

Meeting Record

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Members:	Jim Whitty, Julie Favell, Alex Preema, Rob Cluff	
EnergyAustralia	Luke Welfare	General Manager EnergyAustralia NSW;
	Michelle Blackley	Commercial Manager NSW
	Peter Griffiths	Environment Manager EnergyAustralia NSW
Apologies	Boris Hunt, Helen Riley, Sue Graves , Ron Bidwell, Jamie Giokaris	
Minute Taker	Michelle Blackley	Commercial Manager.

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Mr Welfare introduced the new member to the committee, Mr Rob Cluff from Wallerawang. Mr Cluff is well known in the community and is the owner of Black Gold Cabins and a member of Wallerawang Progress Association.

Business Arising:

NuRock samples and brochures were viewed by the committee members. The process of making cement like blocks from Mt Piper's ash was discussed at the previous meeting. The production methods, potential uses, potential markets and the benefits to the broader community were discussed. The committee were pleased to see the products and eager to hear of the trial plant's progress.

Market Recap

The updated rolling average demand trend was shown and further discussion relating to the flattening of the market's downward trend explained. It has been forecast that some higher demand being experienced in Queensland will offset the upcoming car manufacturing plant closures.

Mr Cluff asked about buying electricity from Victorian suppliers. It was explained that these suppliers could submit lower prices due to their lower cost of production and that this was attractive to the market and the end users.

Operational Update

Mt Piper - Unit 1 had 2 tube leaks since the last meeting. These are being investigated by our Asset team. Both units are in service and operating reliably. Outage planning will begin for Unit 2 outage programmed for later in 2015 for two weeks to check plant condition.

Wallerawang – Unit 8 has been deregistered and DDR project plan has been viewed by Treasury who have returned some comments.

The successful contractor for the sale of plant and equipment is EA Auctions. They are currently establishing market contacts to facilitate the upcoming sales of equipment. We believe that the public will see trucks with sold equipment leaving Wallerawang in 3 to 4 months.

The ammonia plant has now been dismantled at Wallerawang and will be transported to Mt Piper to assist with the water purification process in a more safe, environmentally improved and cost effective manner. The re-assembly will be conducted by our Maintenance staff with some contract specialised welders required.

There is no one working shift work at Wallerawang any longer. The Production staff are now working day-work and working alongside the Maintenance staff dismantling equipment and monitoring working equipment as required.

The recruitment process for the new structure is almost complete and has taken approximately 7 months so far. At the moment we have 205 staff after resignations, redundancies and transfers to other parts of the business. We do have opportunities for our staff to add value to the business both at a national and international level.

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■ Site Safety

Site Safety figures indicating year to date figures up to the 31 May 2015 were displayed and the medical treatment and first aid treatment incidents were explained. We still have not experienced an LTI for 419 days and employees have been LTI free for almost 4 years. We still need to work towards zero harm for every employee, contractor and visitor.

■ Rail Unloader

There has been no change with the status of the rail unloader site with environmental monitoring and the agistment lease continuing. EnergyAustralia are continuing to assess all our options and any alternative of coal supply is dependent on the success of Centennial's development applications for Springvale.

1. Water Management

Oberon Dam decreasing level, currently at 57.32% was noted. Level 1 restrictions can be applied when Oberon Dam reaches 50% but the users are currently using less than their allocations and less than the level 1 restrictions would provide so this is not seen as a big issue at the moment.

The continuing amber algae alert concerned the committee members due to the longevity of the bloom and its tenacity in the recent cold weather. The committee was concerned about the recreational businesses dependent on the lake system both angling and tourist based and the impact this could have on the local economy as well as environmental concerns. Ms Favell advised that she had recently rung the EPA over this issue asking where the nutrient base was coming from.

Ms Favell also expressed that her view was the Springvale water should be treated to be the same as the background waters from the head of the Coxs system. Mr Griffiths advised that the local office of the EPA has been vocal about their concerns regarding other sources of discharge into this system.

EnergyAustralia's water storage is at a healthy 97.5% with both Lake Lyell and Lake Wallace still spilling. Thompsons Creek Dam is at 93.9%.

2. Sponsorship Process

The different approach to the distribution of community funds was explained again so that everyone could understand the proposed process. The draft assessment criteria were handed to the sitting members for discussion. They asked for some time to review the criteria and Mr Welfare advised that we would send the criteria out to all members asking for feedback. This will allow us to start our first community campaign and get the applications assessed at the next CRG meeting. The committee were happy with this suggestion and promised feedback.

The need for confidentiality relating to any applications was understood by the committee.

3. General Business

The newly announced corporate strategy was discussed with the four pillars of

- A world-class retailer
- Lead in next-gen energy products
- Sustainable, low-cost operating model
- Optimise our position in centralised generation

Our three values for our high performance culture and our customer choosing, trusting and staying with us were highlighted. Mr Welfare provided examples of some of the products that could be considered as part of our future business such as solar panels, energy storage systems, services to optimise a household's energy usage. Our aim is to retain our customers by offering a range of services to improve our customer's experience with us.

The family and friends offer was put to the members with all the contact details provided to allow them to use the service.

Long Term Coal Supplies were discussed further and Mr Welfare assured the committee that EnergyAustralia and Centennial were working together to resolve the issues around these contracts. In fact he felt that the relationship between the two companies had improved with more communication and sharing of information.

Mr Welfare advised that during the recent EnergyAustralia Board meeting Mr Moulton was invited and toured the Mt Piper water plant with Ms Tanna to view first hand some of the high level issues.

The development consent for Springvale is impactful on any decisions moving forward.

A coal deal is progressing with Cullen open cut. The mine is gearing up to provide product to EnergyAustralia.

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Mr Whitty asked if EnergyAustralia were interested in the sale of Baal Bone Mine. Mr Welfare advised that it was under consideration. Ms Favell advised that it was her understanding that the coal was not of good quality.

Ms Favell mentioned that she was pleased to see the representative of EnergyAustralia, Mr Peter Gray, speak about the need to limit salinity levels going into the Coxs River to 500 microsiemens during the public meeting with Planning Assessment Commission. Personally she would like to see it lower at 300 microsiemens but she wanted to thank EnergyAustralia for bringing this up during the meeting.

Ms Favell asked about the expiry date of the current coal contracts with Centennial. Mr Welfare advised that this was commercial in confidence and he would not provide the information requested.

Mr Welfare advised that we will work with the Pinedale Mine regarding their proposed development consent to extend their operations. Potentially Centennial and EnergyAustralia could work together on this project. The development application process would need a lot of time and money to be invested. Ms Favell expressed the view that any future Pinedale application needed to be honest about its impacts. Already she has been advised by Centennial that Neubecks Mine is exceeding its noise limits and households in Blackmans Flat including her own were being affected.

Mr Preema asked about the status of Lake Wallace with Wallerawang not operating in the future. Mr Welfare advised that the lease was in flight until 2042 and ongoing monitoring of the water and fish would continue until EnergyAustralia relinquished the site's environment protection license.

Mr Preema asked if EnergyAustralia knew anything about increased Arsenic levels in Lake Wallace. Mr Griffiths and Mr Welfare had not heard of any findings on this matter. The process to test fish and the chain of custody requirements were explained. EnergyAustralia would not test a fish that was handed to them by a local angler but they will continue to test fish under the current guidelines.

Ms Favell advised that she was aware the LDP4 for Springvale at Sawyers Swamp Creek when tested presented very high readings for ammonia. Were we aware of any conditions that would cause these elevated readings. Both Mr Griffiths and Mr Welfare were unaware of the readings and what could cause such a situation.

Ms Favell provided some information regarding Lismore's community solar project and was hopeful of seeing Lithgow City Council and EnergyAustralia working together on a similar project. The information will be considered and a response provided.

Mr Cluff asked about who owned the land which is known as the Lithgow Minerals Processing Park. Mr Welfare confirmed that it was owned by EnergyAustralia. Mr Cluff also wanted to know what would happen to some of the infrastructure like the warehouse building that is currently on the Wallerawang site and could it be re-used by industry. Mr Welfare confirmed that the warehouse building would be one of the last populated areas of site as the other buildings were deconstructed. It could well be sold but this would potentially be several years into the future.

Mr Cluff would like to see more consultation and communication about the Wallerawang DDR project and Mt Piper operations. He felt this could mitigate some of the animosity that was directed to EnergyAustralia since Wallerawang's closure. He thanked EnergyAustralia for the opportunity to be a part of the community reference committee as a representative of the Wallerawang community.

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

4. Next Meeting

Wednesday 26 August 2015 at 5 pm, Mt Piper Seminar Room.