



**Tomingley Gold Operations – Community Consultation Committee Meeting**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
 Time: 6:00pm  
 Location: TGO Meeting Room

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<b>Meeting Opened: 6:00pm.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Apologies:</b> James Craft (JC) Ben Rees (BR)</li> </ul> <p><b>Committee Members Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James Hamilton - CCC Independent Chairperson</li> <li>Ken Bermingham (KB)– TGO representative</li> <li>Tony Ellis (TE)</li> <li>Barbara Dunn (BD)</li> <li>Sally McGaw (SM)</li> <li>Paul Brydon (PB)</li> <li>Gavin Dart (GD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Observers Present:</b> Susan Benedyka – Susan Benedyka.com – Community Engagement Consultant (via Microsoft Teams)            Mike Sutherland (General Manager NSW, Alkane Resources)            David Pritchard (TGO Environmental Coordinator)</p>	
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> Nil	
<b>Minutes from Previous Meeting:</b> Approved (TE, GD).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Correspondence:</b> Nil</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Sutherland spoke to the CCC about the Tomingley Gold Extension Project (TGEP) with the use of a 51 slide PowerPoint presentation. This provided an overview of the TGEP proposal and current concept plans. Mike detailed that he was using the presentation to inform the CCC on how much work is required to prepare and submit an Environmental Impact Statement for developments such as TGEP. Mike indicated that the plans at this stage were very conceptual and if needed would be modified in response to community views and government agency comments throughout the assessment and approval process.</li> <li>Susan Benedyka introduced herself and provided details of her background and her role in preparing the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (CSEP)</li> </ul>	

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<p>on behalf of Alkane which will be used to enable her to prepare a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) which will be part of the TGEP EIS. She also detailed that Dianna Gibbs will be working with her to complete an Economic Impact Assessment which will also be part of the SIA. Susan spent considerable time explaining her role is to engage with the community and stakeholder groups to gather information on issues that the community think will need to be considered and how the community would like to see this done. She also explained how the community engagement was planned to take place and that the CCC would be a key conduit for passing on information to the local community and listening for any concerns. She asked for the CCC to detail what concerns they feel might be raised by the local community and stakeholders. The only response related to water and the coordination of water flow between the new Inland Rail line and the Newell Highway. Benefits expressed by the CCC included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment opportunities</li> <li>• Increased usage of the BP Service Station and the Crossroads Hotel</li> <li>• Funding to Narromine Shire Council via the VPA for community projects (although many concerns expressed by CCC that not enough of the VPA funds are not spent on Tomingley).</li> <li>• JH expressed that Tomingley needs a “champion” to help drive better service to Tomingley from Council.</li> <li>• Development of proposed new truck stop was also discussed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Business arising from previous minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Covid safe site visit is not possible at present as it not possible to run a bus with visitors into site.</li> <li>• MS informed that a script for site visits had been drafted and would be used to inform visitors when visits are able to take place and his thoughts would be to ultimately run 2 buses with visitors not leaving the bus while on site.</li> <li>• KB raised issue of difficulty in bus traveling around site, MS and JH thought it would be good if people were able to see an old pit and examples of rehabilitation.</li> <li>• MS informed a video has been produced for use by school groups, SM and JH thought it would also be of value for adults who are interested in this to be able to view this.</li> <li>• A letter from the CCC to Narromine Shire Council requesting transparency on the VPA funding has not been sent by TGO. KB explained that it would be more appropriate if the letter was drafted and sent by the Chair of the CCC and not a representative / employee of TGO. The Committee agreed and it was decided the letter should be drafted by JH as the Chair of the CCC.</li> </ul>	<p>JH to draft letter to NSC on behalf of Committee.</p>

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<p><b>Operations update provided by KB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KB provided a mine update via power point presentation – attached to minutes</li> <li>• 2 new Apprentices have been employed at TGO, one is from Tomingley and the other from Narromine.</li> <li>• A new portal has commenced construction in the Caloma 1 pit. This makes 4 in total across site.</li> <li>• Open cut operations have recommenced with work on the Caloma 1 eastern cut back. This is expected to last for approximately 24 months with 2 crews working day shift only. Many of the staff recruited have previously worked at TGO</li> <li>• The approved Stage 7 lift of the Residue Storage Facility (RSF) has commenced.</li> <li>• The annual Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Monitoring Report has been submitted to the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) as required.</li> <li>• The rehabilitation of Waste Rock Emplacements (WRE) 2 and 3 is responding well.</li> <li>• There have been no site exceedances in relation to dust, noise and vibration since the last CCC meeting.</li> <li>• Gundong Creek continued to flow.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Community Information and feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was much discussion from the entire committee in relation to the VPA funding and that it should be spent on projects that directly benefit Tomingley.</li> <li>• Entire CCC were in agreeance that Tomingley should look really good after mine finishes and it will be a missed opportunity if the community do not take full advantage of the VPA funding.</li> <li>• 2nd round of VPA funding end of August.</li> <li>• TE asked about what was the status of the approval of funding for work at the Tomingley Community Hall and the new proposed tennis courts.</li> <li>• The latest TGO newsletter is ready for delivery and will be delivered as normal via a letterbox drop.</li> <li>• No complaints recorded since the last CCC meeting, one inquiry from a Tomingley resident as to whether blasting on site could be responsible for doors not shutting in their residence. DP detailed resident had been contacted and the issue discussed in terms of blasting had not been occurring in this vicinity and the doors not closing were more likely related to swelling associated with increased moisture from the above average rainfall to date. They were assured monitoring of the situation would continue and for the resident to contact site should any ongoing issue arise.</li> <li>• SM asked about the structure of proposed new waste dumps for TGEP and were they going to be a different shape and would it be possible to look at examples of these online. MS informed her to look at Minerals Council website which had examples of the use of Geoflup technology in the Hunter Valley.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>General Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting date for meeting with Susan agreed to be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 6pm.</li> <li>• MS asked if Narromine children know about TGO and the potential for jobs in the future. SM said careers advisor at school in Narromine would welcome someone from TGO to be able to talk to school groups about opportunities for school leavers.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VPA Funding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications open 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020</li> <li>• Close 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020</li> </ul>	
<p>Next meeting – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020</p>	
<p><b>Meeting Dates for 2020</b> Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020</p>	
<p>Meetings commence at 6pm at the TGO offices.</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed: 7.59pm</p>	