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MINUTES
Muswellbrook Coal Company Community Consultative Committee
5th June 2018
At Muswellbrook Coal Company's Administrative Office

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mr. Scott Brooks (<i>Chairman</i>)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Mr. Garry Chapman	Community Representative
Mr. Noel Downs	Community Representative
Mr. Malcolm Ogg	Community Representative
Mrs. Jennifer Lecky	Community Representative
Mr. Grant Clouten (<i>General Manager</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Ms. Julie Thomas (<i>Environmental Superintendent</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Mrs. Erin Muffett (<i>Minute Taker</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company

1. Open Meeting

The meeting was opened at 12:10pm by Mr Scott Brooks, Chairman.

2. Apologies

Mr. John Madden Community Representative

3. Correspondence

Nil.

4. Declaration of pecuniary or other interests

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 13th March 2018 were confirmed as true and reliable
Moved – Mr Scott Brooks

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

At the previous meeting a question was raised by Jennifer Lecky concerning the cleaning of Woodland Ridge Road. Julie Thomas advised that MCC have now included the section of Woodland Ridge Road in the Annual Maintenance Plan for Muscle Creek Road and this has been accepted by Council.

7. Notification of Items of General Business Proposed to be Raised

Nil.

8. Reports

A. *Environmental Monitoring Data & Operations* –Julie Thomas presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee. The presentation contained an update on approvals, mine operations, project, rehabilitation, complaints and the results of the environmental monitoring data (weather, dust, gas, water, blasting and noise), at the mine site.

B. *Report Discussion* –

Mining Update

- i. Mining activities continued in Open Cut 1 with some material being dumped in Open Cut 2.
- ii. Spontaneous combustion management continued.
- iii. 452,125 tonnes of coal were mined and 1.969 million cubic metres of waste was removed during the reporting period.
- iv. 232 hours was lost due to rain. 27.1 hours lost due to adverse weather conditions and impacts on dust generation.

West Muswellbrook Project

- No updates

Sandy Creek Project

- No updates

Management Plan Update

- Ongoing discussions with MSC regarding the Rehabilitation Strategy and Mine Closure Plan.
- All approved management plans are available on our website.

Operational Changes

- Nil

Approvals Update

- Nil

Weather

- i. *Windroses*: Primarily south easterly wind directions for January, February, and March.
- ii. *Rain*: Below average for March, April, and May. Small amount of rain during March.

Dust

- i. *PM₁₀*: All sites below yearly criteria.

Gas Monitoring

- i. Gas monitor results from Muscle Creek, were presented to the CCC. All results were below criteria. Two additional monitors required by the EPA have been installed and data was presented. Full results are available on the company website.
- ii. There was a lengthy discussion around spontaneous combustion management and gas results. Jennifer Lecky commented that she has lived in Woodlands Ridge for the last 10 years and there has been a noticeable decrease recently in spontaneous combustion odour in the Woodlands Ridge area.

Water

- i. Towards the end of May there was an increase in total suspended solids in Open Cut 2 due to dumping in the area.
- ii. There was a decrease in the groundwater levels in the underground workings due to MCC pumping to lower the water level in the open cut for mining activities.

Blasting

- i. All sites below criteria.
- ii. A general discussion was had about the challenges of reducing the risk of misfires while also reducing overpressure results.

Noise Monitoring

- i. Noise monitoring results up until May 2018 were presented and were compliant with the noise criteria.

Complaints

- i. The complaint history until May 2018 was presented to the CCC. There was a general discussion around the types of complaints. There has been a significant reduction in odour complaints compared to previous years.

9. General Business

Nil

10. Submissions

Nil

11. Announcements

- Scott Brooks announced this would be his last CCC Meeting as he will finish with MSC on 22 June 2018. Another MSC employee will replace Scott at the next CCC Meeting. Julie Thomas thanked Scott for his contribution to the CCC.

12. Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the committee wish to continue to hold the CCC Meeting's on the first Tuesday of each quarter starting at 12 noon.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 4th September 2018.

Meeting will be held at 12:00pm in the Board Room at Muswellbrook Coal Company Administrative Office. A sandwich lunch and refreshments shall be provided.

13. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting closed at 12:53pm.

14. Site Inspection

An offer was made to all CCC members to undertake a site inspection. All CCC members declined this offer and a site tour was not conducted on this occasion.