

Chair's welcome for the new Gunlake CCC 18 Nov 2015

Welcome to the new Gunlake CCC. This meeting ushers in a new era for Gunlake and the local community.

We have new members providing insight and expertise for the Financial, Scientific, Rural, Communications and Business fields. Two members have experience in the mining and civil engineering fields. Working together with consultants and council we will meet our objectives.

We have all read and accepted the guidelines and understand that our role is to provide an interface between the community and Gunlake in regards to;

- 1) Gunlake's implementation of their current license and
- 2) The preparation for their submission for change and growth.

It will be imperative that we have no hidden or narrow agendas and that we are transparent in our thinking and communication, with each other and all stakeholders. Consensus is not our brief rather the engagement of the issues to discover appropriate and applicable solutions. Which is one of the reasons we have consulted widely in the community and held company and community forums.

As the chair of this committee I am keen for us to focus on the future and not get bogged down in the stories of history. After today's first meeting I encourage us all to come to our discussions with prepared and clear statements that represent our own and our communities views relating to the agenda and any new business. We should seek to only speak for 5 minutes on any item – 3 to background and 2 to propose solutions.

I wish to conduct these meetings based on factual discussion but believe it is imperative that we discuss and where appropriate find alternate approaches to deal with the negative feelings that facts often cause. This may require us to find:

- 1) New processes or
- 2) New ways to develop differing attitudes.

I wish this committee to be one that celebrates diversity and is action orientated to assist the community and Gunlake in its quest to find acceptable solutions, working with Council and regulatory bodies. As such, we will utilise the meeting agenda guidelines given to us, and the following spreadsheet to direct our discussions.

I wish each issue and its sub item to be recorded. Actions will take place by their recorded "by date". I also desire the "on dates" that people will take action to also be recorded. This way we can manage the expectation of each other and the community, in a timely and affective manner. -See tabled action sheet.

The Minutes, Action Sheet and Spreadsheet will be on the Gunlake web site so that the community has ready access to see the progress or otherwise the committee is making.

We will also utilize the website for any community member to contact the committee with supportive or challenging comments. From time to time I will work with Ed O'Neil to present community forums so that progress, or otherwise, can be discussed with the wider community.

Our meetings should be aimed at building and promoting action, rather than just the opportunity for discussion and a 'talk fest'.

Lady, Gentleman this committee is in place to ensure that Gunlake complies with its current approvals and that should Gunlake's commercial desires for expansion go ahead they will assist the community by meeting all statutory guidelines and hopefully exceed them building worlds best practice and indeed enhancing our community.

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Chair - Gunlake Community Consultative Committee.