

Present: Tim Heldt (Chairperson), Kurt Bezjak (Operations Manager Commercial Services), Leonie Lockhart (Administration) Monica Newton (Administration) Tony Heffernan (LLS)
Community members: Jeff Greber, Bill Wallace

Apologies: John McIntyre, Terri Campbell, Sam Clayton, John and Sue Wraights, Bob & Fay Birney, Josh & Lisa Wellman, Kath Parry (LCC Representative)

1. Welcome

Tim opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

2. Previous Minutes

Overview of previous meeting & Minutes, were accepted as being true & correct

3. Business arising from minutes of previous meeting

Weed Control:

Roots Down Conservation now have an extra person in play (now 4) and they come in 2 x per month. Dave Edwards currently working to update the vegetation management plan to include the additional 45 ha of land recently acquired through the Environmental Offset strategy.

Environmental Offset Strategy:

Kurt met with John Wraights (family of McNamara property) to scope what needed to be done. (The fence down the entrance to the Quarry) We are still awaiting for a price from John for this job to be completed.

Jeff asked about the fencing for the 45ha has it been done as yet? Kurt has responded that it hasn't as yet but will be Kurt to follow up with an email to John to coordinate a quote and organise the job to be done.

Bushland Regeneration:

No additional trees being planted, the decision was to direct funds to existing vegetation management as we are relying on natural reseeding.

Koala monitoring now a bi-annual event and is due again this year. This will also capture the additional 45 ha.

Groundwater monitoring:

Ground water report will be submitted in December 2018 detailing the last 5 years of monitoring data. All sub plans in our approval have been updated by ERM and Gilbert and Sutherland.

Approval was granted to enter the South pit to mine the first 10 metres of rock for a state significant project. (ie, the break wall @ Coffs Harbour – 4000 tonnes . With road base being used for the Pacific Highway upgrade by RVC, Ballina Bypass and RMS.

Sediment control plans (by Gilbert and Sutherland) for the South pit were identified to be substandard and as part of the sub plan review, new measures were implemented.

Construction of a third registered sediment catchment dam to be constructed. It will be an approved discharge point and will be approx. 1500m³ in size.

Wild Dog baiting program:

Tony Heffernan advises not much progress this time with the community baiting program.

Graham Bryant (now retired) and Sam Clayton certified to accept & lay the baits. NRQA coordinated this group baiting however only NRQA + 2 properties participated. There needs to be a larger group/valley coordinated baiting to cover more country and achieve better results.

Noise Monitoring:

Latest audit conducted November 2017 – no issues. No issues raised by committee members.

General business:

RPQ are now in at the Quarry and the AC plant is being commissioned and it is now up and running. LCC have leased the site to RPQ, while maintaining pull through from the quarry aggregates and royalties from the sale of AC. LCC do not operate the AC plant and head count has been reduced by 3 personnel due to this reasoning. A meeting was held between the Quarry and RPQ to discuss council buying Asphalt. RPQ are producing asphalt for the pot hole crew at this stage, as they don't have their own laying crew locally. Negotiations in this area will continue.

The quarry is extremely busy at current in keeping up demand for the rural roads rehab. 120kt over 6 months. HXR on site assisting in the crushing operations of local Govt. spec roadbase and a potential avenue to control costs. Another job with 30kt of drainage rock required for the highway work looks promising.

NRQA are struggling with maintaining 100 daily truck count limits at the Quarry and had to turn away a 30kt overburden job due to truck count limits. The Quarry has applied for a variation for an average monthly truck count rather than daily truck limit, looking for a max of 135 trucks per day average if the variation is approved. Bill and Jeff both advised they have no concerns regarding truck movements. Kurt has advised that on access roads due to flood mitigation – this is also limiting the size of the trucks coming and going.

Bill raised a concern that his wife was able to smell something burning – mostly in the afternoons and usually if there is a NE wind blowing. He states its being going on for a while now. Jeff has also been able to smell the same (smells like hot asphalt). Due to plant not being operational until this week – Kurt agreed to investigate and asked Bill and Jeff to phone him or the quarry when it is noticed again.

Bill raised concern regarding weeds and rubbish around the drain/pipe between the gates of Bill and Jeff's properties. His concern is that recent heavy rain meant the drain backs up and can't move the water fast enough – which then cuts off their exit from the properties. This needs to be looked at. Kurt to phone Bill and organise a time to meet on site to inspect.

Kurt mentioned due to some staff repositioning within Council, he will be situated at the Quarry office from next week and Leonie (now working in Fleet Logistics) is handing over admin duties to Monica for the foreseeable future.

Audits:

Three year independent environment audit to take place this year, to be conducted by either Coffey's or Gilbert & Sutherland.

Annual environmental audit submitted to the DOP&E this week for 2017.

NEXT MEETING set for September 2018 at Goolmangar Hall. Monica will confirm closer to the date.

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm and concluded at 5.00 pm.

NRQA Community Consultative Committee Action Plan

Item	Action Outcome	By whom & when
Fence new boundary from purchase of additional 45 ha	Email John Wraights for quote	Kurt – end March 2018
Build up of weeds at drainage point of Wallace & Greber property's	Organise on site inspection	Kurt – end march 2018
Wild dog baiting	Co-ordinate with LLS Rod Gray	Kurt/Monica – July 2018

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WILD DOG BAITES RETURNED (15) 19.9.17 2.00

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WILD DOG RAIDS RECEIVED 13.10.17
WET WEATHER CAME IN ON 14/10/17

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