

Minutes & Actions

Western Downs Regional Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Minutes

04 December, 2014

Swagsman Motel, Miles 2pm-5pm

Initial	Name	Position / Company	Attend	Apology
MEMBERS				
KB	Kylie Bourne	Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CR	Craig Rutledge	DSDIP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GS	Glenn Strandquist	Miles Chamber of Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BB	Bill Blake	CCCI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BW	Ben Wiltshire	QPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AG	Arthur Gearon	AgForce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CB	Cecily Brockhurst	Murilla Community Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DG	Doreen Goldsmid	Chinchilla Family Support Centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JB	Rev Jeff Balnaves	Community Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KG	Kel Gaske	Community Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GM	Cr George Moore	WDRRC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH	Cr Charlene Hall	WDRRC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DD	Deanna Dodd	Centacare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KM	Kerry Mulholland	Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SECRETARIATE and SUPPORT STAFF				
RB	Rob Hart	Origin – Regional Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SB	Scott Bird	Origin – Regional Community Relations Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TW	Sarah Parkinson	Origin – Local Government & Community Relations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SP	Trudi Webster	Origin – Local Government & Community Relations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
INVITEES and PROXYS				
AT	Amanda Thomas	Gasfield Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JK	Jess Kibble	Murilla Community Centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VU	Vikki Uhlmann	University of Queensland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SW	Sarah Worthing	University of Queensland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Item	Time	Item Description	Duration
1.	2:00pm	<p>Meeting opens - KB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies –Craig Rutledge, Cr Charlene Hall, Cecily Brockhurst, Deanna Dodd, Bill Blake, Amanda Thomas, Rob Hart, Arthur Gearon 2. Resignations – Nil 3. Proxies – Jess Kibble for Cecily Brockhurst 	5 mins
2.	2:05 pm	<p>Safety Moment</p> <p>SB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to check the batteries and power supply to smoke alarms in your home, particularly during bush fire season. • Test the smoke alarm and establish an evacuation plan when visitors are staying over Christmas. 	5 mins
3.	2:10pm	<p>Confirmation of minutes September meeting – KB</p> <p>Meeting minutes approved and accepted by all</p>	5 mins
4.	2:15pm	<p>Update on actions from September meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Format and frequency of the WDRCCC meetings to be considered at the December meeting.</i> <p>Included in agenda</p>	5 mins
5.	2:20pm	<p>University of Queensland research presentation – Vikki Uhlmann & Sarah Worthing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced Sarah Worthing in her new role as a researcher with the project. • University of Queensland is researching the cumulative socioeconomic impacts of CSG development in the Western Downs. • Aims: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand – cumulative socioeconomic impacts on Western Downs regional communities. - Guide – inform government/community/CSG industry collaboration to guide the region into the future. • Three towns have been profiled to date – Miles, Chinchilla, Dalby. • Areas of impact being investigated include: wellbeing, housing, employment, business, education & training, governance, (health & safety, agriculture, environment – separate projects). • Interim data reports titled “Possible indicators of impact of CSG development on Miles and district community” and “Possible indicators of impact of CSG development on Chinchilla and district community” – Nov 2014 were distributed to attendees. 	30 mins
6.	2:50pm	Afternoon Tea	10 mins
7.	3:00pm	<p>Project Update – SB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is on track for first LNG in mid 2015 with full production expected from both trains by the end of FY2016. <p><i>Q: How much a day are you flaring at the moment?</i></p>	45 mins

A: It is only where required.

Q: Are you still taking potable water from the towns for use in the camps?

A: Yes, however, Talinga is undertaking a potable water project for self sufficiency including Condabri.

- Key milestones for this year:
 - Reedy Creek Train 1 and 2, Orana Train 1 and 2 and Condabri South Train 2 Gas Processing Facilities achieved mechanical completion.
 - Water treatment facilities at Condabri are now operational and importantly local farmers are receiving processed water to irrigate their land.
 - All modules for Train 1 are set and LNG Tanks A and B were also hydrostatically tested.

- Drilling & production:
 - 985 development wells drilled.
 - Australia Pacific LNG will continue to drill and connect around 300 wells every year (Sustain Phase) to keep 2 LNG Trains full.
 - More than half of the wells required for the project are now online.
 - Approximately 70 wells per month are now being commissioned on an ongoing basis.
 - The Condabri Central gas processing facilities (GPF) is now fully operational following commissioning of Train 2 in October.
 - Gas from Condabri Central, Talinga and Spring Gully is now being delivered into the domestic gas network.
 - Orana gas processing facility (GPF) has now been commissioned.

- Workforce:
 - Australia Pacific LNG is a major Queensland employer ~15,000 employees and contractors working on the project.
 - Around 765 Origin employees working in the Surat Basin
 - 25% of the Miles office based staff are already permanent residents of the town.
 - 1200 Operations and Maintenance jobs by 2018 (including contractors).
 - Our Surat Basin Living Local financial incentive helps support a residential workforce with more than 250 direct employees currently living locally.
 - We are committed to a residential workforce wherever possible.

Q: What is the classification of 'living local'?

A: Your primary place of residence needs to be within 150kms of an Origin gas plant.

- Housing & accommodation:
 - Over the past 2 years both qualitative research and community feedback has requested Origin continue to mitigate accommodation impacts on the community in Miles.
 - We sought to achieve this through construction of 9 units of affordable accommodation and the funding of Rent Connect and Housing Officers through the Murilla Community Centre.

- Four Accommodation Hubs will be adopted in the region at existing sites: Spring Gully, Reedy Creek, Condabri, and Talinga.
- There are currently 3 distinct types of accommodation being utilised by Origin (FIFO/DIDO) Staff in Miles who require accommodation in the field utilise:
 1. Private houses/units either directly through the landlord or an agent utilising a standard Residential Tenancy Act (RTA) lease;
 2. Private workers' accommodation aimed specifically at the FIFO market which is run on a similar basis to a motel with payment either through a contract arrangement or direct payment utilising a company credit card (short term only); and;
 3. Employer provided camps at no direct cost.
- We have recently negotiated an option for accommodation within the Miles Eastwood Camp, therefore the majority of employees utilising Option 3 of the policy will still be located within the community.
- Recently signed off on a further contribution in the affordable housing space in Miles. This will buy existing properties off the open market. Horizon Housing will manage the project. Similar to the 9 affordable housing units already constructed, this will provide accommodation for key workers that are locally based. It is not social housing.
- This will complete our affordable housing policy for our Integrated Housing and Accommodation Strategy (IHAS).

Local content

- As at September 2014, approximately \$15.4 billion in procurement for the Project has been spent in Australia.
- Australia Pacific LNG has spent approximately \$11.2 billion with Queensland based businesses.
- **Regional Buy Program**
- As we move into operations a sustainable Regional Buy Program (RBP) is being developed for businesses based in our regional communities of interest.
- The objective is to give smaller regional based businesses a greater opportunity to access work packages for the competitive supply of selected goods and services.
- This program will aim to:
 - *Provide an easy to use online website enabling businesses to register and pre-qualify, access work packages and bid directly, as well as facilitating purchasing and payment processes.*
 - *Improve payment cycles and timeliness*
 - *Include a community trust to assist in providing ongoing business support to build regional capability.*

Q: Will payments always be paid out of Adelaide?

A: The Regional Buy program will most likely be managed by a third party.

Binda Nalkana

- **Regional Learning Centre – Binda Nalkana**
- As we move into the back end of our major construction phase, we now have greater capability (ie. the buildings and facilities) on site to undertake more meetings and operational training in the workplace rather than off-site.
- We have constructed a purpose built training facility at

		<p>Condabri which we will begin use of from early December for some of this operational training going forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have engaged in face to face conversations with local suppliers rather than making these changes without explaining them first. • Binda-Nalkana Community Information space will be open to visitors on the Origin of Gas tours to be scheduled for 2015. <p><i>Q: Is the facility for external visitors to get an understanding of coal seam gas?</i> <i>A: No, external visitors can get an understanding of coal seam gas through the Origin of Gas site tours.</i></p> <p><i>Q: Will this have an impact on the Miles Trade Training Centre?</i> <i>A: No, it will not.</i></p> <p>Regional Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vast majority of the Project's \$25 million allocation for community investment has been committed or is earmarked for investment in identified priorities before the completion of 2015. • Social Impact Assessment research underway (completion March 2015) • Local Hands – currently working with local community groups to include additional partner alliances and volunteer opportunities into the program. • Caring About Road Safety – 8 schools competed in the 2014 CARS Cup Challenge with Dalby Christian College winning the CARS Cup trophy and \$1,000 to spend on educational or sporting resources for their school. • Community Sponsorship and Donations Program - \$27,300 approved across community groups and organisations in Round 3. 	
8.	3:45pm	<p>Future of the WDRCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to review the format, frequency and particularly value of the WDRCCC meetings was discussed at the September meeting. • SB also raised the need to reflect on 2014. In March, the committee discussed what they wanted to achieve in 2014. One of the priorities was to work with Australia Pacific LNG to sign off on the last part of the housing and accommodation strategy and to influence a local buy strategy which has been achieved. • SB discussed the need to review the frequency of the meetings as we head into the Sustain Phase. Potentially amend the format and change to six monthly meetings (March and September). There is also the option for Australia Pacific LNG to provide a written update as opposed to face-to-face meetings each quarter. • The group further discussed the role of the consortium to continue the UQ's data and information collection on the community impacts and CSG impacts. • Vote was conducted by the committee. Meetings to be held twice a year in 2015 - Next meeting March/April 2015 and September/October 2015. <p>ACTION: Next to be held at the Chinchilla Community Connections</p>	15 mins

		<p>Building Tuesday 3 March 2015 from 10am to 1pm - twice a year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings to be held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10am to 1pm with the location rotating between Miles and Chinchilla. • Committee requested that the presentation be distributed prior to the meeting in order for the committee to prepare and afterwards with the minutes. <p>ACTION: Secretary to ensure the presentation is distributed to the committee prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed representation on the committee • Sean Maher, Miles High School Principal had expressed an interest in being involved. <p>ACTION: WDRCCC to extend invitation to Sean Maher to join the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member suggested that Australia Pacific LNG host more community information sessions, similar to what was held in the beginning of the project. 	
9.	4.00pm	<p>Update from members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miles Police – Waiting to see what happens with the change in activity levels. Losing Dean O’Brian at the end of the year. • Community – Miles Historical Village – From the tourism perspective, prices of motels are dropping dramatically (some rooms <\$100/night). Tremendous opportunities. Visitor numbers have been down over the last three years and it would be great to see it increase again (tourist buses and travelling public). • Miles Chamber of Commerce – The Miles Christmas Street Carnival is to be held on Thursday 11 December. The concept plan is progressing with Anzac Park as well as the Miles Portal website and tourism strategy with WDRC. Jandowae have received a QGC grant to paint the hall. • Western Downs Regional Council – The tourism webpage launched in the last month and has been very well received. Our focus at the present time, gas related, is to have 100% of the operational workforce living within the community. WDRC congratulate Origin on putting forward more housing. WDRC are well underway to complete the sewerage treatment facility and are currently still in the commissioning testing phase until after Christmas. The water treatment plant is treating RO water into Miles supplementing water supply. Wandoan is completed in relation to the water and sewerage (approx 1,000 capacity). The RO plant in Tara is operational – 7 day potable supply. Yesterday, WDRC approved the sewerage treatment plant at Chinchilla. The focus of the energy sector is to reduce drive times for staff, probably not enough focus on the mental health of the workforce living away from their families and children. This needs more focus to encourage living within our own towns. • Community - QGC are offering incentives to permanent staff to move to Chinchilla. Hopefully APLNG will be looking to train well operators which are Miles and Chinchilla locals. Chinchilla 	35 mins

		<p>is still enjoying a good relationship with the gas workforce. There have been a lot of benefits to the town however the concerns are now ongoing employment and liveability of Chinchilla.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murilla Community Centre – Very busy as usual. Big concerns in the town right now, mental health issues are a huge concern – drought the main factor, financial stress and pressures. We are losing Lifeline by the end of the year that do outreach counselling so no referral pathway there. Looking at upgrading our data collection systems at the Centre. Men’s Shed is kicking off in 2015 – partnership with the High School. • Chinchilla Family Support Centre – The new building is completed and the Chinchilla Family Support Centre will close on the 19th of December at 5 Main Street and will relocate to the new building pre-Christmas. Will reopen on the 5th of January 2015 – terrific video conferencing, commercial kitchen. Hoping to be the first example of a sustainable community centre. Please visit the upgraded website. Discussed need to assist farmers with applications. Have set up Salesforce data collection system with a complimentary application. We are certainly increasing in numbers through the door for a range of reasons. • A community member raised the importance of offering staff a choice of shifts to promote a workforce that is engaging with their families and communities. <p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB thanked the committee for their contributions in 2014. Australia Pacific LNG hope you and your family have a very safe, happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year. • Meeting closed 4:40pm. 	
10.	4.40 pm	<p>Meeting close</p> <p>Next meeting – Tuesday 3 March 2015 10am to 1pm at the Chinchilla Community Connections Building.</p>	