



Dargues Reef

Community Consultative Committee

MINUTES OF 45th MEETING OF THE DARGUES GOLD REEF COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD ON SITE AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH 2022 AT 1pm.

PRESENT:

- B Weir (Chair)
- B Royds (v), P Cormick (v), P Owen (v), E Guarino and M Darwon (v).

IN ATTENDANCE:

- M/s Abigail Saunders (v) (DGM Environmental Officer) and Rami Ghattas (DGM Processing Mgr.)

Item 1. WELCOME:

The Chairperson welcomed all attendees and then acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land on which the Members were gathered and paid his respects to Elders Past Present and Emerging.

Item 2. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from W Waterhouse, Dr K Waddell, A Wyllie, and A Robertson.

Item 3. PECUNIARY INTEREST:

The usual pecuniary interests were acknowledged – there were no others declared.

Item 4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – MATTERS ARISING:

Nil.

Item 5. CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Nil.

Item 6. PROPONENT'S REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:

Received and noted, especially the closing date of September 27, 2022, re MOD 5 submissions.

Item 7. MATTERS WHICH THE COMMUNITY/COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES WISH TO RAISE WITH THE DGM REPRESENTATIVES – OTHER THAN MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

Nil.

Item 8. MATTERS WHICH THE DGM REPRESENTATIVES WISH TO RAISE WITH THE COMMUNITY/COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

TSF Update – received.

Water Management Plan Review – there was lengthy discussion on this item.

Mr. Guarino stated that GHD are working on it and consulting with relevant parties including the CCC.

In reply to a question from M/s Royds – with respect to M/s Waddell’s recent email and as outlined in her email earlier today – Mr. Guarino stated that he had concerns and would seek clarification from GHD re the appropriateness of stochastic compared to deterministic modelling for site water balance.

Mr. Cormick stated that the plan needs much more detail including the latest data and at least an acknowledgement of new events.

Exploration Update – received and noted.

Noise Mitigation Projects – Mr. Darwon stated that he was looking forward to this project being completed.

Mr. Guarino advised that delivery was expected in late October with installation in November.

DGM Site Initiatives -

Re employment - Mr. Guarino stated that he would get back to Mr. Cormick re the number of employees on site.

Re Doctor Accommodation – Mr. Guarino advised Mr. Owen that he had been dealing with the Medical Centre Practice Manager. Mr. Ghattas added that this decision aligned with the Company’s objectives.

Re visual amenity – received and noted.

Re Biodiversity Offset – Mr. Guarino advised M/s Royds that the time limit set by the DoP was the third quarter of 2023. He added that DGM was “pushing this hard” and had advertised widely.

Re Community Grants – Mr. Guarino stated that this had been a great opportunity to meet and talk to the applicants.

Re ANU economic geology students – Mr. Guarino advised Mr. Cormick that this was the name of the unit being undertaken by the students as part of their geology degree.

Re Other Sponsorship – received and noted.

Re CCC Contact details – M/s Royds commented that she had had difficulty accessing this information.

Mr. Guarino and Mr. Ghattas both stated that they were able to access the information and they asked all Members to attempt to access the information so that they could further investigate if a problem continued to exist. It was AGREED that all present would investigate this further. See below.

Re Actions arising from 44th CCC Meeting – received.

Item 9. OTHER BUSINESS:

Re Rehabilitation Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan Review: -

The Chairperson referred to the recent emails to Members from Mr. Guarino referring to the Rehabilitation Management Plan and the Traffic Management Plan Review, each of which had been attached to the relevant emails.

He noted that it was a requirement that these be referred to the Members via the CCC and he believed that there should be a specific reference in the CCC Minutes to the tabling of these draft plans for consideration by CCC Members.

The Committee noted the plans' contents as well as the closing date for submissions.

Re Traffic – Mr. Guarino stated that Mr. Waterhouse had queried the curfew hours in the morning so as to align with school bus times. He added that he does not have the power to change this.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the school bus would be off the Major's Creek Road by 8.30am.

Re Members' Contact Details – it was agreed that Mr. Guarino would re-circulate these details to all Members.

Item 10. NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting would include a site inspection and would be held on Wednesday 7th December 2022.

Meeting Closed: 1.50pm.

Dargues Gold Mine – Proponents Report

Item 6.

Progress of the Project

- General Manager – Angus Wyllie
- Mine development at 490 m
- Processing rate in accordance with annual throughputs Year to Date (YTD)
- Further local employment opportunities coming! For more information about employment opportunities, please refer to the following link: <https://www.aureliametals.com/careers>
- Safety performance; zero recordable injuries for the quarter; Mill over 2 years recordable injury free

Monitoring and Environmental Performance



Environmental monitoring was completed in accordance with Dargues Gold Mine's (DGM) Environmental Protection License and Development Consent requirements. For access to DGM's monitoring data, please refer to the following link [Dargues | Monitoring - Aurelia Metals](#). Our externally facing dashboard continues to publish monitoring data via our website.

The Company completed repairs and updates to three of four flow monitoring stations. All stations have now been equipped with automatic water quality monitoring sensors, pH, turbidity, conductivity, and temperature as well as flow. The final station is operational, but due to high flows the contractors have been unable to install the weir plate due to continued wet conditions.

Community Complaints

During the last quarter, the Company received six complaints. Five of the six complaints were in relation to noise concerns, and one was in relation to blasting. The Company also investigated community concerns regarding unsociable behavior (allegedly) by personnel associated with the mine. Although, the Company was unable to determine whether workforce was involved, it used the opportunity to remind the workforce to respect the Community, public property, and the natural environment. The Company also continues to work on noise mitigation projects, as discussed in Item 8.

Month	Number of Complaints
June	0
July	4
August	2

MOD-5



MOD-5 will go on public exhibition from Wednesday 14 September to Tuesday 27 September. The Modification Report & Appendices will be made live on the projects website on Wednesday 14 Sep. The project page can be accessed in the QR code and link below: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-5-water-storage-dam-processing-increase>

Item 8.

Tailings Storage Facility Update

TSF stage-3 lift was completed in August. This initiative added an additional 2.5 m of elevation to the existing TSF spillway. The Company is continuing to work with the appropriate regulatory authorities on permitting TSF water for dust suppression and irrigation.

Water management plan Review

The Company has engaged GHD to prepare a thorough review of the water management plan including an update to the site water balance model. Site held a consultative meeting with members of the CCC and Eurobodalla shire council during August 2022.

Exploration Update

Surface exploration is continuing the Mining Lease, with the current schedule of works expected to continue into Q4 2022. The Company is confident that this will be followed by further surface and ground exploration program.

Noise Mitigation Projects

The ventilation fan silencer is currently being manufactured by an external engineering firm who are specialists in the manufacture of silencers. We are expecting the Silencer delivery late October, with installation shortly after.

DGM Site Initiatives

Accommodation partnership with Braidwood Medical Centre

The Company partnered with Rural and Remote Medical Services (Braidwood medical center) to subsidize accommodation for a second doctor. The mine worked with Braidwood medical center prior to a recruitment drive to provide accommodation certainty for prospective candidates. The partnership resulted in the successful recruitment of a second doctor for the practice.

Visual amenity

The Company is in the final stages of preparing a visual amenity screening application to support members of the community who are experiencing visual amenity impacts. The application will support impacted residents with screening measures. The application will be finalised in September.

Biodiversity Offset



We are actively searching for a parcel of land holding the following tree species: Ribbon Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*), Snow Gum (*Eucalyptus pauciflora*) and Peppermint Gum (*Eucalyptus radiata*). Other characteristic features include an open eucalypt forest or woodland with sparse shrubs and dense grassy groundcover on granite or basalt soils in gently undulating to flat terrain, at altitudes between 600 and 1100 metres above sea level.

Community grants

Dargues Community Grant Recipients



Annabelle Jeffery from Dargues Gold Mine with Margie Gardner from the Braidwood Golf Club .

Dargues Gold Mine awarded grants to six recipients in the Majors Creek, Araluen, Braidwood and Reidsdale at a morning tea on the 15th of August at the Braidwood Servicesmens Club.

The recipients were:

- Anglican Parish of Braidwood : Funding towards the internal restoration of the historic St. Stephen's church, Majors Creek.
- Araluen Progress Association : Funding will be used to purchase a commercial grade stove and double sink.
- Araluen Recreation Reserve Land Management: Funding will help contribute to the restoration of the Araluen playground
- Braidwood Golf Club: Funding will be used to purchase bench seats for three tees at the golf course.
- Majors Creek Bushfire Brigade : Funding to purchase a box trailer to store and transport extra equipment for structural fires.
- Reidsdale Community Association: Funding to support a preparation of a grant to build community infrastructure for Reidsdale.

ANU economic geology students

On the 29th of August Dargues mine hosted students from the ANU undertaking economic geology. The day was an opportunity to showcase our operation and provide industry exposure to the students.

Other sponsorship

The Company is also proud to be a Platinum sponsor of the Braidwood Lions Young Writers Festival 2022. The writing competition is for young people living in postcode 2622 or going to school in Braidwood. In 2020, the festival had over 313 entrants and has been supported by St Bedes primary and Braidwood Central School.

Representatives from the mine held a morning tea with our Grant recipients at the Braidwood servicemen's club on the 15th of August. It was great to hear how the grants were being used across the district as well hearing from everyone about future opportunities.

The next round of community grants will open Monday 19 September and close 6 November 2022.



[Community Grants Program
\(aureliametals.com\)](https://aureliametals.com)

CCC Contact details



The contact details for CCC members who signed the privacy disclosure are available on the Company website.

[CCC Contact Details \(aureliametals.com.au\)](http://aureliametals.com.au)

Actions arising from 44th CCC meeting

Item	Action	Outcome
Item 6	Request to release consultants report used for Water management plan	Selected reports will be available on request. Please contact the Environment and Community team.
Item 7	Truck parking in main street of Braidwood	Concentrate truck drivers and other heavy vehicle operators were requested to park in the space opposite Braidwood Rural. However, where drivers need to use toilet facilities and or purchase food they were requested to do so and move onto the area opposite Braidwood Rural.
Item 8	Requested less technical language be used in the water management plan	The water management plan is an operational document to support the site with managing water. The request has been noted and passed onto the Consultant managing the process.
Item 9	CCC contact details placed on the Aurelia website	A consent form to publish personal particulars on the Aurelia website was sent to all CCC members and details published for those who provided consent.

Closing

For further information, please visit the following:

DGM website: <http://aureliametals.com>

DGM Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/DarguesReefGold>

For more detailed assistance please call the Dargues Gold Mine Information Line on 1800 732 002 or alternatively email DGM.Community@aureliametals.com.au