



Waste Management Community
Reference Group

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(REF: COMMITTEES-15459)

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, 8 July 2013**. The meeting commenced at **6:03pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:03pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Committee Members

Mr Peter	Pearson	Chairman
Mrs Sally	Paulin (<i>from 6:09pm</i>)	Deputy Chairman
Mr Berry	Ambrose	Member
Ms Ruth	Balding	Member
Mr Malcolm	Barker	Member
Mr Anthony	Fowler	Member
Ms Dianne	Katscherian	Member
Mrs Tina	Klein	Member
Mr Ray	Lewis	Member
Mr Mark	Simpson	Member
Mr David	Strain	Member

Apologies

Mr Edwin Dell	Member
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EMRC Officers

Mr Stephen Fitzpatrick	Acting Director Waste Services
Ms Jennifer Bennett	Acting Waste Education Coordinator
Mrs Annie Hughes-d'Aeth	Administration Support Officer (Minutes)

EMRC Apologies

Mr Peter Schneider	Chief Executive Officer
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Consultant(s)

Ms Gae Synnott	Consultant, Synnott Mulholland
Ms Karen Kerlin	Community Engagement Consultant

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 11 MARCH 2013

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting held on 11 March 2013, which have been distributed, be confirmed with the addition of an apology from Mr Ray Lewis to be included.

WMCRG RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR AMBROSE SECONDED MRS KLEIN

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2013, WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED WITH THE ADDITION OF AN APOLOGY FROM MR RAY LEWIS TO BE INCLUDED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

The Acting Director Waste Services provided a presentation on the Resource Recovery Project.

7 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

The Acting Director Waste Services advised the meeting of some temporary changes in the Resource Recovery business unit. Ms Karen Kerlin, Community Engagement Consultant was introduced along with Ms Jennifer Bennett as Acting Waste Education Coordinator whilst Ms Tania Wells is on leave until January 2014. It was also noted that Ms Dianne Katscherian has been employed as the new Waste Education Officer on a casual basis.

Ms Paulin entered the meeting at 6:09pm.

The Acting Director Waste Services advised the meeting of the approval by Council at its meeting held on 20 June 2013 to extend WMCRG memberships to 31 December 2014. Mr Trevor Brown was not offered a renomination due to his difficulty at attending meetings and that a replacement member from the City of Belmont will be sought.

9 REPORTS OF RELEVANT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

Nil

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Discussion ensued

A member queried the presence of muddy clay on Toodyay Road near the Red Hill Waste Management Facility entry. The Acting Director Waste Services advised that the problem had been raised by other community members and was attributable to vehicles exiting the site with clay on their tyres. Improvements to the wheel wash bay were being considered together with more road sweeping.



11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

The Acting Director Waste Services updated the group on the Resource Recovery Project and advised of the approximate Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and Ministerial approval finalisation time frame for the Resource Recovery Facility. The community around the Red Hill Waste Management Facility would be advised of the anticipated EPA approval by a letterbox drop.

Points raised during discussion:

- Technology options - when will the final choice be made;
- Tender process;
- Council reform; and
- Public consultation.

11.2 WASTE EDUCATION UPDATE

The Acting Waste Education Coordinator updated the group on the following waste education initiatives and conducted a short presentation on the R-Gang website:

- Batteries recycling:
 - 8.99 tonnes of batteries have been collected since January 2013. 2.47 tonnes of this was collected from schools and the remaining 6.52 tonnes from public collection sites. This was up from last year when 8.3 tonnes were collected over the same period;
 - New promotional materials have been designed for schools battery recycling program, including a revamped 'battery boy' character and associated poster. These will be distributed to schools along with materials to promote EMRC waste education initiatives and Red Hill tours;
 - A local artist is currently creating 'battery boy' trophies out of recycled electronics and reused items. These will be displayed in 'winning' schools over a 12 month period; and
 - The battery recycling program has now finished midyear in schools, and winners will be announced soon.
- Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) recycling:
 - 321.8kg of CFLs have been collected to date in 2013 compared to 404kg being collected over the same time period in 2012.
- Red Hill Tours 2013:
 - Tours have continued and to date there have been 584 visitors to the Red Hill Waste Management Facility compared to 268 visitors over the same period in 2012.
- The Acting Waste Education Coordinator gave a "Watch Your Waste" presentation and facilitated a sorting activity at Bunning's Kalamunda and at a Living Smart Group in Guildford for World Environment Day.
- An Earth Carers stall for Garden Week at Perry Lakes was held in April and at the Gidgegannup show in May. Activities included using Red Hill Soil Conditioner and worm castings to plant seedlings in newspaper pots. Planning will soon commence for The Royal Show in September 2013 and National Recycling Week in November 2013. As no formal Earth Carer training will be taking place in 2013 an Earth Carer event, such as a movie night, is anticipated towards the end of the year.
- Waste and recycling guides:
 - 128,800 Waste and Recycling Guides have now been printed and distributed to all member councils (with the exception of Kalamunda.). The R-Gang Website has been updated accordingly, with dates and information changed and new guides uploaded.



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- Bayswater Green Waste Promotional Materials:
 - A new from 'Kerbside to Compost' campaign is being rolled out between the City of Bayswater and EMRC Waste Education. A5 flyers and pull up banners have been designed and will be displayed in local libraries and the City of Bayswater Administration office. Red Hill soil conditioner will also be displayed in perspex boxes. The campaign is designed to raise awareness and is intended to reduce contamination in green waste bins.
- R-Gang Website:
 - The Acting Waste Education Coordinator advised the group that their individual review of the R-Gang website to see if its objectives were being met along with the overall user "friendliness" of the site was being sought and that the review would allow Waste Education to gain a clearer understanding of the site's effectiveness as an educational tool. The review would also be used to inform member councils of any improvements that could be made to their sites, in regards to linkages to the R-Gang.

11.3 RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK UPDATE

The Acting Director Waste Services updated the group on the Resource Recovery Park project, including proposed community engagement being planned for in July 2013 with the Hazelmere Progress Association and the Community Action Network. The revised concept plan layout from Hazelmere was discussed.

Points raised during discussion:

- Public forums;
- Market viability for products;
- Traffic flow in and around site;
- Proximity of homes to site;
- Noise emissions;
- Dust emissions and readings;
- Landscaping – could help to alleviate dust;
- Preservation of current vegetation;
- Proximity of entrances to each other;
- Emergency Services consultation regarding emergency exits;
- Perimeter fencing;
- Visitor centre, coffee shop;
- Parking;
- Energy generation and use;
- Sustainability;
- Drainage levy from the City of Swan;
- Fees and charges; and
- Lloyd Street development.

11.4 WASTE & RECYCLE CONFERENCE 2013

Copies of the Waste & Recycle Conference 2013 program were tabled for members to consider. Two places are available for attendance by WMCRG members subject to Council approval on 18 July 2013.



12 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WMCRG

The next meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group will be held on **Monday, 12 August 2013 (if required)** at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, Ascot Place, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104 commencing at 6.00pm.

Future Meetings 2013

Monday	12	August (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Monday	25	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 7:50pm.