

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION:	Dendrobium Mine / Microsoft Teams
DATE:	11 February 2025 6.13 pm
ATTENDEES:	Deborah Palmer, Chairperson (DP) Mira Speer, Specialist Community Dendrobium Mine (MS) Simon Thomas, General Manager Dendrobium Mine (ST) Franca Facci, Community Representative (FF) Ben Speer, Community Representative (BS) Alex Beccari, Community Representative (AB) Craig Hicks, Community Representative (CH) ONLINE Chris O'Connor, Wollongong City Council Representative (CO) James Newton, Community Representative (JN)
APOLOGIES:	Tony Morris, Community Representative (TM)

1	Agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Apologies • Acknowledgement of Country • Acceptance of last meeting minutes (November 2024) • Review actions from previous meeting minutes • Accounts Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Statement from Daley for the period ending 31 January 2024 • New Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Figtree ALF - Mount Kembla Pathway Group - Nareena Hills Public School - South Coast Country Music Association • Future projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wollongong City Council – Steps from Avon Pde to Cordeaux Rd • General Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mount Kemble Oval proposed upgrades • Dates for 2025 Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday, 13 May 2025 (confirmed) - Tuesday, 12 August 2025 (TBC) - Tuesday 11 November 2025 (TBC)
2	Welcome / Apologies

	<p>DP opened the meeting at 6.00 pm and provided an Acknowledgement of Country. DP noted TM as an Apology.</p>
3	Previous Meeting Minutes
	<p>Meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on 12 November 2024 were accepted and moved by FF, seconded AB.</p>
4	New Applications
	<p>1. <u>Figtree Australian Football Club</u></p> <p>An application from Figtree Australian Football Club (Figtree AFC) requesting \$15,000 to go towards maintaining female participation and a mental health program.</p> <p>The discussion was based on the importance of the program and that the committee had supported this program over multiple years</p> <p>The DCEC endorsed Figtree Australian Football Club for \$15,000 to assist in female participation and mental health programs for 2025. The DCEC has also asked for an acquittal from 2024 and one following the end of this endorsement.</p> <p>Action: MS to advise Figtree Australian Football Club that their application has been endorsed for \$15,000 and seek 2024 acquittal</p> <p>2. <u>Mount Kembla Pathway Group</u></p> <p>An application from Mount Kembla Pathway group requesting \$6,700 to go towards a new ride-on mower and a small maintenance budget</p> <p>The discussion was based on the need to continue the upkeep of the pathway. The mower is used to maintain the pathway and surrounding area plus a surplus of funds for any incidentals for maintenance like fuel and bark chip deliveries</p> <p>The DCEC endorsed the Mount Kembla Pathway for \$6,700 broken down to \$3,700 for a new ride-on mower and \$3000 for a maintenance budget.</p> <p>Action: MS to advise Mount Kembla Pathway Group their application has been endorsed for \$6,700.</p> <p>3. <u>Nareena Hills Public School</u></p> <p>An application from Nareena Hills Public School requesting \$30,000 to go towards 60 Acer Chrome books and two storage trolleys.</p> <p>The discussion was based around the number of computers requested acknowledging the DCEC only recently contributed towards the school playground upgrades. A few questions were raised about The Education Department with what roles it plays in funding technology to public schools.</p> <p>The DCEC endorsed Nareena Hills Public School for \$15,000 to go towards purchasing 30 Acer Chrome books and one storage trolley.</p> <p>Action: MS to advise Nareena Hills Public School their application has been endorsed for \$15,000 and to ask the school about how the Department of Education funds computers for schools.</p> <p>4. <u>South Coast Country Music Association</u></p> <p>An application from the South Coast Country Music Association requesting \$3,189 to purchase a new PA system was received</p> <p>The discussion was based on the request for the PA system being a portable unit, with limited members living within the catchment and not sustainable.</p> <p>The DCEC did not endorse the South Coast County Music Association for \$3,189</p> <p>Action: MS to advise South Coast Country Music Association that their application was not endorsed.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS to advise Figtree Australian Football Club that their application has been endorsed for \$15,000 and seek 2024 acquittal • MS to advise Mount Kembla Pathway Group their application has been endorsed for \$6,700.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS to advise Nareena Hills Public School their application has been endorsed for \$15,000 and to ask the school about the Education Department on technology funding • MS to advise South Coast Country Music Association that their application was not endorsed.
5	Future Projects – Wollongong City Council
	<p>CO from Wollongong City Council (WCC) attended the meeting to present a quote for the pathway upgrade between Avon Pde and Cordeaux Road</p> <p>1. <u>Pathway repairs to the steps between Avon Pde and Cordeaux Road</u></p> <p>CO presented an option for the shared stairs between Avon Pde and Cordeaux Road. The proposal is to fix some of the footings on the steps, adding handrails and potential lighting. The project is estimated at \$63,779, plus \$20,000 for lighting.</p> <p>The DCEC acknowledge this project is needed and has been requested by many Mount Kembla residents due to the current volume of community that uses these stairs and potential hazards risks. Some members noted their concern that this project is not included within the current program of works by WCC.</p> <p>The DCEC in principle endorsed this project, but requested CO to obtain a second contractor quote for the work including lighting. The DCEC also asked CO to raise with WCC management about any financial assistance they can provide to the project, particularly labour.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>DP to write an email to WCC to seek a second contractor quote is obtained for the Pathway repairs to the steps between Avon Parade and Cordeaux Road.</p> <p>CO to source a private contractor quote including lighting and provide this information to the DCEC.</p> <p>MS to distribute the proposal once received for the DCEC to vote on via email.</p>
5	General Business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS presented a project to the DCEC to gain interest in a proposed project for Mount Kembla Oval. In conjunction with Wests Illawarra Leagues Club, Mount Kembla Football Club and WCC there is a plan to upgrade the facilities at Mount Kembla Oval. The Plan consists of providing disabled bathroom facilities, upgrading the current bathrooms, upgrading the change rooms allowing for two, upgrading the canteen and providing storage for equipment. If the plan goes ahead, it allows for bathroom facilities to be accessible to the community and more frequent use of the oval for training and games in particular female participation. <p>The DCEC were very supportive of the proposed program and would like to see plans and quotes</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>MS to work with the Football clubs and WCC to come up with the plans and quotes to submit to the DCEC at our next meeting</p> <p>Next DCEC and WCC yearly meeting on February 27</p>
6	Actions
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MS to advise Figtree Australian Football Club that their application has been endorsed for \$15,000 and seek 2024 acquittal 2. MS to advise Mount Kembla Pathway Group their application has been endorsed for \$6,700. 3. MS to advise Nareena Hills Public School their application has been endorsed for \$15,000 and to ask the school about the Department of Education funds computers for schools. 4. DP to write an email to WCC to seek a second contractor quote is obtained for the Pathway repairs to the steps between Avon Parade and Cordeaux Road. 5. CO to email a second quote and lighting option for the pathway. 6. MS to distribute the proposal/quote once received from WCC to vote on via email. 7. MS to work with the Football clubs and WCC to come up with the plans and quotes to submit to the DCEC at our next meeting 8. Next DCEC and WCC yearly meeting on February 27

7	Close of Meeting
	Close of meeting at 7.21 pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting 13 May 6pm, Dendrobium meeting room and or online