

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION:	Microsoft Teams
DATE:	12 May 2026 6.45 pm
ATTENDEES:	Deborah Palmer, Chairperson (DP) Mira Speer, Principal Community Dendrobium Mine (MS) Simon Thomas, General Manager Dendrobium Mine (ST) Alex Beccari, Community Representative (AB) Ben Speer, Community Representative (BS) James Newton, Community Representative (JN) Craig Hicks, Community Representative (CH)
Apologies:	Tony Morris, Community Representative (TM) Franca Facci, Community Representative (FF)

1	Agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Apologies • Acknowledgement of Country • Acceptance of last meeting minutes (February 2026) • Review actions from previous meeting minutes • Accounts Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Statement from Daley for the period ending 30 April 2026 • New Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Figtree Public School - Illawarra Drug Awareness - Mt Kembla Tennis Club • Strategic Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated Strategic Plan • General Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share Certificate Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program Pty Ltd - Code of Conduct review • Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday 11 August 2026
2	Welcome / Apologies
	DP opened the meeting at 6.45 pm and provided an Acknowledgement of Country. Noted, apologies FF and TM.
3	Previous Meeting Minutes
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 February 2026 were accepted, moved by BS and seconded by JN.

4	<p>New Applications</p>
	<p>1. <u>Figtree Public School</u></p> <p>An application was received from Figtree Public School requesting \$54,967 for a disability support unit play area upgrade. The Board discussed the application; the discussion was based on only one quote being supplied with the application, how much the school was contributing, and whether this playground would be accessible to the public. Also noted that most of the quote was construction, not actual equipment.</p> <p>The DCEC had placed this application on hold until the next meeting and requested that the school provide more details and at least a second quote.</p> <p>Action: MS to advise Figtree Public School that their application is on hold, awaiting more information</p> <p>2. <u>Illawarra Drug Awareness</u></p> <p>An application was received from Illawarra Drug Awareness requesting \$60,000 for 3 years of life education support to the DCEP in the area's primary schools and preschools</p> <p>The Board discussed the proposal in detail. All the members were in support of the program, but didn't want to commit to three years, only one, and to let the applicant know they need to apply every year.</p> <p>The DCEC also requested that the FY24 grant be finalised prior to progressing with the new grant, and that a social impact report be submitted on the previous funding before the new funding commences.</p> <p>The DCEC endorsed one year of funding to the value of \$20,000 for the Illawarra Drug Awareness program (Life Education).</p> <p>Action: MS to advise Illawarra Drug Awareness that their application has been endorsed for \$20,000</p> <p>3. <u>Mount Kembla Tennis Club</u></p> <p>An application was received from Community Tennis Mount Kembla Incorporated requesting \$7,000 to support repairs to the court</p> <p>The Board discussed the project and agreed it is a worthwhile program, particularly given its location. After reviewing all quotes, the Board approved funding of \$9,356.84, being the lower of the two submitted quotes.</p> <p>Access to this grant is conditional upon inspection of the court by Wollongong City Council and their approval to proceed with construction. The tennis club will be required to provide confirmation of this approval before the funding can be released.</p> <p>The DCEC endorsed the Community Tennis Mount Kembla Incorporated application for \$9,356.84 for repairs to the court.</p> <p>Action: MS to advise Mount Kembla Tennis Club that their application was endorsed for \$9,356.84</p>
5	<p>General Business</p>
	<p>Council Meeting: DP awaiting a reply for the date of the meeting; however, the Board has requested two items to be added to the meeting's agenda, one being the lack of parking around Kembla Oval when training and or events are on, and the second being the maintenance of the pathway bitumen.</p> <p>Code of Conduct review: MS sent out the draft Code of Conduct for review before the meeting. DP tabled the draft, and a couple of amendments are needed. DP will make these amendments and recirculate them to the members for discussion at the next meeting.</p>
6	<p>Actions</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS to advise Figtree Public School that their application is on hold, awaiting more information • MS to advise Illawarra Drug Awareness that their application has been endorsed for \$20,000 • MS to advise Mount Kembla Tennis Club that their application was endorsed for \$9,356.84 • DP to organise a meeting with WCC – carried over from last meeting • DP to raise the two questions to WCC once the meeting has been confirmed • DP to amend the Code of Conduct and add the review to the next meeting
7	<p>Close of Meeting</p>

Close of meeting at 7.36 pm.

- Next meeting 11 August 6.30 pm, Dendrobium meeting room