

MEETING MINUTES



ILLAWARRA COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING: # 31

LOCATION: Douglas Park Community Hall

DATE: 26 September 2017

ATTENDEES:

Phillip Costa (PC - Chair)
Danny Stewart (DS)
Sharyn Cullis (SC)
John Wisby (JW)
Peter McMillan (PM – South32 Environment)
Amanda Blunt (AB – South32 Community)

APOLOGIES:

Ray Slee (RS)
Noel Lowry (NL)
Peter Chaffer (PCh)
Mick Zammit (MZ)

ABSENT:

Andrew Spooner (AS – Campbelltown Shire Council)
Brad Staggs (BS)

MEETING DATES 2017:

Tuesday 28 March
Tuesday 30 May
Tuesday 1 August
Tuesday 26 September
Tuesday 28 November

SITE VISITS 2017:

August 2017 - Cumberland Plain Woodland site
September 2017 - Menangle Old Growth Trees
November 2017 – Appin West Mine (Tower)

1	PURPOSE
	The purpose of the Community Consultative Committee is to facilitate and maintain two-way communication between Illawarra Coal, key stakeholders and local residents. It is to promote open discussion on the activities of Illawarra Coal's Bulli Seam Operations, including underground mining and surface operations of Appin; environmental performance and community relations; and to keep all stakeholders informed on these matters.
2	AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visit to protected Old Growth Trees, Menangle Road • Welcome / apologies • Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes / business arising from previous Meeting Minutes • Declaration of Interests • Questions of Notice Tracker • Illawarra Coal - updates on Operations, Environment and Community • Review nominations for membership • General Business
2A	SITE VISIT – OLD GROWTH TREES, MENANGLE ROAD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to the meeting all committee members (including RS who was an apology for the meeting) in attendance visited the protected Old Growth Trees on Menangle Road. • In conjunction with Greater Sydney Local Land Services, 11 trees have been protected from stock with fencing around the trees and soil improvement works undertaken. • There was discussion about including other trees at the site in the protection program, and what low cost options could be implemented to offer some protection from the stock. <p>Action: AB to follow up with the arborist company regarding low cost protection measures for other trees on the property.</p>
3	WELCOME / APOLOGIES
	Phillip Costa Independent Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Apologies for the meeting were noted.
4	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS / CORRESPONDENCE
	Phillip Costa declared he receives payment from South32 to fulfil the role of Independent Chair. It is a requirement of the Government CCC Guidelines that this be noted and minuted at every meeting.
5A	PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
	Previous meeting minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting. Moved: JW Seconded: DS.
5B	BUSINESS ARISING
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountbatten House is being maintained as safe. Future work on the purpose on the building will be completed by South32 Illawarra Coal. It was noted there has been strong support from CCC and DPAP to protect the history of the area.
6	SOUTH32 ILLAWARRA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE

	<p><u>Annual results</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South32 recently released FY17 annual results. These are available at www.south32.net. • Underlying earnings of US\$1.0B was reported. South32 is continuing to unlock value from its portfolio and embedding high quality future options. <p><u>Operational Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our work towards a restart continues and our priority and focus is to ensure a safe and reliable return to operations. • We made progress this month with production from Longwall901 resulting in its completion and activities are continuing to relocate equipment to Longwall902 as well as other production related activities such as ground support, ventilation, gas drainage and conveyor work. • As part of the continued execution of our controlled ramp up plan we have identified some areas that require further attention. <p><u>Appin Area 7 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longwall 707 has not progressed since the previous meeting. There is approximately 780 metres remaining. • Longwall 707 current operations are about 1.35km from the Nepean River. <p><u>Appin Area 9 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longwall 901 has been completed, • The commencement of Longwall 902 will be determined as part of the Appin review process.
7	<p><i>SOUTH32 ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE</i></p>
	<p><u>Georges River Environmental Improvement Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress meeting was held at Appin West in September, and included a tour of the Water Filtration Plant. Water quality limits and impacts on other water systems was discussed at the progress meeting. • The water management strategy progress has slowed due to operational constraints. • An update on the Georges River Environmental Improvement Program will be provided to the CCC at the November meeting. • The next progress meeting is 26 April 2018. Members of the CCC were encouraged to attend. <p><u>Subsidence impacts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six active gas release locations. No new release locations recorded since July 2017. • It is possible for subsequent longwalls to reactivate previously active gas release locations. • A map was presented showing the location of all non-active and active gas releases. <p>Action: PM to arrange DG to present on the Environmental Improvement Program. Action: PM to bring a range of monitoring technologies to the next meeting.</p>
8	<p><i>SOUTH32 COMMUNITY UPDATE</i></p>

Community Complaints

- Six complaints received in August to 26 September.
- All but one complaint related to the Appin Pipeline project. These complaints were as a result of impacts from truck movements, road condition and signage.
- One complaint was received from a resident of Appin East due to the failure of a mine water pump that supplies water to the residential property.

Community Support

- South32 Illawarra Coal support for events happening in October and November include the Illawarra Business Chamber Awards, AUSIMM Women in Mining Networking event, 2017 UOW Illawarra Coal Regional Science Fair and the i98FM Illawarra Convoy.
- Cawdor Public School and Cedars Christian College received a South32 Junior Landcare grant and have commenced work on their native restoration projects. Landcare Australia will be rolling out a series of social media posts on the projects.
- Five schools across the Wollondilly and Illawarra have received 3D printers that are linked into the education curriculum. Three schools in the Wollondilly that received printers are Douglas Park Primary, Wilton Public and Appin Public Schools. Some local media coverage has already been received on the program.

Cumberland Plain Woodland Enhancement project

- Engagement with adjacent residents and the broader Douglas park community is ongoing.
- A project update letter will be mailed to all Douglas Park residents in late September.

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PROJECTS UPDATE

Appin Pipeline Project

- Trenching and laying of the pipe is nearing completion, with about 200metres to go.
- Hard sandstone rock has delayed the completion date to early November.
- Consultation with the Wollondilly Shire Council is underway regarding the final road restoration plan.
- Positive feedback has been received from some residents impacted by the project, and regular engagement with residents is continuing.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Three positions remain vacant – two community representatives and one environmental group representative. CCC determined to fill the roles, advertising for all positions.
- Adverts were placed in the Wollondilly Advertiser 21 August and 4 September.
- One Expression of Interest received from National Parks Association.
- Discussion regarding further advertisement was had, and it was determined members will approach local members of the community to join the CCC. If this is considered unsuccessful advertising will be done.

Action: All members to contact possible community candidates to join the CCC, and provide update to PC within the month

Action: AB to re-advertise memberships pending the above action.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

- DS questioned how monitoring of the Harris Creek Cliff Line was conducted. This was taken as a question on notice and added to the tracker.
- SC questioned what water streams were being monitored and how/when the monitoring is done. This was taken as a question on notice and added to the tracker.

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ACTIONS

- Action: PM to provide survey data on the closure of Area 9 at the next meeting.
- Action: NL to follow up with BS regarding his membership
- Action: AB to raise PCh's idea of the Hydroelectric Scheme with the appropriate South32 teams and provide an update on the response when available.
- Action: PC to progress membership EOI with the National Parks Association and DoPE
- Action: All members to contact possible community candidates to join the CCC, and provide update to PC within the month.
- Action: AB to re-advertise memberships based on the outcome of the above action.
- Action: PM to arrange DG to present on the Environmental Improvement Program.
- Action: PM to bring a range of monitoring technologies to the next meeting.
- Action: AB to follow up with Sydney Arbors regarding low cost protection measures for other trees on the property.

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CLOSE OF MEETING

Close of meeting at 6.05pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 28 November, 4.00pm – 6.00pm at Appin West Mine (Tower). Location to be confirmed.

Appin Water Filtration Plant site visit commencing 3.00pm. Details to be confirmed and circulated.