

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

MINUTES

22 November 2010

(REF: COMMITTEES-11599)

A meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group was held at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, BELMONT WA 6104 on **Monday, 22 November 2010**. The meeting commenced at **6.00pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Committee Members

Mr Peter	Pearson	Chairman
Mrs Sally	Paulin	Deputy Chairman
Mr Berry	Ambrose	Member
Mr Malcolm	Barker	Member
Mr Trevor	Brown	Member
Mr Edwin	Dell	Member
Mr Anthony	Fowler	Member
Ms Dianne	Katscherian	Member
Ms Dot	Kingston	Member
Mrs Tina	Klein	Member
Mr Ray	Lewis	Member
Mr David	Strain	Member

Apologies

Mr Mark Simpson	Member
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EMRC Officers

Mr Peter Schneider	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stephen Fitzpatrick	Manager Project Development
Ms Lisa Griffin	Waste Education Officer
Ms Mary-Ann Winnett	Acting Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer (Minutes)

Consultant(s)

Ms Gae Synnott	Consultant, Synnott Mulholland
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3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil



5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 MINUTES OF WMCRG MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2010

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting held on 9 August 2010, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

WMCRG RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR LEWIS

SECONDED MR AMBROSE

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2010, WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A member referred to the WMCRG Minutes held on 9 August 2010, Item 11.3 Community Engagement Update and expressed concern that after visiting 118 residences only 25 interviews were conducted. The member felt it was extremely important that as many people as possible were interviewed and asked if a letter survey could be sent. The CEO advised that doorknocking was undertaken and information packs were left at each residence when no-one was home. Advertising was also undertaken in local community papers.

A member referred to the WMCRG Minutes held on 9 August 2010, Item 11.2 Waste Education Update and suggested that schools and libraries within the region were collecting batteries of all types and asked if it was possible to suggest through the community newspapers that the batteries in solar powered garden lights be taken to schools and libraries to prevent them going to landfill.

A member referred to the WMCRG Minutes held on 9 August 2010, Item 7 Business Not Dealt With From A Previous Meeting and asked if there was any update on the number of tonnes of e-waste collected in the June collection. The Waste Education Officer advised that she had spoken to Apple Computers Australia and the information was expected to be finalised this week and it would be distributed to WMCRG members.

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT – SITE LOCATION STUDY

The Manager Project Development gave a presentation on Task 6 – Red Hill Resource Recovery Facility Site Location Study – Findings and also dealt with Item 11.1 Resource Recovery Project Update at this point in the meeting.

7 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil



8 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Nil

9 REPORTS OF RELEVANT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

The Manager Project Development advised that at the Resource Recovery Committee meeting held on 18 November 2010 the Committee recommended that site B2 at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility was the preferred location for the RRF and that the information gathered from the Community Forum be made available to participants. This will facilitate the community education programme and be used by the Community Task Force to develop a Community Partnership Agreement.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS

10.1 WASTE AND RECYCLE CONFERENCE 2010

The Manager Project Development advised that a report on the conference had been prepared and would be distributed to members.

The Chairman provided a verbal summary of his attendance at the Waste and Recycle Conference 2010, including his visit to the glass recycling facility that was opening in Perth (Welshpool). The Chairman advised that he would provide a written copy of his report for the minutes.

A member noted that under the waste strategy for WA there was a requirement for only recycling 5% of construction and demolition (C&D) waste which the member believed was a very low amount. The member enquired if there was any way the EMRC could lobby the Waste Authority to increase the level of recycling C&D waste. The Chairman stated that one of the speakers at the conference was running training courses to train apprentices to separate C&D waste.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting in conjunction with item 6.1 Resource Recovery Project – Site Location Study.

11.2 WASTE EDUCATION UPDATE

The Waste Education Officer provided a summary of the following waste education activities:

- Earth Carers training program – the third Earth Carers course was completed recently and an EMRC Earth Carers Facebook page was launched to provide a means of communication for EMRC Earth Carers Alumni;
- Tours of Red Hill, Community Talks and Events – EMRC assisted with organisation of AUSSI Expo, Red Hill Open Day; worked with Greenmount Primary School on their Inter-school Plastic Bag Recycling Competition, conducted individual and community tours of Red Hill; completed planting and labelling of the permaculture reuse garden outside the environmental education centre at Red Hill; and gave a talk on battery recycling at the Waste Wise professional day at City Farm;
- Education Centre – EMRC has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) to redevelop the litter activity at the education centre;
- Battery Recycling Program – 9.5 tonnes of batteries collected so far this year and expecting another three tonnes by the end of the year. The programme has been introduced in more schools - 15 schools joined in the past six months;



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- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal Days - next HHW day is Saturday 4 December 2010 at the Town of Bassendean depot. WALGA is preparing a flyer drop to 60,000 homes around the area and advertisements will be placed in community newspapers the week prior to the HHW day.
- National Recycling Week – 10 people attended a tour of the Maddington materials recycling facility (MRF); 15 people attended a Food Scraps to Fertiliser Workshop; a tour was conducted at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility; a Composting for Beginners Workshop was held at the Lockridge Community Garden; and EMRC staff participated in a National Recycling Week quiz;
- Advertising - “Watch Your Waste” columns were placed in local community papers in September and November 2010 highlighting compact fluorescent lamp (CFL), battery recycling and the events being held over National Recycling Week.
- Staff Education – Ascot Place – the worms in the worm farm are breeding well and staff are able to take some home occasionally. The worms are diverting roughly 9 kilos of food waste from landfill every week. Staff were involved in planting a veggie patch with different edible plants at Ascot Place. The “salad bowl” can be harvested by staff for lunches and healthy snacks. Castings and liquid fertiliser from the worm farm will go into the veggie patch.

11.3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The Manager Project Development provided an update on recent community engagement activities and the Community Task Force activities:

- Community Forum held on 18 September Rosehill Lodge. A report containing feedback obtained at the forum on four topics has been compiled and copies made available to participants. The report is also available on the website. The topics were grouped into categories including environmental, technical and social and will be used by the Community Task Force (CTF) in the development of the Community Partnership Agreement (CPA). Feedback on the technology options will be used to help focus EMRC’s community education programme. Questions and answers will be placed on the website to address community concerns;
- Community Task Force (CTF) – has met four times since formation and all members attended the Community Forum. The first meeting confirmed the Terms of Reference (ToR) and at the following meetings the CTF considered concerns about EMRC’s environmental approval and technology selection process and community’s concerns that they were being denied a say on the technology option. The CTF input on these matters will be through the CPA. The next CTF meeting will be held on 6 December 2010 and they will commence development of a draft CPA to be put out for community comment. The CTF is also tasked with looking at the brief set of tender evaluation criteria (TEC) developed prior to the Community Forum. Once the CTF has agreed on a draft TEC, it will be distributed to the community for comment.
- Neerabup Facility Visit – EMRC took the CTF to the Neerabup Facility in October and toured the waste composting plant. Following that the CTF had a combined meeting with Mindarie Regional Council’s Community Engagement Advisory Group (CEAG) and discussed how the CEAG developed their CPA.



12 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WMCRG

The next meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group will be held on **Monday, 7 February 2011** at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, Ascot Place, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104 commencing at 6.00pm.

The Manager Project Development suggested that WMCRG members terms be extended to the end of 2011 but the meeting frequency would be reduced to three or four times per year and the Terms of Reference and role of the WMCRG would be reviewed by the middle of 2011.

Future Meetings 2011

Monday	7 February	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	9 May	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	8 August	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	21 November	at	EMRC Administration Office

13 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.32pm.