

TRUenergy COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

MEETING MINUTES JUNE 2009

MEETING	TALLAWARRA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING	MEETING NUMBER	3/2009
HELD AT	TRUENERGY TALLAWARRA SITE, WOLLONGONG	DATE	17 JUNE 2009
PROJECT	TALLAWARRA		
ATTENDEES	<div> <div> Doug Prosser Rita Webb Andrew Knowlson Cheryl Lappin Tony Gardiner Chris Brandis John Osseweyer David Bartlett Graham Dowers Anthony Savenkov John McIntyre Lloyd Townsend Lucy Greig Brendan Blakeley </div> <div> Lake Illawarra Authority Dapto Chamber of Commerce Duck Creek Catchment Group Shellharbour Council Concerned Residents of East Dapto Illawarra Bird Observers Club NSW Scouts Association Rural Fire Service TRUenergy TRUenergy TRUenergy TRUenergy Elton Consulting (Note-taker) Elton Consulting (Facilitator) </div> </div>		
APOLOGIES	<div> Graham Towers Werner Steyer Renaë Riviere </div> <div> Department of Planning Illawarra Bicycle User Group Conservation Volunteers Australia </div>		
DISTRIBUTION	To all invitees		

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	DATE
1.0	Welcome & Introductions – Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting		
	<p><i>The meeting commenced at 4.30pm. Brendan welcomed all. Apologies were received from Graham Towers and Werner Steyer. Additional apologies were received after the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without amendment; adoption was moved by Doug Prosser, seconded by Rita Webb.</i></p>		
2.0	Site Maintenance Update - Lloyd Townsend, TRUenergy		
	<p>Site maintenance update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noxious weed management is being undertaken according to the annual program. A new program is being developed for next year. Stage 2 landscaping is growing well. Stage 1 landscaping is completed. Landscaping works have been undertaken using native species exclusively. These have been selected by the landscape architect as per the landscaping plan approved by Wollongong Council. Illawarra Vocational Services has continued mowing around the site and Yallah Bay Road. Wollongong Council has recently patched up areas of road affected by wear and tear 		

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	<p>along Yallah Bay Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The official opening of the Conservation Volunteers Australia Duck Creek rehabilitation project at Yallah Bay Road took place on 28 May 2009. Official guests included Cheryl Davis and Lylea McMahon MP. A birthing tree was planted in recognition of the local Aboriginal community. One thousand plants have been planted to date as part of the project. All plants are native species, using propagated seeds from Jamberoo Nursery. Fox-baiting is underway. All relevant stakeholders have been notified. The success of the program is yet to be confirmed; relevant information will be sought from the Rural Protection Board. Wollongong Council has undertaken minor clearing along its side of the fence-line at Mount Brown, improving the fire break. Security installations around the power station are nearing completion. Vandal damage has occurred along Yallah Bay Road, with farm gates levelled and posts removed. <p><u>Questions and comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rita Webb suggested that road spikes may be used to address incidents of vandalism using motor vehicles. 		
3.0	Power Station Operation Update – John McIntyre, TRUenergy		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plant has been completed and is operating well, following the resolution of initial minor issues. An 'A' Inspection has been completed and the gas turbine has been inspected. This went well, with the 'A' Inspection revealing only minor issues with the turbine, which is in generally good condition. There are no major safety issues or environmental issues to note. <p><u>Questions and comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheryl Lappin: How does the energy generated by the power station meet current demand? John McIntyre: Generation is fundamentally dependent on market demand. 		
4.0	Tallawarra Power Station Stage B - Graham Dowers, TRUenergy		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Environmental Assessment (EA) is in adequacy review with DoP. TRUenergy has satisfied the majority of queries relating to the EA and is continuing to work with DoP to ensure that various issues are properly addressed, including the presentation of air quality data, details regarding anti-scalants and biocides to ensure cleanliness of the cooling tower, and acoustic impacts. TRUenergy is also undertaking a market analysis and further investigating the need for Tallawarra B. The present uncertainty regarding the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is impacting the way the business moves forward in Australia. TRUenergy is developing its delivery process for the construction of new power plants in Australia including New South Wales and Victoria. Brendan Blakeley: Is TRUenergy considering building more gas-fired power stations? Graham Dowers: TRUenergy is weighing up investment alternatives in various parts of the Australian electricity market. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheryl Lappin: Is TRUenergy a player in the potential NSW energy reform transactions? Graham Dowers: TRUenergy awaits details, and has previously noted its potential interest in participating in the reform program, pending the impact of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. Andrew Knowlson: Would the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme have implications for gas-fired power stations such as Tallawarra? Graham Dowers: Yes, it has implications for any power station investment that has a carbon footprint although the high efficiency low carbon footprint of a modern CCGT such as Tallawarra will tend to reduce the carbon intensity of the electricity grid. 		
5.0	Tallawarra Lands Update – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The updated Tallawarra Lands Structure Plan, as previously presented, has been uploaded to the TRUenergy website. TRUenergy has requested the Director General's Requirements (DGRs) for the Major Project application. The draft concept submitted is consistent with the Structure Plan. Cheryl Lappin: Has a Project Focus Group meeting been held? Anthony Savenkov: Not yet, as the request for DGRs has just been submitted. Council is continuing its process of public consultation on the Draft Wollongong LEP 2009. The second of three public briefing sessions on the Draft LEP, which includes the Tallawarra Lands site, will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 23 June at the Wollongong Town Hall. The recommendation paper of Council's planning group will be available Council's website beforehand. Chris Brandis: Will the walking track near Duck Creek be publicly accessible? Anthony Savenkov: While the walking track is not currently publicly accessible, there is potential for it to be opened to the public at a later stage. 		
6.0	Discussion and next steps		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Osseweyer announced that this would be the last CLG meeting he would attend as a representative of the NSW Scouts Association. He expressed his thanks to all those present for their role in the CLG and wished the project team well. He commented that he would like to be kept informed of any events that might benefit from the participation of local Scout groups. John provided the project team with a copy of the collection of the Scout Badges from Tallawarra Jams held between 1982 and 2002 (attached). TRUenergy and Elton Consulting thanked John for his commitment, and long, valuable contribution to the CLG. Brendan Blakeley invited David Bartlett to outline his role as a representative of the Rural Fire Service (RFS) in relation to the Tallawarra project. David Bartlett: Council is currently undertaking asset protection zone work in the Mount Brown area. This area is somewhat prone to arson and the fire trail networks have been vandalised. The RFS is working with Council to upgrade these. A key focus for the RFS will be upgrading work on an access trail along the western boundary of the Tallawarra Lands site. It is important that this trail and the related trail networks are maintained as they are key access ways. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFS also assists in the assessment of Development Applications for Council. The RFS is updating a fire trail register for the area, which would probably incorporate some of the fire trails on the Tallawarra Lands site. John McIntyre: Representatives of Dapto, Albion Park and the State office of the RFS have visited Tallawarra to ensure they are familiar with the site. TRUenergy will continue to work with these stakeholders <p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug Prosser: The Lake Illawarra Authority (LIA) has made two submissions to the Federal Government under their recently announced Job Funds Projects, seeking assistance for Lake Illawarra shared pathways and Lake Illawarra bush care. One of the potential sections of shared pathway is the continuation of the existing Gilba Road, Dapto section, linking up to the northern TRUenergy site boundary. It is also hoped that a commencement can be made along the lake foreshore towards Elizabeth Point. Graham Dowers: Projects of this type will assist in limiting antisocial behaviour, and increase public access to the lake foreshore. 		
6.0	Close – Next meeting		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting closed early at 5.30pm. <p>NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 4.30 pm Wednesday 19 August 2009, onsite.</p>		
<p>If you have any questions in relation to these minutes please contact Brendan Blakeley at Elton Consulting. Tel: 02 9387 2600 Fax: 02 9387 2557 Email: brendan@elton.com.au</p>			

Attachments: NSW Scouts Association – Tallawarra Jam Badges (1982-2002)

Tallawarra Jamborette Badges (1985-2002)



