

NCIG Community Engagement Group (CEG) – Meeting Minutes
Meeting No: 6
Wednesday 31 March 2021 5:00-7:00pm
Location: NCIG Administration Building

Attendees:	Community Representatives	NCIG Representatives
	John Hayes Rick Banyard Catherine Blanch	Aaron Johansen – CEO Nathan Juchau – Manager HSEC Steve Bullman – Live Run Superintendent Wade Covey – Environment and Sustainability Lead Hayley Ardagh – Environmental Officer

Apologies: Lyn Kilby, Alan Blanch, Lindsay Clout, Mark Warren, Kenny Barry, Brooke Stevenson

Item 1: Welcome and Meeting Minute Review

- Nathan Juchau (NJ) welcomed the group and introduced Steve Bullman (SB), NCIG’s Live Run Superintendent.
- NJ spoke about the COVID-19 controls in place for the meeting, including social distancing and hygiene protocols.
- The minutes from the previous meeting were discussed. One action remains open – seeking a Stockton Resident to join the NCIG Community Engagement Group (CEG). NCIG had not yet heard back from a local Stockton community member after reaching out. **This action remains open.**

Item 2: General Business and Operations Update

SL02 Recovery Update

- AJ provided a summary overview of the Shiploader 2 Recovery Project following damage resulting from a significant storm event in November 2020. The details around the severity of the storm cell, including an in-depth wind analysis, was shared with the group. AJ discussed the progress of the project and the schedule of upcoming works.
- Catherine Blanch (CB) noted that it was appreciated that the CEG were notified and provided information immediately following the incident. CB mentioned that this information is then able to be shared with other community groups where relevant.

Resources Update

- AJ provided an update on the status of the current coal market. An increase in the demand of high-quality thermal coal had been observed in recent months.

Item 3: LMS

- SB provided an overview presentation of NCIG’s Logistics Management System (LMS), as requested by community members in previous meetings. The LMS project was completed in FY20, following numerous years of in-house development. The system is an all-encompassing online portal to manage the whole logistics process for internal use, and for NCIG’s shippers (customers).

- A live demonstration of the system was provided, including the features that may be of interest to the community members such as tagging of coal for dust management purposes, planning of trains and vessels, and tracking of coal residency for spontaneous combustion management.

Item 4: Environment and Sustainability Update

Sustainability Strategy Update

- NJ provided an overview of the recently released Sustainability Report. Some of the key highlights for the year included the incorporation of 10% GreenPower into NCIG's electricity contract for the next two years, more than \$40M spent in direct economic investment in the Hunter Region, 65% reduction in Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) and \$275k in community investment during the year.
- An update on the progress of NCIG's Sustainability Strategy and an overview of the framework was provided. The strategy is planned to be finalised towards the end of this financial year and released shortly thereafter. **Action – Following further development of the Sustainability Strategy, NJ to provide an update and overview in the next meeting.**
- John Hayes (JH) noted that the link between financing and sustainability is becoming increasingly important in the future. AJ confirmed that banks are increasingly interested in the ESG (environmental, social and governance) performance of businesses.

Environmental Performance and Projects

- Wade Covey (WC) provided a summary of the state-wide flood event in March 2020. NCIG received around 330mm rainfall during the period. Significant localised flooding was observed across Kooragang Island, however the NCIG site fared well in the event considering the magnitude of rain.
- Hayley Ardagh (HA) noted that during the same period an increase in Green and Golden Bell Frogs had also been observed around the terminal, likely due to the increased rainfall.
- WC showed the Community Members NCIG's recently established site-based weather forecasting and real-time weather monitoring tracking using Weatherzone. This system will provide an avenue for operational staff to accurately forecast and track real time severe weather events such as thunderstorms resulting in lightning, extreme winds and intense rainfall. Trigger Action Response Plans (TARPs) have also been developed to guide operational response during these severe weather events.
- WC provided an update on a number of environmental projects that had been progressed in recent months including the development of an Energy Management System, the recycled water project and the settling pond cleaning trials. An update on NCIG's dust management performance and the veneering trial was also provided.

Item 5: Community Update

- HA noted that the Community Support Program is currently open for applications. Following the assessment of the project, a celebratory afternoon tea will be planned. HA will send the details to the CEG members via email. **Action – Hayley to send CSP afternoon tea invite to the group.**

Meeting Close

- The next CEG Meeting will occur in approximately 4 months – date and time to be confirmed at a later date.