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Project	Newcastle Gas Storage Facility	From	Sue Hogan
Subject	Community Consultative Committee		
Date/Time	Wednesday 21 May 2014		
Venue	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens 11:00am – 12:00pm		
Copies to	All attendees and apologies		
Attendees	Clr Geoff Dingle – Port Stephens Council	Apologies	Rhys Blackmore – Hunter Water
	Mick Cook – Hunter Region Botanic Gardens		Declan Clausen - Hunter Water
	Jacqui Ashby – Port Stephens Council		Kevin Stokes - Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
	Robyn Parker - Tomago Aluminium Company		Rhys Blackmore – Hunter Water
	Jill Dean – Visitor		Declan Clausen - Hunter Water
	Kris Leck - Visitor		Sean Dunn – Newcastle City Council
	Tim Knill – AGL Project Manager		David Hough – Newcastle City Council
	Naomi Rowe – AGL Community Relations Manager		Peter Rains – Tomago Van Park
	Matthew Callanan – AGL Operations Manager		Audrey Koosman - Native Animal Trust Fund
	Gino Bortolotto – Worley Parsons		Kirby Morrison – Hunter Water
	Barbara Company – Facilitator (GHD)		
	Sue Hogan – AGL Project Administrator		



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.

2. Meeting Agenda

- ▶ Welcome by facilitator and acceptance of the previous meeting minutes
- ▶ Actions from the previous meeting
- ▶ Project update including timeline and 3 month forecast of activities
 - Low Pressure Pipe Line
 - High Pressure Pipe Line
 - LNG tank
- ▶ MHF Update
- ▶ Update NGSF small grants program
- ▶ Q & As
- ▶ General business
- ▶ Confirmation of 2014 meeting dates.
- ▶ 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.	GD asked whether Port Stephens Council could come and see how the revegetation works?		
	<i>NR to organise tour</i>	No	Invite to be sent to all councilors.
2.	MC why not starting from other end?		
	<i>NR will check with drilling construction engineer and provide details.</i>	Yes	NR spoke to the drilling engineer and confirmed the location was selected because of pipeline stringing needs and space available



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.

CCC: GD many layers of glass foam are installed?

TK explained 5 levels of glass foam are installed followed by a thin level of concrete for the inner tank to sit on.

5. 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.

NR advised the MHF will be a standing item in future meetings and asked how the group would like to receive the information.

CCC: MC would like to understand how it will impact the community and the HRBG site.

TK advised the contours MC will provide will show the worst case scenarios and demonstrate we have enough buffer zone so all contained into the lot.

TK added that we were classified as a MHF by WorkCover, the threshold for an MHF site is 200 tonnes of materials, we have 30,000 tonnes of LNG.

MC to provide more information in future meetings including scenarios that impact surrounding areas and emergency response information.

CCC: MC asked what would happen if someone shot at it?

If LNG did escape from its storage containment to the environment, it would form a pool and begin warming immediately and returning to its gaseous form. As the gas warms up, the vapours are lighter than air and rise into the atmosphere and dissipate.

LNG and natural gas are mainly composed of methane gas. Methane gas is only flammable if it is within the concentration range of 5-15% gas in air, otherwise it is non-flammable.

Any penetration of the tank will spill material and be contained within the site area.

CCC: MC asked if the neighbours have to do anything during an emergency and how would they be contacted?

MC advised they would be contacted through Emergency Services. This will be covered off in future meetings and through stakeholder communication lines.



6. Community update

NR updated the group on the Community Small Grants Program and announced the winners of its inaugural Newcastle Gas Storage Facility (NGSF) community grants program worth more than \$30,000.

NR was impressed by the quality of the grant applications so AGL decided to offer the grants to more than were initially intended.

There was such a diversity of community groups that were deserving of some funding. We gave money to organisations ranging from a wildlife group that provides temporary homes for native animals, a juggling kick-start program for kids, early intervention services for primary school students, and maintenance programs for local clubs.

Stories about the recipients will be on the website over the next few months.

CCC: MC thanked NR on behalf of HRBG for their donation.

7. Q & A

CCC: JD asked if we had found any wildlife coming onto the site?

GB advised little goanna's and snakes have been seen plus frogs needed to be rescued from within the water tanks. No Koalas have been seen, the only time they've been seen is off the Ausgrid track 18 months ago.

GD commented that the Tomago Koala population had all but disappeared. Not much had been spotted since the last major bushfire.

CCC: Is there a reason for the declining Koala population?

GD commented that he felt it was due to urban creep. Dogs and cars stress them further.

JD commented that the NATF has data going back to 80s. The population is definitely declining.

8. General business

NR advised the CCC two complaints had been received to date. Both have come from Pipeline activity, both have been resolved.

1. Tomago Village Van Park – level of noise at night.
 2. Dust found on cars in Forgacs car park. The dust was found not be related to our project.
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CCC: GD asked if AGL had cleaned up the rubbish dumped near Forgacs site. The council had received a lot of complaints and the EPA been notified.

TK advised AGL organised and paid for the clean-up, cost approx \$30,000.

BC: Warren Brooks previously expressed his interest as a CCC Community member role. BC asked if the CCC would welcome back WB as a local community representative.

NR to formally invite Warren Brooks.

CCC: Warren Brooks to be formally invited to future meetings as a local community representative

CCC: When does it start to be an MHF?

MC advised it will be discussed at future meetings.

9. Next meeting

Close of formal proceedings. 12:05am.

Next meeting to be held on 20th August 2014 from 11am at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens.

10. Confirmed dates for rest of the year:

5 November
