

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

MINUTES

11 February 2008

(REF: COMMITTEES-7475)

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, 11 February 2008**. The meeting commenced at **6.02pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.02 pm and welcomed Ms Geraldine Busby, Market and Development Officer – Resource Recovery to the meeting and advised she would give a presentation at Item 6.1.

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 (<i>from 6.15pm</i>)	Member
Mr David Strain	Member
Mr Ray Lewis	Member
Mr Edwin Dell	Member
Ms Dianne Katscherian (<i>from 6.05pm</i>)	Member
Ms Dot Kingston	Member
Mr Anthony Fowler	Member
Mr Mark Simpson	Member

WMCRG Apologies

EMRC Officers

Mr Stephen Fitzpatrick	Manager, Project Development
Ms Gabrielle Grime	Waste Education Coordinator
Ms Geraldine Busby	Market and Development Officer – Resource Recovery
Ms Mary-Ann Winnett	Agenda Minutes Officer

EMRC Apologies

Mr Gavin Watters	Chief Executive Officer
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Consultant(s)

Ms Gae Synnott	Consultant, Synnott Mulholland
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Consultant Apologies

Mr John King	Cardno BSD Joint Venture
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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 26 NOVEMBER 2007

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting held on 26 November 2007, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

WMCRG RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR LEWIS

SECONDED MS PAULIN

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2007, WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 HAZELMERE TIMBER RECYCLING CENTRE

The Market Development Officer – Resource Recovery provided a short PowerPoint presentation on the new Hazelmere Timber Recycling Centre and responded to questions.

Ms Katscherian entered the meeting at 6.05pm.

Mr Barker entered the meeting at 6.15pm.

At 6.20pm the meeting was adjourned and members departed for the Hazelmere Timber Recycling Centre.

At 7.18pm the meeting was reconvened.

7 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Nil

9 REPORTS OF RELEVANT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

Nil

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS

A member advised that the new draft public health Bill had been released for public comment. The draft Bill was designed to replace the antiquated public health provisions of the Health Act 1911 and public consultation would be occurring from 1 February - 30 April 2008. Members were advised that more information was available at the Department of Health's website (<http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/>).



11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 RED HILL EDUCATION CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

The Waste Education Coordinator provided a verbal progress report on the Red Hill Education Centre Refurbishment and thanked members who had visited the Red Hill Education Centre and provided useful ideas for improving education at the centre.

A summary of the suggestions is listed below:

- Waste is “your” responsibility;
- Notion of the 4 R’s was much clearer in the education centre and people can see the links;
- Make signage and language much less wordy and defensive;
- Provide options for further education, possibly via email rather than flyers;
- Interactive resources, audio visuals and computers and mobile displays if possible;
- Tour needs an alternative format, perhaps commencing with a tour of the landfill;
- Use of middle classroom using student’s examples, used paint etcetera; and
- The notion of diverting as much waste as possible from landfill;

The Waste Education Coordinator also thanked members for all the suggestions that had been sent via email and advised members that if they had any further suggestions to continue sending them via email.

11.2 WASTE EDUCATION RESEARCH

The Waste Education Coordinator provided a verbal report on the Waste Education Research being conducted by Research Solutions and advised that local and regional governments were required to produce a waste management plan by September 2008 in order to receive funding.

The Waste Education Coordinator advised that at this stage it was proposed to produce a document and later on this would outline the progress to date and options for the future which would then be submitted to the WMCRG and past workshop participants to provide an opportunity for comment and feedback. The EMRC is also considering placing the document on-line to provide an opportunity for more members of the community to comment on the waste management plan.

A member stated that the idea of contacting the people who had been involved in the regional workshops would be useful way of acknowledging the community’s ideas gained from the workshops and show that they had been listened to.

The Waste Education Coordinator advised that the EMRC had introduced a fluorescent light recycling service at Red Hill and would distribute a media release. Dry cell batteries were previously encapsulated but will now be sent interstate. An expansion of the dry cell battery collection programme into shopping centres was being undertaken.

In response to a member’s query on how the recycling of fluorescent lights would operate the Waste Education Coordinator advised that residents would be able to place fluorescent lights in a large receptacle at Red Hill and a number of smaller receptacles would be made available for Household Hazardous Waste Collection days. The receptacles would then be transferred to Advanced Recycling Australasia (ARA) in Wangara for subsequent refining in Melbourne.

The Waste Education Coordinator, in response to a member’s query, advised that no date had been set for the battery promotion as yet. A member suggested that the EMRC link the battery promotion with the date for replacing batteries in the fire alarms and then tell them about other batteries too.

11.3 STRATEGIC WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Waste Education Coordinator provided a verbal report on the proposed Strategic Waste Management Plan and potential involvement of the Waste Management Community Reference Group (WMCRG).



11.4 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT PROGRESS

The Manager Project Development advised that the EMRC and Cardno BSD had been working hard to bring together key aspects of the Resource Recovery Project - the technology, siting, waste collection systems and whether to stage the Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) in single or multiple stages. He also advised that the decision on the contract delivery mechanism was important and the consultants had produced a draft report but the report item had been regarded as confidential and was to be submitted to Council on 21 February 2008. After the item has been considered by Council the information would be made available for discussion with the WMCRG and other relevant EMRC committees and member Council groups. Cardno BSD had provided presentations to the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Group, Resource Recovery Committee and Project Advisory Group in February and would also be providing a presentation to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 20 March 2008.

The Manager Project Development advised that there was still a long way to go to address issues, particularly by Councillors, and there was likely to be some debate regarding the contract delivery mechanism.

In response to a member's query on whether the consultant would be providing outcomes on the other facilities being developed the Manager Project Development advised that Cardno BSD's report provided options and examples but the only examples provided were local e.g. Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) and the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC). Atlas is another facility which operates for and on behalf of the City of Stirling and there are other examples in the Eastern States but Cardno have not investigated those.

11.5 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP (WMCRG)

The Manager Project Development advised that a combined meeting with the Community Engagement Advisory Group (CEAG) had been proposed for March 2008 originally but it was likely that the March meeting of the WMCRG would be required to go through the RRF preferred options report. Ms Synnott advised that the MRC's CEAG were still keen to meet up with the WMCRG but at this stage they needed to find a replacement for the Chairperson of the CEAG. She further advised that there had been a lot of progress with their RRF so it has been suggested that a special meeting be held for the combined WMCRG/CEAG meeting and that a facilitated discussion be held to provide WMCRG members with an opportunity to have some input into the agenda. Ms Synnott advised that the meeting would be held after March, possibly in May, after a replacement Chairperson has been found and would be hosted by MRC.

12 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WMCRG

The next meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group will be held on **Monday, 10 March (if required) 2008** at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, Ascot Place, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104 commencing at 6.00pm.

Future Meetings 2008

Monday	10 March (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	14 April	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	12 May (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	9 June	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	14 July (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	11 August	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	8 September (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	13 October	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	24 November (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office

13 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed 7.45pm.