



Minutes

Environmental Advisory Committee
 26 February 2014
 4.00 – 6.00 pm

EAC Committee	
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4	Clean Up Australia Day, Coordination of Groups for next year
5	Hassans Wall Boardwalk
6	Centennials expansion of long wall mining under Carne Creek
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EAC COMMITTEE MEETING



MINUTES – 26 February 2014

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Thomas Ebersol, Peter Evans, Cl Col Hunter Julie Favell, Andrew Muir

Officers : Damon Cupitt, Peta Lette

Apologies: Sue Graves, Trish Kidd

Declaration of Interests: NIL

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATIONS OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were endorsed by two members of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 28 November 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Thomas Ebersol

SECONDED: Andrew Muir

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMENTARY

With the possible future deployment of a Green Army team in the area, the importance of having projects already scoped could become important. With this in a mind, whilst works on the surrounds of Farmers Creek has merit, it may not be possible without an overarching plan or strategy. With this in mind a Plan of Management for Farmers Creek was seen as an important tool to secure future Green Army deployment and also to source other funding opportunities.

COMMITTEE ACTION - Nil

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – That Council consider allocating an amount of up to \$30,000 in its upcoming budget deliberations for the preparation of a Plan of Management for Farmers Creek.

MOVED: Peter Evans

SECONDED: Thomas Ebersol

ITEM: 4 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

COMMENTARY

It was noted that it may be helpful for Council to have a coordinator for Clean Up Australia Day for groups that may want LCC to register & coordinate the groups.

COMMITTEE ACTION – The Group Manager of Environment and Development be requested to provide staff assistance for the 2015 Clean Up Australia Day to assist Community Groups in registration and co-ordination.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – Nil

MOVED: Clr Col Hunter

SECONDED: Julie Favell

ITEM: 5 HASSANS WALLS BOARDWALK

COMMENTARY

The Lithgow Environment Group representative, Thomas Ebersol, congratulated Council on the new boardwalk at Hassans Walls. It was suggested that council consider putting a seat on the viewing platform. It was also suggested that an official opening would be appropriate and Committee members would be pleased to attend.

COMMITTEE ACTION – The Environmental Advisory Committee convey its congratulations to Council on the new boardwalk at Hassans Walls; suggest that a seat on the viewing platform be investigated; and also suggest an official opening be arranged.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – Nil

MOVED: Thomas Ebersol

SECONDED: Peter Evans

ITEM: 6 CENTENIALS EXPANSION OF LONGWALL MINING UNDER CARNE CREEK

COMMENTARY

Concerns were raised by Lithgow Environment Group representatives about long wall mining in the vicinity of Carne Creek.

COMMITTEE ACTION – Correspondence be sent to Centennial Coal requesting information on longwall mining in the vicinity of Carne Creek and subsidence management measures.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – Nil

MOVED: Thomas Ebersol

SECONDED: Julie Favell

**ITEM: 7 APPLICATION FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE –
 CEEMAC Pty Ltd**

COMMENTARY

Concerns were raised regarding the application for petroleum exploration PELA 158. It was suggested that Department of Trade and Investment representatives be invited to brief the Committee and/or Council on the application and process in relation to PELA158.

COMMITTEE ACTION – Representatives of the Department of Trade and Investment be invited to provide a briefing on the application and process

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – Nil

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Thomas Ebersol

ITEM: 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMENTARY

Lake Pillans boardwalk has been repainted, reopening is set for 2pm on 10 April 2014. Paul Toole, Mayor Statham , Members of the EAC Committee are to be invited. Council is looking at applying for funding from the EPA Litter program. The Committee nominated Clarence Pirie Park Capertee. Noted.

COMMITTEE ACTION – The information be noted.

RECOMMENDATION – NIL

MOVED: Peter Evans

SECONDED: Andrew Muir

ITEM: 9 BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY

COMMENTARY

There was no business of great urgency.

COMMITTEE ACTION – NIL

RECOMMENDATION – NIL

ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: 28 May 2014

With no further business the meeting was closed at 5.30 pm.