



Waste Management Community
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(REF: COMMITTEES-9217)

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, 20 April 2009**. The meeting commenced at **6.07pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.07pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

WMCRG Members

Mr Peter Pearson	Chairman
Mrs Sally Paulin	Deputy Chairman
Mr Berry Ambrose	Member
Ms Ruth Balding	Member
Mr Malcolm Barker	Member
Ms Janet Gee	Member
Mr David Strain	Member
Mr Ray Lewis	Member
Ms Dot Kingston	Member
Mr Anthony Fowler	Member
Mr Mark Simpson	Member

WMCRG Apologies

Ms Dianne Katscherian	Member
Mr Edwin Dell	Member

EMRC Officers

Mr Stephen Fitzpatrick	Manager, Project Development
Ms Gabrielle Grime	Waste Education Coordinator
Ms Pina Martino	Administration Support Officer
Ms Mary-Ann Winnett	Personal Assistant to the Executive Manager Corporate Services (Minutes)

EMRC Apologies

Mr Peter Schneider	Acting Chief Executive Officer
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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

The Chairman announced that Mr Dell had requested Leave of Absence from 27 March 2009 to 13 July 2009 inclusive.

WMCRG RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MS KINGSTON SECONDED MR AMBROSE

THAT MR DELL BE GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM 27 MARCH 2009 TO 13 JULY 2009 INCLUSIVE.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11.1 UPDATE ON WASTE EDUCATION INITIATIVES

The Waste Education Coordinator provided an update on Waste Education Initiatives.

- Member Council Recycling guides will be out to print next week The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) programme is now Metropolitan wide. Funding for the HHW programme is through until December 2009. There are 22 metropolitan – wide drop of points for HHW.
 - The EMRC has funding for 4 HHW collection days per year and there funding is available for a letter box drop. 5000 leaflets were printed for the Shire of Kalamunda drop off. The next area being funded is City of Swan then Town of Bassendean.
 - Another initiative is that Apple will co-ordinate a Waste and Recycling event on 6 and 7 June 2009 and will be accepting all brands of computer equipment, televisions and entertainment equipment. If EMRC can obtain 250 tonnes during the weekend then this may become an annual event. For this to go ahead and be a success the EMRC will need to do a lot of promotion through WALGA, the media and letterbox drops to residents. Apple will pay for all brands of equipment collected during the event. The Waste Education Coordinator will e-mail all members when there is more information.
 - As of July this year the EMRC will no longer be accepting electronic waste on Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) days because of the cost of disposal. The EMRC have had to impose a flat fee of \$5.00, to take computers and TV's at Redhill to cover this cost. The EMRC will be present at future HHW days to inform residents of options for disposal. The Market Development Officer, Waste Management has been working on an application for a funding proposal for other Councils to fund electronic waste collection costs in the future.
 - The EMRC will be conducting 3 composting & worm farm workshops as part of the Celebrating International Composting Awareness week (3-9 May 2009). The workshops will provide learning about worm farms and composting with some simple and very effective techniques to improve gardens and reduce landfill. The EMRC will be providing a tour of Red Hill Waste Management Facility to learn how green waste is composted.
 - The Organic Waste Bin Trials are starting. A flyer has gone out to around 50 households in each member Council area, to a total of 300 residents across the region inviting them to participate in the programme over the next 8 weeks. Each household will be provided with a new 240 litre Bio Bin and an 8 litre kitchen bench-top bin (a Bio-Basket with compostable liner bags) for the duration of the trial.
 - Information from the Organic Bin trial will be used to help decide the bin system to be used in the EMRC's Resource Recovery project.
 - EMRC is collaborating with WALGA, Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and Synergy to improve Fluorescent Light recycling disposal. The EMRC is investigating a tube terminator. Waste education talks have continued.
 - EMRC has been busy conducting tours of the Environment Education Centre at Red Hill.
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Item 11.1 continued

- The Battery Bins application to Waste Authority grant funding was successful so the EMRC will have a Battery Working Group set up to see if other councils will want 5 Battery Bins. Mr Josh Byrne from Josh Byrne and Associates will speak at September launch.
- A Community Service Initiative – There will be a trial project starting soon with Helena College, the students will be given a tour of the Red Hill Environment Education Centre following which they then will start their project involving art work on the exterior panels on the outside of the Centre. Once completed, the students will take the panels to their school and give a presentation, before returning the panels to the Environmental Education Centre at Red Hill.
- Public Event Recycling Initiatives. The EMRC will be working with other Councils to have a public template to set up Event Recycling standards across Western Australia.
- In response to a member's query regarding WALGA and its involvement with the Public Event Recycling Initiatives, the Waste Education Coordinator informed members that at this point WALGA was not involved. The EMRC would like to run a workshop with WALGA and State Government involvement.
- The EMRC is planning to organise composting workshops with the participants of the Organics Bin Trial once the trial concludes.

The Manager Project Development advised that the standard size of bins were 240 litres and that would be the size the EMRC would be using for the Organics Bin Trial. A smaller bin trial may be considered for the future.

The Chairman thanked the Waste Education Coordinator and the Manager Project Development.

11.2 UPDATE ON RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT

The Manager Project Development provided an update on the Resource Recovery Project. Members were advised the EMRC has now conducted briefings of member Councils on the Expression of Interest Process (EOI).

A Probity Auditor has been appointed to ensure that all submissions are dealt with fairly and to maintain confidentiality. A Tender Evaluation Committee will be set up with an officer from each member Council, Mr John King, the Manager Project Development, and a Councillor Chairman. This is all subject to Council approval on 30 April 2009. Once approved by Council, the EOI will be advertised in the newspaper. The EMRC is aiming for the EOI process to be completed by August 2009.



12 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WMCRG

The next meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group will be held on **Monday 15 June 2009** at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, Ascot Place, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104 commencing at 6.00pm.

Future Meetings 2009

Monday	15 June	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	13 July (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	17 August	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	14 September (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	19 October	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	23 November (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office

13 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.26pm.
