

Red Hill Community Liaison Meeting



Date:	Tuesday, 17 May 2016
Location:	Meeting Room, Red Hill Waste Management Facility
Start Time:	6:00pm
Finish Time:	6:58pm

Attendees

Community Members

- Bridget Leggett (BL)
- Dennis Reed (DR)
- Geoff Knights (GK)
- Greg Warburton (GW)
- Jeane Reed (JR)
- Peter Robinson (PR)
- Vicki Warburton (VW)

EMRC Staff

- Stephen Fitzpatrick, Director Waste Services (SF) (*Chairman*)
- Joanne Grey, Waste Education Officer (JG)
- Rachael Lovegrove, Manager Waste Environmental Operations (RL)
- Tanya Beinhauer, Site Manager (TB)
- Lauren Panizza, Coordinator Environmental Operations (LP) (*Minutes*)

Apologies

Nil.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Red Hill Community Liaison Meeting held on 16 February 2016 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Actions from Previous Meeting

SF to write to the Minister for Tourism regarding litter issues along Toodyay Road.

Action: Completed. The letter has been sent and a positive response received.

SF to follow up on a Waste Education Officer to speak with the Shire of Toodyay residents.

Action: Completed. EMRC had a waste education stall at the Toodyay markets on 20 March 2016.

Noise

- TB informed residents that no noise complaints have been received since the last meeting. JR commented that there has been some noise coming from the site and asked if EMRC were

undertaking any additional works? SF and TB responded that EMRC was currently constructing a sedimentation pond near the active landfill, but no other additional works were being undertaken on site.

Litter

- JG reported that a Toodyay Road clean up event took place on Saturday 14 May, with over sixty people participating. This number included seventeen people from Toodyay and sixteen people from Gidgegannup. The litter letters were filled with bags of rubbish collected on the day and were erected on the side of Toodyay Road. The event has received a lot of positive feedback, including on social media.
- TB advised that the event may receive media coverage in the coming week as a journalist from the ABC's 720 radio station visited the site today for an article on the greenwaste area, and EMRC's officers mentioned the clean-up effort on the weekend.
- JG reported that the City of Swan will run a series of advertisements covering topics such as littering in the region, registering for the Adopt-A-Spot program and encouraging people to become litter reporters.
- TB reported that Red Hill recently had a visit from the transport inspectors who monitored customers using the site for a few hours. They warned customers who had insecure or over loaded trailers and issued two fines.
- RP appreciated the opportunity to undertake the cleanup and hoped that the event would occur again in the future. BL added that at the Toodyay Tidy Towns meeting on Monday it was put forward that the cleanup should be an annual event. JG responded that this is already being discussed as the City of Swan were very impressed with the event.
- GK commented that the Gidgegannup Progress Association would have liked to be informed of the event, and that the Association would like the cleanup to happen twice a year. May is a good time as it is cooler and the snakes are not as active. GK also suggested getting schools involved.

Odour

- SF reported that EMRC have received a few odour complaints from residents along Toodyay Road, which may be the result of the recent still weather and temperature inversions that occur at this time of year. JR added that there have been some odour on weekends two weeks ago, but she hasn't reported it. The odours are generally less frequent than what they used to be. TB commented that site were moving the greenwaste stockpiles two weeks ago which may have been the source of the odour.

Groundwater

- RL reported that the Environmental Field Officers are currently undertaking the comprehensive groundwater monitoring round for the site, which involves collecting a sample from each of the site's 48 bores. They are currently in their fourth week of monitoring and are likely to finish next week.

Fauna Management

- It was mentioned that fox paw prints were present in the greenwaste area and that foxes had been sighted along Toodyay Road. RP asked if the orange rubbish bags left over from the rubbish cleanup could be removed shortly before they attract foxes. JG replied that she is currently trying to get Main Roads to pick up the bags as quickly as possible.

Revegetation

- RL reported that seeding on 3.6 Ha of completed landfill cells will commence next week. 1,500 tubestock will be planted on Lot 12 during the Staff Tree Planting Day on the 17th of June.

Resource Recovery Facility

- SF reported that EMRC is currently preparing the tender documents for the Resource Recovery Facility, which are planned to be released for public tender in July. The process is expected to take a year to complete with a recommendation to be submitted to EMRC's Council in June 2017.

Offset Program

- RL reported that the first weed survey within the offsets area will be undertaken next week. It is expected to take two days to complete with four officers walking transects. SF explained that this is an area that EMRC has agreed to protect in exchange for clearing vegetation on Lot 12. A conservation covenant has been placed on Lots 82 and 501, which is part of the landfill's buffer zone.

Future Site Development Issues

- SF stated that EMRC is currently looking at the placement of future landfill cells with regards to the latest guidelines issued by the DER. The current Farm Stage 2 cell will be completed in September. Landfilling operations will then move to Stage 15, then Stage 15B which will link Stage 15 with the older completed landfill cells. It is expected that Stage 15B will be completed in April 2018.
- VW asked what is the life expectancy of the landfill site. SF replied the site is expected to be operational for another 50 years.
- VW also asked if EMRC collects native seeds when the bushland is cleared. RL responded that EMRC currently collect native seeds from site, including the bushland on Lot 12.

Other Business

- VW asked if EMRC would support a container deposit scheme. SF stated that in principle the EMRC supports such a scheme but we would need to examine the impact and WALGA have been lobbying the State and Federal Government.

- VW stated that the Shire of Toodyay has introduced a bin spring system for household bins to stop the lids from blowing open, and asked if the idea could be presented to EMRC's Member Councils. SF replied that JG can raise the idea at EMRC's next steering group meeting, and GK volunteered to raise the issue with the City of Swan.
- GK suggested that a sign erected at the intersection of Toodyay Road and Roe Highway stating Red Hill's opening hours may help to reduce the amount of illegal dumping along Toodyay Road. SF replied that EMRC will investigate if a sign can be put in place.

Actions

- JG to suggest a bin spring system to EMRC's Member Councils at the next steering group meeting.
- SF to investigate if a sign stating Red Hill's opening hours can be placed at the intersection of Toodyay Road and Roe Highway.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 16 August 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Red Hill Waste Management Facility meeting room.