

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
AGL – CAMDEN GAS COMMITTEE

**MEETING NO. 56**

Rosalind Park Gas Plant, 30 September 2020 at 4pm

**MINUTES**

<b>Member/Guest</b>	<b>Attendance Type</b>
Marina Draper (AGL) (MD)	Present
Simon Hennings (SH)	Present (from 5:30pm)
Troy Platten (TP)	Apologies
William Benson (WB)	Present
Shane Bottin (AGL) (SB)	Present
David Henry (Wollondilly Council) (DH)	Present - Online
Diane Gordon (DG)	Present
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) ( <b>Chair</b> )	Present
Mitchell Clark (Campbelltown City Council) (MC)	Present - Online
Gary Whytcross (EPA) (GW)	Present - Online
Vanessa Luck (Camden Council) (VL)	Apologies
Sally Mayberry (SM) ( <b>Minutes</b> )	Present
Fiona Stalgis (Camden Council) (FS)	Present - Online
David Mudd (AGL) (DM)	Present - Online
Pauline Stamedes (PS)	Present - Online

**Meeting opened: 4.10pm**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
<p><b>1.0 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies</b> MMH – Welcome and Introductions. MMH stated <i>I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting takes place, and also pay respect to Elders both past and present.</i></p> <p>MMH introduced Marina Draper.</p> <p>SB outlines safety procedure, including Covid19 specific guidelines.</p> <p>Apologies as above.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Meeting opened at 4:10pm to summarise and discuss the applicants for community grants. The CCC meeting opened at 5:02pm. Gary Whytcross, EPA Director of Regulatory Operations was welcomed and provided a brief introduction to himself and recent changes in the EPA structure.</p>		
<p><b>2.0 Declarations of interest</b> MMH is the independent chair appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). Chairs several CCC's and is a paid chair of this meeting. All members' declarations remain current. FS declared a conflict of interest in regard to Camden Council's Community Grants application and abstained from discussion. DH noted his daughter was born at Campbelltown Hospital.</p>		
<p><b>3.0 Confirmation of previous minutes</b></p>		

The minutes were:  
**Moved:** WB  
**Seconded:** DH

**4.0 Business arising**

- Community grants applications Round 1 took place online earlier in the year because of Covid-19 restrictions.
- Round 1 FY 2021 presented by MD and took place at the beginning of this meeting. Summary is tabled below:

Applicant	CCC consensus
Macarthur and District Region Native Orchids Group	Seeking funding for an orchid survey within the region.
Big Yellow Umbrella – Camden Community Connections	Seeking funding for 20-week bounce and learn program that focuses on fathers and toddlers.
Camden Council	Seeking funding for portable water bubbler for Council and community events.
Macarthur Family and Youth Services	Seeking funding to implement a Circle of Security program to enhance attachment and security for fathers with their children.
Kids of Macarthur Foundation	Seeking funds for the paediatric unit equipment – jaundice meter.
Camden Town Farm	Seeking funding to establish an Indigenous garden including edible local flowers.

- DG commends AGL’s investment in the local community
- Decommissioned wells information was provided by SB during presentation.
- Review of meeting frequency – reminder that anyone can call an extraordinary meeting should the need arise between the extended meeting duration (annual) through the Chair.

**5.0 Correspondence**

**The correspondence was included in the meeting notice and agenda, there was no further discussion at this item.**

**6.0 Reports and Presentations – handed out at the meeting.**

- **AGL Update** – MD speaks to presentation. A general update including FY20 update and recent acquisition of Click Energy. Also overviews the Geoscience Australia report on CSG subsidence and seismic activity
  - [Subsidence monitoring in the Sydney Basin, New South Wales: Results of the Camden Environmental Monitoring Project](#)
  - [Seismic monitoring of NSW CSG Areas: Monitoring of seismic activity in the CSG production area of Camden and seismic activity of the region](#)
- **Operations and Environment** – SB speaks to presentation regarding decommissioning and rehabilitation of wells and site. There are currently 73 wells producing, 9 suspended or shut in. 144 wells were originally drilled. 6 rehabilitated well sites were inspected by EPA last week and were signed off as compliant with rehabilitation requirements. The expected rain this year should improve the rehabilitation. Current border restrictions are slowing access and availability to drilling rigs.
- **Land and Approvals** – DM speaks to presentation regarding operations and compliance. Quarterly noise monitoring was completed last week; no complaints have been received or had any exceedances in air monitoring. Results of the monitoring are

<p>not yet available. No other non-compliances to report. EPA visited on 22/23 September and signed off on 7 wells/6 sites, and emission tested 20 sites. 54 wells have been observed for leaks, with none detected. 12 sites have been signed off by EPA as rehabilitated. Recent weather conditions have been favourable to allow the rehabilitation to progress. In initial phases of developing the final rehabilitation plan for the Camden Gas Plant. There are no upcoming well workovers and priority is instead well decommissioning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Q:</b> <i>DH Is there periodic leakage testing?</i></li> <li>○ <b>A:</b> <i>SB &amp; DM There is downhole testing during rehab; before the well is capped, it is leak tested by gas detection (no longer by bubble testing). Once the surface rehabilitation is complete, the well is not leak tested again unless there's an active pipeline interconnecting through the well site. There is no more testing required per licensing conditions.</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Community and Stakeholders</b> – SB speaks to presentation with MD. A large water tank was loaned to volunteer-run charity called Rapid Relief Team (RRT) for access to water for firefighting. There was a fast (same day) turnaround for the request from the RRT. Other tanks have been donated since the initial request. It was a great initiative.</li> <li>● During the peak of Covid, AGL partnered with the Camden Region Economic Taskforce to host a free webinar to help businesses pivot as a result of Covid. The carbon neutral product initiative developed by AGL has been well received among customers.</li> <li>● All initiatives for the community investment program FY20 round 1 have been completed with the exception of the Sustainable Youth Baristas, which will be completed soon (postponed due to Covid restrictions). A lot of the most recent FY20 round 2 initiatives have been postponed due to Covid restrictions. MD noted that meeting directly with council members and community members has helped improve local awareness of the community grants. MD will update CCC members regarding questions asked during meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>DH comments that Council has a draft integrated water strategy (not yet adopted) and water initiatives are happening. Due to long term weather and climate within the region, the water facility has been gratefully accessed by council Sydney Water needs to advise whether or not there is capacity at the West Camden Recycled Water Treatment Facility. Minister Smith is in discussions with Sydney Water about the feasibility of this project</i></li> <li>○ <b>Q:</b> <i>SH asks whether the water treatment facility should be accessible by local farmers?</i></li> <li>○ <b>A:</b> <i>SB Yes, that is one of the considerations</i></li> <li>○ <b>Q:</b> <i>SH Asks about the Menangle Hall funding and/or a long-term legacy project for the community</i></li> <li>○ <b>A:</b> <i>MD will follow up</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>MD to notify CCC members about legacy project</p>	
<p><b>7.0 General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MD asks if online meetings should be continued in the future. General consensus is that the option would be appreciated.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>8.0 Next meeting date</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proposed August 18 2021</li> <li>● Time to be advised</li> </ul>	<p>MMH to liaise and confirm with CCC.</p>	<p>Date changed to September 8 2021</p>

Meeting closed at: 6:01pm

Acronym Index

- CCC Community Consultative Committee
- DPIE Department of Planning Industry & Environment
- EPA Environment Protection Authority