



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

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Time: 6:00pm

Location: TGO Meeting Room

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<b>Meeting Opened: 6:17pm.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Apologies:</b> James Craft (JC)</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> <li>Ben Rees (BR)</li> </ul> <p><b>Observers Present:</b> David Pritchard (TGO Environmental Coordinator)</p>	
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> Paul Brydon performs work for TGO contract spraying	
<b>Minutes from Previous Meeting:</b> Approved (TE, GD).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Correspondence:</b> Nil</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Business arising from previous minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KB advised that Mike Sutherland (GM Alkane NSW) was planning to coordinate a site visit for neighbours directly associated with the Tomingley Gold Expansion Project (TGEP). No date or time has been set as yet.</li> <li>KB detailed that Simon Parsons (General Manager Operations TGO) is not in favour of a community open day at this time given operations are underground and there would be not a lot that could be shown to visitors at this point. He is willing to review this if proposed mine expansion plans go ahead and are approved by the NSW government.</li> </ul>	

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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>• TE asked about depth of new portal and whether it was being used at present. KB explained that it is now being used as alternative access should an existing slip in the Wyoming One pit block existing access.</li> <li>• TE asked if the exploration decline was in operation. KB explained that construction has only just commenced.</li> <li>• KB explained that open stopes underground are backfilled with cemented rock fill.</li> <li>• KB detailed that several apprenticeships for the underground operation are going to be offered. These will be advertised locally to attract local applicants with no date yet for advertising.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Community Information and feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KB provided a mine update via power point presentation – attached to minutes.</li> <li>• KB provided overview of current exploration program for San Antonio and Roswell deposits. Environmental studies such as groundwater investigation and fauna monitoring along the Newell Highway have commenced. TE indicated that anecdotally, there is very little groundwater in the Tomingley area.</li> <li>• DP explained that the fauna monitoring was being conducted to determine if the Brush Tailed Phascogale, a rat-sized arboreal carnivorous marsupial which is listed as a threatened species in NSW, can be found in the vegetation along the Newell Highway.</li> <li>• KB detailed that an electromagnetic aerial survey was currently being conducted to the east of the existing TGO site as part of Alkanes ongoing exploration program.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>General Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion around why Spanish names had been chosen for the TGP, KB indicated that he would endeavour to find out.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VPA Funding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH asked when the next round of VPA funding opened and the closing date for applications. KB advised that the next round would be advertised in early July with a closing date of 23<sup>rd</sup> July. JH asked whether this would be advertised and KB informed him it would be advertised in the local papers, TGO newsletter and</li> </ul>	

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<p>website. JH commented it would be useful to advertise on a social media platform such as Facebook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KB indicated that 4 applications had been received from the March VPA round and two of these had been withdrawn due to Covid 19.</li> <li>• The applications are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not progressing - Narromine Lions Club – Licola Camp – Application withdrew due to Covid-19 and clients not able to attend the camp.</li> <li>○ Not Progressing - Tomingley Picnic Races Sponsorship – Races not run due to Covid-19 – not recommending award at this time</li> <li>○ Recommending - Narromine High School – Community Connectivity at the Narromine High School (NHS) Science Spectacular and Purchase of equipment for the STEAM HUB – \$5K</li> <li>○ Recommending - Tomingley Sport Recreation and Education – Synthetic Tennis Courts and fencing (adjacent to the hall). and turf area/irrigation system around the hall. - \$155,040 – Partially funded by council for turf and irrigation system surrounding hall for \$18,700. Further work on the submission is required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TE raised the issue of Council not being supportive of new tennis courts near the Tomingley Hall. He is aware of Council having access to 16,000 tonnes of crushed granite that could be used for projects such as a new tennis court but Council are not supportive.</li> <li>• SM indicated that Narromine Tennis Club only has 11 members and they were getting two new courts built, while it appeared Council are unsupportive of new tennis courts for Tomingley.</li> <li>• TE raised the issue of NSC appearing to be reluctant to allocating VPA money in Tomingley and this was supported by all the community representatives (BD, SM, PB, GD, BR).</li> <li>• There was considerable discussion relating to Council being slow to do things including improving the water treatment plant at Tomingley and completing works at the park. The Committee members expressed concerns that Tomingley is being forgotten about.</li> <li>• JH commented that at the end of the mine life, Tomingley should be looking great, and if not, it would be a lost opportunity. He also questioned as to why the Committee were not pursuing Council for more clarity on where the VPA money was being allocated and how much was currently held by Council.</li> <li>• The group unanimously agreed to that Council should be made aware that the local community are in full support of new tennis courts being built near the Community Hall.</li> <li>• All committee members also agreed that TGO send a letter to Council on their behalf requesting clarification on whether Council has a masterplan for Tomingley, how much money is currently available in the VPA fund and that the committee wants Council to spend the available funds on projects in Tomingley.</li> </ul>	<p>TGO to draft letter to Narromine Shire Council.</p>
<p>Next meeting – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020</p>	
<p><b>Meeting Dates for 2020</b>  Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020  Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020</p>	

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Meetings commence at 6pm at the TGO offices.	
Meeting Closed: 7.10pm	