

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION GROUP (CCG)

The inaugural Galaxy CCG meeting was held in August 2018 and since then over 50 actioned items have been considered and responded to.

CCG meetings take place bi-monthly and consist of seven community representatives and two Galaxy representatives acting under formal "Terms of Reference". Members represent different community groups to ensure all people within the community have a chance to have their questions and concerns heard.

Community members of the CCG include Ken Norman, Sue Leighton, Kim Bennett, Geoff Fairhead, Fiona Philson, Gavin Pollock, and Ian Dickinson. All of whom are contactable to convey community issues for resolution or development.

All CCG Minutes, including extensive dust monitoring reports, can be found at

<https://www.ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au/documents>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A community meeting was held on the 5th March in Hopetoun to discuss the Waste Rock Landform, Southern side rehabilitation. Community members will have the opportunity to provide feedback on any preferred species for the rehabilitation and express their views.

Community members are encouraged to send their expressions of interest to mtcattlin@gxy.com

CONTACT

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MT CATTLIN OPERATIONS

Welcome to Galaxy Lithium Australia Limited's ("Galaxy") Newsletter on Mt Cattlin's operations for the second half of 2019.

Galaxy has created this newsletter to connect with the Ravensthorpe community and provide a better understanding of the operations taking place.

Challenging market conditions prevailed the lithium sector due to lower than expected demand in China coinciding with an increase supply of lithium production. This caused weaker lithium pricing and forced numerous market players out of business, to cease operations, curtail productions and/or delay expansion activities.

However, with growing public awareness of climate change risks and mandatory government policy on emission standards, there have been many positive demand indicators for electric vehicles, supporting long term growth of the lithium.

Despite current market condition, Mt Cattlin had a successful year in operations achieving record breaking production volumes, product quality and costs.

Additionally, Galaxy adapted to current market conditions by lowering Mt Cattlin's mining and production volumes for 2020, with some of these initiatives commencing in the latter half of 2019.

These initiatives included mining contract restructuring and the installation of an optical sorter to assist in processing already mined material.

Successful implementation of stage two expansion, including the Cattlin Creek diversion, also took place.

The Company remains well positioned to swiftly ramp up operations in response to increased product demand and improved market conditions.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Galaxy continued to express their support for the local community through the “Pitch Your Project” program. The program allowed the Company to learn more about the initiatives underway in the community and allowed organisations to apply for funding through sponsorship and donations.

We recognise the importance of this program and hope the community enjoyed our support for the following organisations:

- Ravensthorpe Gym
- Ravensthorpe Progress Association
- Ravensthorpe Community Resource Centre
- Little Barrens Childcare Centre
- Ravensthorpe Tigers Football & Sporting Club
- The Club House Child Care Centre

Galaxy also assisted with other projects such as helping to erect the Giant Lollipop, providing free WiFi in the Palace Hotel and maintenance works at Mt Short airstrip.

In September 2019, Galaxy also actively sponsored the Ravensthorpe Annual Street Parade & Country Carnival to commence the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show.

In October 2019, Galaxy hosted an Open Day for over 200 visitors from the community. The community gathered for entertainment and food at the recreation centre where there was an electric vehicle on display.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Noise and vibration concerns were raised at the commencement of stage two expansion and were swiftly addressed. A community engagement meeting was held in Ravensthorpe on 23 July 2019 to discuss community concerns and provide an overview of Galaxy’s future development. Actions completed by Galaxy to address concerns included:

- Engaging an independent drill and blast consultant to audit, review and inspect Galaxy’s practices and management plans;
- Updating the blast management plan;
- Installing two permanent blast vibration monitors;
- Extending the acoustic sound bund, and
- Engaging structural engineers to inspect buildings for structural damaged.

All 25 structural reports assessed for potential mine-related damage have been forwarded to the respective owners. Ultimately the well-known Ravensthorpe cracking clay, exacerbated by extremely wet then extremely dry conditions and a seismic event have been identified as the most likely cause.

DUST MANAGEMENT

The extreme wind event and unseasonal heat of 28 August 2019 was instrumental in management changes to site dust sources. Responding to community concerns regarding dust, the main dust sources were identified to be coming from the tailing storing facilities (“TSF”) and the temporary tailings stockpile.

Galaxy moved quickly to close and cap the TSF and temporary tailings stockpile. Rehabilitation of the Southern waste dump face is underway with plans to progressively rehabilitate it as active tipping is no longer occurring in set areas. Topsoil is easily observed now on the waste dump and is planned to continue as the southern faces become open to rehabilitation. Tube stock and seeding will take place as the seasons are favourable for plant growth.

Mine dust monitoring continues as always on three levels and results consistently continue to return below notifiable or even below detectable levels. For example, sampling for Beryllium and Chromium is problematic as levels so far have been undetectable. On-site personal hygiene monitors are allocated to site personnel and also placed at the HiVol sampler to detect silica and mica content within Ravensthorpe. The dust deposition gauge and the hi-volume sampler results can be found in the Quarterly Environmental Report.

The Quarterly Environment Report contains reporting on all aspects of monitoring and rehabilitation for November and December 2019 and can be found on the shire website. Hard copies will also be made available within the community.

FLOATER ROAD DIVERSION AND RE -INSTATEMENT

All approvals are now in place for Diversion Stage Two to commence. There are differing opinions from the Ravensthorpe community relating to road vehicle standards required for the reinstatement of the original alignment of the old Floater Road. Prior to any further decisions Shire consultation with the North Ravensthorpe community will be required and no further work will take place until this occurs. Preferred outcomes will be discussed for both routes. Contractors will not be contacted until the preferred Floater Road route alignment can be resolved.

Galaxy has produced a concept plan of how a re-instated Floater Road alignment will look after closure, which includes little scenic parking bays for tourists to view the “old workings”. This proposal amongst others will be considered.