

Meeting Minutes
Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 8 February 2018

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council
Brian Eastoe	CCC Member	Cr Karen Hutchinson	MidCoast Council
Alan Fisher-Webster	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Rod Williams	CCC Member	John Cullen	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd

Guests:

Andrew Morris	MidCoast Council
Paul De Szell	MidCoast Council
Fiona Manton	Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council

1. Site Tour

No site tour was undertaken at this meeting.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:06pm.

The Chair welcomed Mr Morris, Karuah River Catchment Officer for MidCoast Council, and Mr De Szell, Director, Community Spaces & Services for MidCoast Council. The Chair also welcomed Fiona Manton, Chairperson for the Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The Chair informed the Committee of the recent passing of Mr Carroll. The CCC acknowledged Mr Carroll's contribution to the Committee over a period of seven years. The Chair offered to send a letter of condolences to Mr Carroll's family.

Apologies: Tony Tersteeg; John Cullen (SCPL), absent for first half of the meeting.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Ms MacDonald-Hill declared that she is the Independent Chair, approved by the Secretary of the Department of Planning & Environment and a member of the Mine Subsidence Board.

The declarations of the Duralie CCC members remain current.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2017 were confirmed.

Moved: Rod Williams; Seconded: Brian Eastoe.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. **Action Item 1:** Two members of the Duralie CCC to meet with MCC prior to the February 2018 meeting to discuss the Council report on Duralie contributions.

Prior to the meeting MidCoast Council confirmed Mr De Szell, Director, Community Spaces & Services, would be available to attend the February CCC meeting. The Chair provided background information on this action to Mr De Szell and indicated it would not be necessary for Committee members to meet with him prior to the meeting. In addition, Mr Williams provided a list of questions regarding the Duralie Coal community contributions to Mr De Szell and requested information to be presented at the February CCC meeting.

2. **Annual Action Item:** MidCoast Council to provide an annual report each February on the spending of the Gloucester and Great Lakes components of the Duralie contributions made to Council.

Mr De Szell (MCC) presented the Duralie CCC with a status report on the Duralie Coal community contributions which have been made to Council. Mr De Szell discussed the funding which was held by Council to be allocated to road and bridge maintenance, community enhancement projects and the Karuah catchment environmental works. Mr De Szell advised a committee had been established to allocate the Duralie contributions via a similar structured program to the Stronger Communities Fund. This would include annual advertising and allocation of funds based on a financial year. As such status reports would be able to be provided at the August CCC meetings each year.

***Annual Action Item:** MidCoast Council to provide an annual report each August on the spending of the Gloucester and Great Lakes components of the Duralie contributions made to Council.*

Mr Eastoe suggested as there was a backlog of several years funding which had not been spent it may be appropriate to spread this over the next few years to extend the timeframe the contributions could be spent. Mr Williams suggested having this certainty on the timing for fund allocations assists community organisations to leverage additional grants off this funding. Mr De Szell advised it was Council's intention to provide a more structured program.

The Committee discussed the ongoing planning and repairs for the Stroud Showground. Mr Williams suggested despite meetings Council have held with community interest groups there should be a means to distribute this information to the broader community.

The Chair invited Mr De Szell to attend a future Duralie CCC meeting. Mr De Szell advised he would be available to attend the May meeting. The Committee thanked Mr De Szell for the information.

***New Action Item 1:** The Chair to invite Mr De Szell to provide an update on the Duralie Coal community contributions at the May 2018 CCC meeting.*

3. **Deferred Action Item:** MCC to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan at the February meeting.

Mr Morris (MCC) provided a presentation to the CCC with an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan and associated works. The presentation included a background on the plan development and initial works. This was followed by an update on the proposed future Karuah catchment projects and the remaining funds still available including grants which had been leveraged off the funds from Duralie Coal.

Mr Eastoe advised there had been significant benefit from Ms Delaney's (MCC) previous focus on education in regard to the Karuah River Catchment management and encouraged the continuation of field days. Mr Morris advised this would continue in conjunction with Landcare and LLS.

The Chair extended an invitation to Mr Morris to attend a future CCC meeting as new information on the Karuah River Catchment management becomes available. Cr Hutchinson and Mr De Szell welcomed Mr Morris's enthusiasm in continuing the program established by Ms Delaney.

Ongoing Action Item: Open invitation to MCC to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan.

4. **Ongoing Action Item:** DCPL to provide updates on the potential final land use options and mine closure plans.

DCPL advised an amendment to the Duralie Mining Operations Plan & Rehabilitation Management Plan (MOP) was approved by the Division of Resources & Geoscience (DRG) in December 2017. The mine closure planning program included in the MOP would be advanced over the next year and incorporated into a future amendment of the MOP. The Committee discussed the mine closure planning works which would be progressed over the next year. Mr Eastoe suggested a slide in the CCC presentation could be included for future updates.

New Action Item 2: A new slide to be added to the CCC presentations to include updates on mine closure planning.

5. **Ongoing Action Item:** The CCC's print media to be drafted following each CCC meeting and provided to the committee for comment prior to finalising and submission by DCPL.

A print media was not prepared during the previous quarter.

Mr Eastoe suggested a topic for the next print media could include the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan. A second suggestion was also made to include information on mine closure or the transition to the Stratford Mine.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence is listed in the CCC meeting agenda. There was no further discussion regarding the correspondence.

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at the Mine: DCPL advised of the third quarter production at the Duralie mine. Operations have been completed in the Clareval pit in October 2017 and have continued in the Weismantel pit. Bulk shaping of the waste emplacements has also commenced during the quarter.
2. Environment & community activities including monitoring and community programs: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception.

- a. DCPL advised the CCC the Stratford Extension Project was proposed to commence in March 2018. DCPL also advised a briefing had been presented to the Stratford CCC on the proposed commencement of the Stratford Extension Project (SEP). The Development Consent SSD-4966 for the SEP was approved in May 2015, however the project had never commenced. The Committee discussed the SEP and the implications for the Duralie Coal Mine. DCPL advised ROM coal mining at Duralie was still planned to finish in October 2018.

8. General Business

1. Mr Cullen (DCPL) arrived for the second half of the meeting. Mr Cullen also acknowledged Mr Carroll's contribution to the Duralie Coal CCC and offered to send a letter to Mr Carroll's family on behalf of Duralie Coal.
2. Mr Plain advised the Committee of the LLS field day held on 30 January 2018 which included a site visit of the Stratford Coal agricultural rehabilitation areas. Positive feedback had been provided by those in attendance. Mr Plain thanked LLS for arranging the field day

No further business.

Next Meeting date: 12:00nn on 17th May 2018 at the Duralie Mine Site

Mr Williams suggested a site tour of the rehabilitation progress could be planned for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 3:00pm.

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

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2. ***New Action Item 2:*** A new slide to be added to the CCC presentations to include updates on mine closure planning.
3. ***Annual Action Item:*** MidCoast Council to provide an annual report each August on the spending of the Gloucester and Great Lakes components of the Duralie contributions made to Council.
4. ***Ongoing Action Item:*** Open invitation to MCC to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan.
5. ***Ongoing Action Item:*** DCPL to include updates and progress on the potential final land use options and mine closure and rehabilitation plans in the quarterly reports to the CCC.
6. ***Ongoing Action Item:*** The CCC's print media to be drafted following each CCC meeting and provided to the committee for comment prior to finalising and submission by DCPL.
7. ***Ongoing Action Item:*** The committee extended an open invitation to Mr May for future meetings pending availability.