

MEETING MINUTES

DENDROBIUM COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

LOCATION:	Wongawilli Room, Innovation Campus and Skype Teleconference Call
DATE:	15 July 2020, 6.25pm
ATTENDEES:	<p>Mike Archer, Independent Chairperson (MA) Amanda Blunt, Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Representative (ABI) Alexandra Szalla, Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Representative (AS) Shane Boladeras, Illawarra Coal Metallurgical Representative (SB) Alex Beccari, Community Representative (AB) Franca Facci, Community Representative (FF) Craig Hicks, Community Representative (CH) Darren Nicholls, Community Representative (DN)</p>
APOLOGIES:	<p>Tony Morris, Community Representative (TM) Emma Ivic, Community Representative (EI)</p>

1	AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Apologies • Acceptance of last meeting minutes (21 May 2020) • Review actions from previous meeting minutes • Accounts Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Financial Statement from Daley for the period ending 30 June 2020 • New Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Farmborough Heights Rural Fire Brigade – equipment • Outstanding Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mount Kembla Memorial Pathway – Mount Kembla oval toilets • Future projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wollongong Council meeting progress - Bush regeneration project proposal • General Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FY20 Report - Proposed 2020 meeting dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wednesday, 16 September ▪ Wednesday, 18 November • Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday 16 September 2020, commencing 6.00pm
2	WELCOME / APOLOGIES
	<p>MA welcomed all attendees to the meeting. MA noted apologies received from EI and TM. MA provided an Acknowledgement to Country.</p>
3	PREVIOUS MINUTES

	Minutes from meeting held 21 May 2020 were approved. Moved DN; 2 nd CH.
4	NEW APPLICATIONS
	<p>New applications / proposals</p> <p>1. <u>Farmborough Heights Rural Fire Brigade - Equipment</u> An application from Farmborough Heights Rural Fire Brigade for \$10,756.30 for a GRN portable radio, two handheld portable radios, recharge equipment, draw systems for the PC vehicle and additional lockers was presented. The Committee noted the service provided by the local RFS is necessary and additional support that could be provided should. The Committee noted it's the closest brigade to the communities supported by the DCEC and should receive the support. Its request for the equipment was supported. The Committee endorsed the full requested amount of \$10,756.30</p> <p>Action: AS to notify Farmborough Heights RFS of the outcome and complete the South32 compliance process.</p>
5	OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS
	<p>Outstanding applications:</p> <p>1. <u>Mount Kembla Memorial Pathway – Mount Kembla Oval Toilets</u> ABI commented that there was no update on the Mount Kembla Oval toilets application. Action remains with Wollongong City Council to provide supporting details.</p>
6	FUTURE PROJECTS
	<p>1. <u>Wollongong City Council (WCC) meeting progress</u></p> <p>ABI provided an update on the regular meetings with Wollongong City Council. They have not been effective to date and Council attendance at the last few has been low. MA and ABI propose to write to the Wollongong City Council General Manager to seek support of staff working with the DCEC to realise projects in the communities of Kembla Heights, Mount Kembla, Figtree, Unanderra and Cordeaux Heights. FF commented that the GM is solutions focused and has a positive attitude, so a letter with this undertone is more likely to be effective. The Committee endorsed this approach.</p> <p>Action: MA to draft and send letter to Wollongong City Council General Manager regarding partnering with the DCEC.</p> <p>2. <u>Bush regeneration project proposal</u> The bush regeneration project was discussed by the Committee. The Committee supported the concept of bush regeneration and weed management, however remained concerned that areas regenerated would return to weed at the conclusion of the funding. It had had a similar experience with bush regeneration at Kembla Heights. Any supported project needs to be sustainable.</p> <p>The Committee did not support the proposal in principle. The Committee discussed reviewing options for bush regeneration in Kembla Heights and the Mount Kembla Village.</p> <p>Action: ABI to provide feedback to Wollongong City Council that the Committee did not support the bush regeneration projects presented.</p>
7	GENERAL BUSINESS
	<p><u>FY20 Report</u></p> <p>ABI presented the FY2020 financial report, highlighting the spend for the year and funds provided per community. \$126,071 was committed in FY2020.</p>

	<p><u>Investment Opportunity</u></p> <p>AB presented an initiative for potential DCEC support; the restoration of the Cate Stephenson memorial at Windy Gully Cemetery. Cate Stephenson was a key member of the Mount Kembla community and was very active and engaged in progress of the town.</p> <p>ABI suggested the project could incorporate planned signage the now dissolved, Mount Kembla Mining Heritage Inc, had developed. The committee supported this approach and the project idea in principle. AB will work with the Mount Kembla Pathway Group on an application for funding.</p> <p>Action: AB to work on an application for restoration to Cate Stephenson memorial and signage at Windy Gully Cemetery.</p> <p><u>Meeting dates for 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting dates were agreed with the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday, 16 September - Wednesday, 17 November
9	ACTIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS to notify Farmborough Heights RFS of the outcome of its application and complete the South32 compliance process. • MA to draft and send letter to Wollongong City Council General Manager regarding partnering with the DCEC. • ABI to provide feedback to Wollongong City Council that the Committee did not support the bush regeneration projects presented. • AB to work on an application for restoration to Cate Stephenson memorial and signage at Windy Gully Cemetery.
10	CLOSE OF MEETING
	<p>Close of meeting at 6.55pm.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Wednesday 15 July 2020, commencing 6.00pm</p>