amount of work on the ore but get less output. Northparkes constantly needs to optimise the business, and this has far reaching implications with what we do. Some activities held in the past may not be held in the future. Our business is about the confidence from head office, Tripe Flag, regulators, the community and employees which will lead to the business thriving. We need to stay a viable business and keep the confidence of those groups above.

**Q: Are you confident the commodity prices will keep up after covid?**

Yes, gold is a very secure metal and copper is being utilised in a lot of renewable energy sources including electric cars and in hospitals instead of stainless steel. The virus doesn't survive on surfaces such as copper as long as it does on something like stainless steel. Prices are looking prosperous, but we will need to be frugal.

**Andrew:** Northparkes should not undersell the value of the environment management effort, the ongoing interaction with the local agriculture industry, ventilation fan works, and look to put a value on this by partnering up with others in the industry that may use the information. It could be a challenge to get the reward from the effort, but with so much positive works it might be worth considering.

**Hubert** – The business is different to what it was 5-10 years ago, we are continuing to manage the business for the long term. CMOC and Northparkes leadership team are committed to land management and the environment.

**Bill:** Get the good news stories out. I don't quite know where Parkes community would be without the support of Northparkes during the droughts and covid etc.

**Hubert:** I am currently working with the Parkes Mayor and General Manager around water access. This is an important aspect to our business. We make sure to recycle and reuse water as much as possible. How can FSC and PSC help Northparkes secure key commodities to get a better outcome for both Forbes and Parkes areas. We work closely together, but water seems to be a challenge – we don't have an idea how the next drought will impact us and the community.

**Q: Will Open Day continue?**

**A:** For the last 2-3 years we changed the Open Day to a Family Day so our employees could showcase where they work to their families. The family day was due to occur this year, but due to covid was cancelled. Depending on restrictions, it is planned to occur next year.

## 8. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 March 2021 4.00 pm at Parkes Shire Council. The President of CMOC will be in Parkes at that time and it would be a good opportunity for the Committee to meet with him. Chris R will be an apology.

It was suggested to hold a meeting at Kokoda later next year or a visit to the property.

David Johnson closed the meeting at 5.23 pm.

## 9. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Date of meeting	Action	Assigned to	Tracking
27 Jul 20	The next CCC meeting to be held at Northparkes Mines on Monday 9 November 2020	Ali Standen	Complete
27 Jul 20	<p>Ali, Stacey and Chris to discuss with key internal personal about being a part of the local fire brigade and to ensure the team receive the relevant communications being distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A meeting will be set up to discuss the outcomes of this action with Andrew.</li> <li>Our Farm Specialist is a member of the Coradgery Fire brigade. We are happy to receive recruitment information to add to our staff Bulletin.</li> </ul>	Stacey Kelly	Complete
27 Jul 20	<p>Northparkes to expand scope of Environmental Management System to include Kokoda Offset Property, at next reasonable opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option was considered -but it was decided that the current inclusion of Farming Operations within the scope covers the Offset properties adequately.</li> </ul>	Chris Higgins	Complete
27 Jul 20	<p>Northparkes to share the work we are undertaking with Landcare going forward so they can promote it via their communication channels internally and externally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication with Landcare has increased, and will continue to collaborate when the new C&amp;ER person starts.</li> </ul>	C&ER Advisor	Complete

### Kokoda Tree Species List as requested

Species	Common Name	Class	Type
Acacia decora	Western Golden Wattle	Primary	Shrub
Acacia doratoxylon	Spearwood	Primary	Shrub
Acacia hakeoides	Hakea Wattle	Secondary	Shrub
Acacia implexa	Hickory Wattle	Primary	Shrub
Acacia lanigera	Woolly Wattle	Primary	Shrub
Acacia paradoxa	Kangaroo Thorn	Primary	Shrub
Acacia spectabilis	Mudgee Wattle	Primary	Shrub
Allocasuarina luehmannii	Buloke	Primary	Tree
Allocasuarina verticillata	Drooping Sheoak	Primary	Tree
Austrodanthonia spp	Wallaby grasses	Primary	Grass
Brachychiton populneus	Kurrajong	Primary	Tree
Dianella spp	Flax-lilies	Primary	Grass
Dodonaea spp		Primary	Shrub
Einadia nutans	Nodding saltbush	Primary	Shrub
Enchylaena tomentose	Ruby Saltbush	Primary	Shrub
Eucalyptus albens	White Box	Primary	Tree
Eucalyptus conica	Fuzzy Box	Primary	Tree
Eucalyptus dealbata	Tumbledown Gum	Primary	Tree
Eucalyptus dwyeri	Dwyers Red Gum	Primary	Tree
Eucalyptus melliodora	Yellow Box	Primary	Tree
Eucalyptus microcarpa	Grey Box	Primary	Tree
Eucalyptus populnea	Poplar Box	Primary	Tree
Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Mugga Ironbark	Primary	Tree
chrysocephalum apiculatum	yellow buttons	Primary	Shrub
Lomandra spp	Mat-rushes	Primary	Grass