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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 March 2013**. 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 Edwin	Dell	Member
Mr Anthony	Fowler	Member
Ms Dianne	Katscherian	Member
Mrs Tina	Klein	Member
Mr Mark	Simpson	Member
Mr David	Strain	Member

Apologies

Ms Ruth	Balding	Member
Mr Ray	Lewis	Member

EMRC Officers

Mr Peter Schneider	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stephen Fitzpatrick	Manager Project Development
Ms Tania Wells	Waste Education Coordinator
Mrs Annie Hughes-d'Aeth	Administration Support 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 26 NOVEMBER 2012

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting held on 26 November 2012, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

WMCRG RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR DELL

SECONDED MR AMBROSE

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2012, WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Resource Recovery Project Update

The Manager Project Development provided a presentation in conjunction with report items 11.1 Resource Recovery Project Update and 11.3 Resource Recovery Park Update.

Ms Katscherian entered the meeting at 6:05pm.

Discussion ensued

The Manager Project Development advised that Ministerial approval for the Resource Recovery Facility was scheduled for around June/July 2013 subject to any change of portfolios due to the recent State election. In the interim the EMRC would continue with the preparation for the tender process including the contract model, the specification and bin system.

Members also discussed the possibility of harvesting storm water at the Resource Recovery Park, Hazelmere. It was highlighted that some informal groups within member Councils were looking at this option for their own councils.

The meeting was advised that Ms Synnott from Synnott Mulholland facilitated a meeting with the EMRC officers, where the project team discussed the vision, scope, key messages and other information needed to help create an identity for the Resource Recovery Park.

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

Discussion ensued

Members discussed in general the following topics:

- Leaves in plastic bags;
- Paper wastage at the recent election;
- Media program on disposing of mercury and lead;
- Impact of the State Election on Regional Councils;
- Container deposit levy as it works in Finland and Europe; and
- Battery collection results to be included in local newspapers.



11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

The Manager Project Development updated the group on the Resource Recovery Facility proposed for the Red Hill Waste Management Facility at item 6.1 Presentation - Resource Recovery Project Update.

11.2 WASTE EDUCATION UPDATE

The Waste Education Coordinator updated the group on waste education initiatives.

- Battery school winners for 2012:
 - Darlington Primary, 'Super Charger' for most improved category, 153.7kgs (2011), 317.1kgs (2012);
 - Chidlow Primary, small school category (1-200 students) 130.1kgs;
 - Noranda Primary, medium school category (201–400 students) 365.8kgs; and
 - High Wycombe Primary, large school category (401+ students) 440.6kgs.
- Total batteries collected for recycling in 2012 and to date in 2013:
 - 16.61 tonnes were collected and recycled in 2012. Batteries were currently being transported to NSW for recycling under the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program funded by the Waste Authority; and
 - 2.62 tonnes to date in 2013.
- Total Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) for recycling in 2013:
 - 764kgs were collected and recycled in 2012. Globes and tubes were being collected by Tox Free and recycled under the HHW program funded by the Waste Authority; and
 - 28.7kgs of CFL have been collected to date in 2013.

- Waste and recycling guides

The Waste Education Coordinator worked with member Councils to update and develop the 2013/2014 Waste and Recycling Guides. Information about the new TV and Computer recycling program has been included in the latest edition and other changes have been made following feedback from residents over the past year.

- Swan Managers' tour of Red Hill

City of Swan Place Managers took a tour of Red Hill Waste Management Facility. Place Managers were assigned to specific areas within the City of Swan to distribute information from the council and assist residents with queries. The Place Managers encouraged community groups to tour Red Hill and gave information about what happened to residents' waste. Waste Education invited new staff from member Councils for tours of Red Hill.

- Shops at Ellenbrook – Green Room

The shopping centre found that over the past 4 months there had been a lot of rubbish dumped in the Green Room. A meeting was held between the centre, City of Swan and the EMRC to establish a plan to help stop or control the dumping that was occurring in the room.

Over the past 12 months the shops at Ellenbrook had recycled 52,000 plastic bags, 341kgs of household batteries and 42kgs of light globes plus tonnes of paper and cardboard, mobile phones and printer cartridges.



Item 11.2 continued

- Computer and television recycling under the national scheme
The EMRC was helping member Councils to coordinate a number of free computer and TV recycling drop off days for residents. Red Hill Waste Management Facility is a permanent drop off centre (one of only two in the Perth metropolitan area). Residents can drop off TVs and computers during opening hours at no cost.
- New litter activity at Red Hill Education Centre
The Waste Education Officer has created a new litter activity for children at the education centre which involves planting a number of common littered items in the education centre garden. The goal for the students is to pick up the litter and identify the problems associated with each littered item if it was left in the environment.
- Swan HHW Day in May
City of Swan will be holding a household hazardous waste drop off day on Saturday, 4 May 2013. This will be the first one WALGA will have run in the region in over a year due to budget restraints.
- Clean Up Australia Day 2013
Waste Education organised a volunteer clean up to pick up litter from the river foreshore where over twenty EMRC staff participated. The majority of the litter was identified as fishing lines, cigarette butts, bottle tops and lids. Five sacks of rubbish and one sack of recycling was collected.
- Update R-Gang website
The R-Gang website has been updated with information on the free computer and television recycling drop off days, tours of Red Hill and the battery recycling program.

11.3 RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK UPDATE

The Manager Project Development updated the group on the Resource Recovery Park proposed for Hazelmere at item 6.1 Presentation - Resource Recovery Project Update.

The Manager Project Development advised members that a seminar on non-thermal technologies is being organised for mid-year 2013 and once further information is available, it will be disseminated.

The Manager Project Development also advised that the WMCRG membership terms will be reviewed closer to June 2013.

12 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WMCRG

The next meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group will be held on **Monday, 13 May 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	13	May (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
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 7:14pm.