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Project	Newcastle Gas Storage Facility	From	Sue Hogan
Subject	Community Consultative Committee		
Date/Time	Wednesday 20 August 2014		
Venue	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens 11:00am – 12:00pm		
Copies to	All attendees and apologies		
Attendees	Barbara Campany – Facilitator (GHD)	Apologies	
	Brett Hayward – AGL Environment Manager		Kevin Stokes - Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
	Clr Geoff Dingle – Port Stephens Council		
	Gino Bortolotto – Worley Parsons		David Hough – Newcastle City Council
	Jacqui Ashby – Port Stephens Council		Jill Dean - Native Animal Trust Fund
	Matthew Callanan – AGL Operations Manager		Naomi Rowe – AGL Community Relations Manager
	Mick Cook – Hunter Region Botanic Gardens		Rhys Blackmore – Hunter Water
	Peter Rains – Tomago Van Park		Declan Clausen - Hunter Water
	Sue Hogan – AGL Project Administrator		Kirby Morrison – Hunter Water
	Robyn Parker - Tomago Aluminium Company		
	Tim Knill – AGL Project Manager		
	Warren Brooks – Community Representative		



Topic	Action
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**1. Welcome and acceptance of previous meeting minutes**

***Accepted minutes to be placed on AGL website***

- ▶ BC acknowledged traditional owners and welcomed new members and visitors, introductions were done by all attendees.
- ▶ Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.
- ▶ Welcomed Warren Brooks as a Community Representative.

**2. Meeting Agenda**

- ▶ Welcome by facilitator, acceptance of the previous meeting minutes and welcome to Warren Brooks.
- ▶ Actions from the previous meeting
- ▶ Project update including timeline and 3 month forecast of activities
  - Introduce Brett Hayward
  - Update on Fauna Survey
- ▶ MHF Update
- ▶ Economic Benefits Assessment
- ▶ Q & As
- ▶ General business
- ▶ Confirmation of remaining 2014 meeting date.
- ▶ Close of formal proceedings, followed by site tour and lunch.

**3. Action items from the last meeting**

- ▶ BC reviewed the actions from last meeting. The response to each action is listed in the table below.

Item	Details	Complete	Notes
1.	<b>GD previously asked if Port Stephens Council could come and see the re-vegetation works? TK has suggested to move out the visit till March/April 2015 when works are nearly complete.</b>		
	<b>NR to organise tour in March/April 2015</b>	No	Invite to be sent to all councilors.



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#### 4. Project update including 12 month forecast

- ▶ TK provided an update on the project via a powerpoint presentation and a brief overview of the project
  - refer to Tim's presentation.

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#### 5. Environment Update

Brett Hayward, Environment Manager has taken over the role of Brisbane-based Craig Clark.

The Dianella plants stored at AGL's Hexham office collected prior to site clearing are now planted back on site.

Environment Audits are continuing and can be found on NGSF web site: <http://agk.com.au/newcastle/>

Operational Environmental Management Plan is underway, to submitted to Department of Planning and Environment.

100 nest boxes were inspected, part of the Flora & Fauna plan. Report to be placed on the website:

The 7 burnt out nest boxes to be replaced and secure boxes by retro fitting them. Any wasps have been cleaned out.

Amy Spadaro from Port Stephens Council had originally requested the 100 nest boxes.

**CCC: WB noted the findings are interesting and the report should go back to who set the requirement to show how the process has worked and to give confidence that the approvals are being followed.**

***SH: send report to all CCC members.***

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#### 6. MHF update

MC provided an update on the project via a powerpoint presentation and a brief overview of the MHF activities.

- refer to Matthew's presentation.

**CCC: BC asked what Hunter Regional Botanic Gardens are classified as?**

MC advised it would be an active open space and possibly business (reference offsite Risk Criteria slide).

**CCC: WB asked who was the authority who approved the areas, EIS (Environmental Impact statement)?**

MC: Department of Planning set the criteria and identified it as an appropriate site.

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**CCC: GD asked MC if any changes were made to the site design or procedures after the findings.**

MC: AGL picked up all of the controls and identified the most critical and reliable. Additional systems and procedures were put into place, tighter controls and restricted work areas.

**CCC: GD will training being provided for external stakeholders.**

MC: In the next 2 weeks key authorities will go through emergency response plans, to make sure the controls are affective.

**CCC: GD who are the key authorities around hazard management.**

MC: Local emergency response units are co-ordinated through WorkCover including Police and Fire and Rescue.

WorkCover also covers MHF Licensing

Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services covers Pipeline authority

EPA covers Environmental authority

Department of Planning covers overall conditions.

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**7. Community update**

TK updated the group on the Economic Benefits Assessment report written by local company EPS (Environmental Property Services).

***SH: Report to be distributed to the CCC when released***

**CCC: PR enquired as to how many days have been lost due to no gas.**

TK: Wasn't sure of the days lost. Jemena has shed load from industry before residential during previous major incidents. NSW gets approximately 96% from other states, Camden supplies the remainder.

AGL retails the gas but needs to put in long term supply agreements. These agreements are becoming more difficult to execute with gas demand increasing three fold on the east coast.

NGSF will be part of the solution for gas security. It will primarily cater for the Newcastle area but gas could be directed further south down the pipe line in future if required.

**CCC: Isn't gas being produced at Pilliga by Santos?**

TK: Not as far as he was aware. He asked if the group would be interested in a presentation on CSG?

CCC: agreed they would like more information and history of how it's improved.

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GD: advised Port Stephens Council were asked by contractors working on CSG in the area if they would take contaminated water. The Council did not take up the offer and feel companies that have come in that have come in have given the industry a bad name.

BC: asked if the advertised meeting notification should include the CSG presentation or a guest speaker would be attending?

CCC: MC advised if the presentation is being advertised HRBG would need to be consulted if the meeting will be held on their premises as they would like to be seen as impartial.

TK: Lots of opportunity has been provided to the community and are continuing to be informed and consulted with.

***TK to invite a special guest speaker to speak on CSG***

***SH: to allow an extra 15 mins at the next meeting.***

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## 8. Q & A

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## 9. General business

**CCC: WB commented on PowerServe going into administration and AGL giving work to Downer.** It's commendable that AGL looked after PowerServe employees. The closure has been a significant event in the area because it's affected a lot of people around the community.

HealthOne Centre went into administration recently. The State was managing the build but the builder went broke and haven't done anything like AGL to cover monies owed.

TK: Gongs have been kept on board and tried to keep continuity.

**CCC: PR asked wouldn't subcontractors insurance to cover them?**

TK: Our insurance doesn't cover contractors going into administration.

**CCC: JA asked about the offset land and what is happening to it? Who will manage it? There is an alleged canoe tree on site.**

BW: Conservation covenant has to be signed into national parks. The Seaham site that is being referred to is part of the conditions of the Gloucester project not NGSF project. The gifting of the site is only an option but other options are also being looked at.

**CCC: GD commented on the Hunter Corporate Park.** He was shocked at the proposal for clearing the highly valuable Flora and Fauna site. Port Stephens Council recommendation is there is to reject the proposal given there is already an oversupply of industrial areas locally.

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GB is impressed by AGL's approach but isn't happy by the Hunter Corporate Park jumping on the back of the band wagon of the good work done by the AGL group.

**The application is currently going through the council then public exhibition.**

BC: acknowledged the issue and advised that this is a separate discussion and beyond the remit of this CCC and this meeting.

**CCC: PR asked how the Community Small Grants program went?**

TK: 14 groups were awarded grants between \$2000 - \$3000.

**CCC: JA asked how frequent is the Community Small Grant Program?**

TK: it is on an Annual cycle.

***NR to explain the cycle at next meeting.***

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## **10. Next meeting**

Close of formal proceedings. 12:15pm.

Next meeting to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 from 11am at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens.

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## **11. Confirmed dates for 2015:**

The same frequency will happen during construction then move to half yearly when operational.

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